



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### MEETING MINUTES

#### July 6, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) and Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) held a special meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 9am utilizing a virtual meeting format. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>. Both telephone and electronic screen share options were made available to the public. The Board passed Resolution 22-010 on June 22, 2022, to renew the use of remote teleconference under the provisions of AB 361.

#### **I. Call to Order**

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President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

#### **II. Roll Call**

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Directors Present:	Willy Cunha Steve Sinton	Marshall Miller Matt Turrentine
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Directors Absent:                      None

#### **III. Public Comment**

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No public comment.

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

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The consent agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2022
- B. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – July 1, 2022

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried 3-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Approve the consent agenda, as presented.**

#### **V. Directors’ Reports**

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- A. WRAC Meeting: No report.
- B. Agricultural Offset: Director Cunha reported that the County will hold a Public Hearing on July 12, 2022, to discuss whether to amend the Agricultural Offset Requirements.

#### **VI. Resolution 22-013: Board Vacancy**

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The Board discussed the vacancy and intends to fill said vacancy by appointment. Several candidates were discussed and Ray Shady was selected to fill the board vacancy. Director Cunha reviewed Resolution 22-013 appointing a director to the vacant position. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Miller, and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Appoint Ray Shady to the District’s Board of Directors and approve Resolution 22-013, as presented.**

The Board directed Secretary Stephanie Bertoux to notify the County of Mr. Shady’s appointment to the Board.

**VII. Executive Order N-7-22**

The Board discussed developing policies for SSJGSA regarding Executive Order N-7-22, focusing on the new requirements impacting groundwater sustainability agencies related to “written verifications” for water well permits, in Section 9 of the Executive Order. The Board discussed the revised acknowledgement form prepared by legal counsel that would accompany a landowner’s application to SSJGSA for consideration. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s Consistency Determination Acknowledgement Form, as presented.**

**VIII. Draft Program EIR for the Paso Basin Land Use Management Area Planting Ordinance**

Director Cunha reviewed the main components of the Draft Program EIR, particularly Table 6.2 that highlights the Comparison of Increase in Irrigated Crop Acreage and Groundwater Extraction for Project Alternatives. Alternative #4 within Table 6.2 maintains water neutrality. The public comment period ends July 6, 2022. President Cunha prepared a draft comment letter and discussed it with the Board. Ultimately, the Board decided to delay sending a comment letter until the Ordinance was finalized and ready to go before the Board of Supervisors for a vote. No action was taken on this item.

**IX. Discuss Budget and Assessment for FY 2022-23**

SSJWD’s assessment levels for FY 2021-22 were \$26 per acre for irrigated acres, \$0.11 for non-irrigated acres, and \$7.50 per residence. At the June 22, 2022, meeting, the Board discussed increasing the assessment for irrigated acres to \$35, while the per acre assessment for non-irrigated acres and residences would remain unchanged. As directed by the Board, Secretary-Treasurer-Assessor Stephanie Bertoux sent a letter to landowners notifying them of the potential assessment increase and invited them to comment and/or attend today’s meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer-Assessor Stephanie Bertoux reviewed the draft budget for FY 2022-23 with expenditures totaling \$315,360.27. The Board did not make any revisions to the expense budget. Ms. Bertoux outlined what the District’s potential cash position and contribution to reserves might be at the end of the fiscal year based on the assessment level set for irrigated lands. The options included levels set at \$26/acre, \$30/acre, and \$35/acre. President Cunha reviewed Resolution 22-012 authorizing the levy and collection of assessments for FY 2022-23. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Sinton, and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Set Assessment levels for FY 2022/23 at \$35 per acre for irrigated lands, \$0.11 per acre for non-irrigated lands, and \$7.50 for residences; approve Resolution 22-012 authorizing the levy and collection of assessment at these levels and approve the budget for FY 2022/23 as presented based on \$35/acre for irrigated lands.**

**X. Discuss SSJWD Delinquent Accounts for Past Due Assessments**

Secretary-Treasurer-Assessor Stephanie Bertoux provided an overview of the process to submit past due assessment accounts to the County for collection. The process is lengthy, requires multiple resolutions to be approved by the Board and a separate bank account to be opened. SSJWD cannot complete all requirements ahead of the County’s July 20, 2022, deadline. The Board directed Stephanie Bertoux to work with legal counsel to prepare a letter to be sent to landowners with delinquent assessments.

## **XI. Outreach Efforts for Future Rights of Way**

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The SSJWD has applied for a permit to divert surplus water in Lake Nacimiento and the Salinas River. Consistent with the GSP, the SSJWD intends to direct this water to the Paso Robles Subbasin for recharge and later use, with the goal of reducing the current shortfall between natural recharge and extractions. In order to deliver the water to the Subbasin, pipelines and related facilities will have to be built from the Salinas River corridor. The SSJWD sent letters to landowners that could potentially fall within the alignment of those facilities and asked if they'd be willing to consider allowing a pipeline easement. Responses are being tracked by Secretary Stephanie Bertoux. Director Sinton has written a follow up letter with more information. Director Turrentine will review. Director Sinton will work with Secretary Stephanie Bertoux on the second mailing to landowners in the right of way.

## **XII. Adjourn**

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The Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 27, 2022, is cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 9am. President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:22am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
September 28, 2022