



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) and Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 8:00am. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(b)(3)), this meeting was held in conjunction with the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District. Virtual options were made available for public participation. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>.

I. Call to Order

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 8:03am on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

II. Roll Call

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

Directors Absent: None

III. Consider AB 361

The Board discussed the current conditions related to remote teleconference meeting under AB 361 and made the following findings: 1) On March 1, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in San Luis Obispo County due to severe winter storms and risk of flood emergency; 2) The SSJGSA/SSJWD Board of Directors meeting on March 22, 2023, is being held during an active gubernatorial State of Emergency; and 3) Requiring in-person attendance at the SSJGSA/SSJWD Board of Directors meeting would pose imminent risk to the safety of those in attendance. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

MOTION – Authorize the use of remote teleconference under the provisions of AB 361 for the March 22, 2023, board meeting.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment received.

V. Discuss and Consider Hiring Consultants to Complete an Initial Environmental Assessment and Other Work Related to SSJGSA’s Two Applications to the SRWCB for Supplemental Water

The SSJGSA would like to engage a civil engineering firm and/or water resources expert to assist with updating and further refining SSJGSA’s two applications for supplemental water to address comments received from the SWRCB. The scope of work may include, but is not limited to, initial environmental assessment and documentation, hydrologic studies, water rights analysis, preliminary conceptual design to clarify delivery and access, and project management of the application process. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Authorize Directors Turrentine and Sinton to hire a consultant or team of consultants to complete an Initial Environmental Assessment and other engineering work related to SSJGSA’s two applications for supplemental water and approve a not to exceed budget of \$80,000.

VI. Update on PBCC Meeting Held March 16, 2023

President Cunha reported the following.

- A. The PBCC approved the GSP Annual Report for WY 2022.
- B. Technical Advisory Committees were formed for the Blended Irrigation Water Supply project, Expanded Monitoring Network, and Multibenefit Irrigation Land Repurposing (MILR) Program.

VII. Support Letter for MILR Program Grant

On behalf of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, the County of San Luis Obispo GSA is applying for a \$8.89 million block grant from the Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program to fund the Paso Robles Groundwater Subbasin Multibenefit Irrigated Lands Repurposing (MILR) Program. Director Cunha reviewed the draft support letter. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approve the letter of support for the County of San Luis Obispo GSA’s block grant application to the Department of Conservation, as presented, and authorize President Cunha to sign and send the letter.

VIII. PBCC Statement of Equity

This item was discussed jointly with the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD) Board of Directors. Supervisor Bruce Gibson drafted an expanded statement regarding equity for GSP Implementation. The draft equity statement is being circulated to the GSA’s for input with the end goal of adopting one comprehensive, basin-wide statement. Both the SSJGSA and the EPCWD Board of Directors are supportive of Supervisor Gibson’s effort and appreciated his leadership and the time taken to create the first draft. Several members of the public in attendance wanted to provide comments on the draft statement. An Ad Hoc Committee – comprised of Willy Cunha (SSJGSA), Hillary Graves (EPCWD), Patricia Wilmore (PRWCA), and Brent Burchett (SLO County Farm Bureau) – was formed to review and provide comments on the statement. Each representative will garner feedback from their respective organizations. The SSJGSA will revisit this item at the April board meeting.

IX. Director’s Reports

No reports.

X. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the February 23, 2023 and March 15, 2023 board meetings and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated March 17, 2023, as presented.

XI. Next Meeting

The SSJWD/SSJGSA Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

XII. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 9:18am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
April 26, 2023