



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

## UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES January 30, 2023

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 Monday, January 30, 2023, at 9am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. This was a joint meeting held in conjunction with the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(b)(3). The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>. Virtual options were made available for public participation.

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

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President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:03am on Monday, January 30, 2023, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

### **II. Roll Call**

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Directors Present:	Willy Cunha	Steve Sinton
	Marshall Miller	Matt Turrentine
	Ray Shady	

Directors Absent: None

### **III. Resolution 23-001**

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The Board reviewed Resolution 23-001 to initially authorize the use of remote teleconference for this meeting under the provisions of AB 361. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Sinton and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Adopt Resolution 23-001 as presented.**

### **IV. Public Comment**

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No public comment received.

### **V. SGMA Update**

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Amanda Peisch-Derby from the Department of Water Resources provided the following updates:

- GSPs deemed “Incomplete” are currently being reviewed. It is anticipated that a determination will be made in March 2023.
- SGM Implementation, Round 2 grant applications are being reviewed. \$200 million in funding is currently available. Approximately 94 GSAs applied with requests totaling \$780 million. It is anticipated that DWR will award the grants in June 2023.
- The LandFlex Program grant solicitation is open from January 17, 2023, through February 3, 2023. The program will provide \$25 million in block grants to GSAs to grant to farmers who limit agricultural water use.
- The DWR is in the process of reviewing the well permitting requirements for domestic wells under Executive Order N-7-22.

## **VI. Update on Grant Funds Received for GSP Implementation**

The Paso Basin was awarded \$7.6 million in 2022. Blaine Reely, Groundwater Sustainability Director for the County of SLO, provided the following updates:

- The City of Paso Robles Recycled Water Project is currently out to bid.
- The San Miguel CSD Water Treatment Plant Upgrade design will be complete in 2023 and will likely start construction in 2024.
- The framework for the Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program is being developed and will be presented at the PBCC meeting in March 2023.
- The PBCC will form Technical Advisory Committees for three of the projects: Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program, Expanded Monitoring Network, and Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project. An application will be released in February and will be brought to the PBCC meeting in March 2023 for discussion.

## **VII. Update on GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2022**

Nate Page, GSI Water Solutions, Inc., gave a brief update on the status of the GSP Annual Report for Water Year 2022. The monitoring network was expanded with 10 new wells. Two methods for calculating agricultural groundwater pumping are being used and compared for efficacy - the methodology used in the 2021 Annual Report and Land IQ/Open ET. The first draft of the report will be issued in early February 2023 for review and comment.

## **VIII. GSP Implementation Discussion**

The Board, along with meeting attendees, discussed several strategies related to GSP management and implementation. The following key items were identified and will be placed on the February 2023 agenda for further discussion and possible action by the Board:

- Develop SSJWD/SSJGSA Sustainable Management Statement to support the fair and equitable management of the Basin in all aspects of GSP implementation.
- Develop SSJWD/SSJGSA Policy and Principles for Sustainable Groundwater Management.
- Develop a letter of support for EPCWD to become a GSA.
- Outreach to the County regarding SSJGSA's applications to the SWRCB for supplemental water: Discuss and consider a formal request to the County to schedule a time for SSJGSA to make a formal presentation and request that the County consider rescinding the opposition letter.
- Support PBCC's Efforts to Form Technical Advisory Committees for the MILR Program, Expanded Monitoring Network, and Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project.

## **IX. Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2022
- B. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – January 25, 2023

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

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

## **X. Adjourn**

The SSJWD/SSJGSA will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 9am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
February 23, 2023