SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

MEETING AGENDA
October 28, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: MEETING START TIME CHANGED FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District/Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**, at **3:00 p.m., rather than the usual 9:00 a.m. start time.** The meeting will be held at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms, located at 3385 Truesdale Road, Shandon, CA 93461. Virtual options are available for public participation.[1]

Alternate Meeting Location: Director Miller will participate in the meeting via video conference from 132 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Virtual Options for Public Participation:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88520679438?pwd=sRg4vCZbj7QIxPb9sYI0asnAb1Xib9.1
Meeting ID: 885 2067 9438 **Passcode:** 472954 **Dial:** (669) 900-6833
To view supporting documents, go to: https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2026
   b. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – October 23, 2026
5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 26-003 Announcing the Intent to Adopt an Amended Conflict-of-Interest Code and Establishing a Comment Period**
   a. Resolution 26-003
   b. Exhibit A – Proposed Amended Conflict of Interest Code
   c. Notice for Public Comment Period – October 29, 2026 through December 14, 2026
6. **Director's Reports**
   a. SLO County Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) Meetings
7. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA)**
   a. Update from SSJGSA's PRAGA Staff Representative Randy Diffenbaugh
   b. Key Discussions and Decisions at PRAGA's September 23, 2026 Board Meeting
      i. Contract with Confluence Engineering Solution for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Technical Support Services.
      ii. Update on GSP Implementation - PRAGA Convened an Informal Stakeholder Advisory Committee to Review and Provide feedback on PRAGA Priorities through 2029.

[1] SSJGSA/SSJWD will make reasonable efforts to make the meeting accessible virtually; however, if one of the virtual options are unavailable due to technological issues, you are invited to take advantage of the other options, including in-person attendance.

c. October 28, 2026 PRAGA Board Meeting is Cancelled. The next PRAGA Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026 at 4pm.

8. Update and Discussion of Sales Program for the Nacimiento Water Project

9. Discussion of 2026 - 2027 El Niño Preparedness

a. Flood MAR Recharge Readiness Webinars – Link to Recordings
b. ReadySLO.org

10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

a. Discuss November/December 2026 Meeting Schedule.
   i. November 25, 2026
   ii. December 23, 2026

11. Adjourn

***NOTE**: In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), if you need special assistance to access the meeting room or otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Bertoux &Co. 930 Nysted Dr. St. A Solvang, CA 93463 805-451-0841 admin@ssjwd.org. Notification of at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting will help enable reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting. Copies of Meeting Documents can be found on our District Website https://www.ssjwd.org/ or requested by contacting Bertoux &Co. 930 Nysted Dr. St. A Solvang, CA 93463 805-451-0841 admin@ssjwd.org .*

SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2026 Regular Meeting

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, July 22, 2026, at 9:00am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. As a courtesy, 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 Shady called the meeting to order at 9:04am on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

II. Roll Call

Directors Present:	Sam Kingston
	Ray Shady
	Steve Sinton
	Matt Turrentine
Directors Absent:	Marshall Miller

III. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the June 18, 2026 meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer's Report dated July 17, 2026, as presented.

V. Directors' Reports

No Director reports were provided.

VI. Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) & SGMA Implementation Updates

A. Update from SSJWD Consultants

No update was provided.

B. Key Discussions and Decisions at PRAGA's June 24, 2026 Board meeting.

i. Landowner Fee Study Appeals: PRAGA established an appeals process for landowners to review and correct their consumptive groundwater use calculations. PRAGA received 30 appeals related to the Landowner Fee Study. The PRAGA Board approved 12 staff-supported technical appeals, rejected five non-technical appeals, and directed staff to continue reviewing the remaining 13 appeals and conducting landowner outreach, with recommendations to return to the Board in July.

ii. Gap Funding: PRAGA discussed the need for short-term funding to bridge the gap until groundwater fee revenues are received through the property tax roll. PRAGA staff requested authorization to negotiate a $300,000 loan agreement with SSJWD. The PRAGA Board discussed structuring the agreement as a line of credit to minimize borrowing, and staff indicated that a reserve policy would be developed to help address future cash flow gaps.

C. Authorize Loan Agreement with PRAGA for Short-Term Gap Funding

SSJWD Legal Counsel presented the proposed loan agreement between SSJWD and PRAGA to provide short-term cash flow assistance for FY 2026-27 until groundwater fee revenues are received through the property tax roll. The agreement provides for a loan not to exceed $300,000, with funds disbursed upon PRAGA's written request. Interest would accrue at 1% above the California CLASS Prime portfolio annualized yield rate in effect at the time of each disbursement. The loan, including accrued interest, would be due by June 30, 2027, with early repayment permitted without penalty. Repayment would be secured by PRAGA's pledged rate revenues.

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Shady and passed 3-0 with a roll call vote. Director Turrentine abstained from voting on this item.

MOTION – Approve the loan agreement with the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority substantially as presented and authorize SSJWD Board President Shady and Legal Counsel to approve any necessary modifications and execute the agreement.

D. Review July 22, 2026 PRAGA Agenda and Provide Direction to SSJGSA Representative:

The Board reviewed the following action items on the July 22, 2026 PRAGA Board agenda.

i. Approval of staff recommendations regarding Landowner Fee Study appeals.
ii. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02 establishing the FY 2026-27 Schedule of Groundwater Sustainability Fees to be placed on the property tax roll.
iii. Authorization of an agreement with the County of San Luis Obispo for groundwater fee collection.
iv. Authorization of a loan agreement with SSJWD for short-term gap funding for FY 2026-27.
v. Authorization for the Executive Director to execute the Land IQ contract, subject to General Counsel's approval.

No additional direction was provided to SSJGSA's representative, as the loan agreement had been addressed under the preceding agenda item.

VII. Authorize Levy & Collection of Assessments for FY 2026-27

A. Fallowed Acreage and Assessment Revenue: The Board reviewed the impact of 2,726.13 acres enrolled in the Fallowed Land Registry, compared to the 1,000 acres assumed in the FY 2026–27 budget. Acreage enrolled in the Registry as of July 22, 2026, will be assessed at the non-irrigated rate rather than the irrigated rate, resulting in lower projected assessment revenues. The Board discussed the financial impact but made no adjustments to the adopted budget.

B. FY 2026–27 Assessment Resolution: The Board reviewed and discussed Resolution No. 26-002 authorizing the levy and collection of District assessments for FY 2026–27 at the following rates: $20 per acre for irrigated lands, $0.11 per acre for non-irrigated lands, and $7.50 per residence. The District's de minimis assessment level is $25.00, defined as any parcel, or collectively owned parcels, for which the total assessment is less than $25.00.

The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Kingston, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Adopt Resolution 26-002 Authorizing Levy and Collection of Assessments for FY 2026-27, as presented.

VIII. SSJWD Plan for Services for the Proposed Annexation and Sphere of Influence Amendment

The Board reviewed the revised Plan for Services for the proposed annexation and Sphere of Influence Amendment involving Kylix Vineyards California LP and Dimello LP (LAFCO No. 1-R-24). The revisions addressed comments received from LAFCO following the Board's approval of the original Plan for Services in June. Changes included clarification of SSJWD's jurisdiction and authority under the California Water Code, updates to two APNs resulting from lot line adjustments, coordination with the County GSA regarding jurisdictional boundaries, clarification of the applicant's reasons for seeking annexation into SSJWD, and confirmation that PRAGA fees would be assessed in addition to SSJWD assessments.

The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 3-0 with a roll call vote. Director Turrentine abstained from voting on this item.

MOTION – Approve the revised Plan for Services for the proposed annexation and Sphere of Influence Amendment to include Kylix Vineyards California LP and Dimello LP within the Shandon-San Juan Water District, as presented, and authorize the landowner to submit the revised Plan for Services to LAFCO as part of Application No. 1-R-24.

IX. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 9am.

X. Adjourn

President Shady adjourned the meeting at 10:01am.

Accepted:

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
October 28, 2026

SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: July 16, 2026 – October 23, 2026

Date: October 23, 2026
To: Shandon-San Juan Water District Board of Directors
From: Stephanie Bertoux, District Secretary/Treasurer/Assessor

Assessment Income
Assessments for FY 2026-27 totaled $186,145 and are due by January 22, 2027.

Expenses
Total expenses processed during the reporting period were $27,908.73, of which $4,875.00 was accrued to the prior fiscal year. Expenses attributable to FY 2026–27 totaled $23,033.73.

FY 2026-27 Budget v. Actual Summary
See attached fiscal year to date budget summary.

Loan Disbursement to PRAGA
On October 6, 2026 PRAGA made a formal request to SSJWD for a $160,000 disbursement under the approved Loan Agreement. SSJWD made the disbursement on October 14, 2026.

District Assets as of October 23, 2026
Total Assets: $768,035.13

- Bank Account Balance: $42,565.02
- Investment Account Balance: $565,470.11
- Loan Receivable – PRAGA: $160,000

Board Training & Certifications
- Form 700s (Conflict of Interest Statements) are due April 1 of each year. Directors must file with the County of SLO and the FPPC.
    - County of SLO – file electronically with Netfile. Each Director should have received an email from the County. https://www.netfile.com/filer Select Local Filer Log In from the white, pull down Log-In Button in top right corner.
    - With SB1156 now in effect (as of January 1, 2025), Board members are required to file Form 700s with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) in addition to the County of SLO. The SSJWD account is set up. Each Director should have received an email from FPPC with log-in information. https://form700.fppc.ca.gov/
- Ethics Training is required every two years. https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx.
- Anti-Sexual Harassment Training is required every two years. https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/shpt/

Director	Form 700 – FPPC *(Annually by April 1)*	Form 700 – County of SLO *(Annually by April 1)*	Ethics Training *(Every 2 Years)*	Anti-Sexual Harassment Training *(Every 2 Years)*
Sam Kingston	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 07/27/28	Next Due Date 07/29/28
Marshall Miller	DONE	DONE	**NEED TO COMPLETE**	**NEED TO COMPLETE**
Ray Shady	DONE	DONE	**NEED TO COMPLETE**	**NEED TO COMPLETE**
Steve Sinton	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 06/24/27	Next Due Date 12/12/27
Matt Turrentine	DONE	DONE	Next Due Date 05/07/27	Next Due Date 05/07/27

SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

Part of Treasurer's Report

BUDGET V. ACTUAL YTD

October 23, 2026

32% of the year has elapsed. Current Period is July 16 - October 23, 2026.

INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	2026-27 YTD ACTUAL	2026-27 BUDGET	% COLLECTED	BUDGET REMAINING
Assessments (Collected)	$0.00	$0.00	$186,145.00	0%	$186,145.00
Total Income	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$186,145.00**	**0%**	$186,145.00

ANNUAL EXPENSES	CURRENT PERIOD	2026-27 YTD ACTUALS	2026-27 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET SPENT	BUDGET REMAINING
01 - Accounting / Annual Audit	$0.00	$0.00	$6,500.00	0%	$6,500.00
02 - Administtrative					
A. SSJWD Admin	$3,031.25	$3,031.25	$17,500.00	17%	$14,468.75
B. SSJWD Rep for PRAGA Staff	$300.00	$300.00	$20,000.00	2%	$19,700.00
C. PO Box	$0.00	$0.00	$120.00		$120.00
D. Office Supplies/Postage	$0.00	$0.00	$105.00		$105.00
E. Website/Email	$0.00	$0.00	$1,100.00		$1,100.00
F. Quickbooks	$0.00	$0.00	$900.00		$900.00
03 - District General Election	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
04 - Insurance	$2,478.84	$2,478.84	$2,600.00	95%	$121.16
05 - LAFCO Fees for Special Districts	$1,235.14	$1,235.14	$910.00	136%	($325.14)
06 - Legal Fees	$4,930.50	$4,930.50	$25,000.00	20%	$20,069.50
07 - Public Notices	$63.00	$63.00	$125.00	50%	$62.00
TOTAL OPERATING	**$12,038.73**	**$12,038.73**	**$74,860.00**	**16%**	**$62,821.27**

GSP IMPLEMENTATION, STUDIES, AND PROJECTS	CURRENT PERIOD	2026-27 YTD ACTUALS	2026-27 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET SPENT	BUDGET REMAINING
08 - GSP Projects + Mgmt Actions					
A. SWRCB Applications	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
B. MILR Program	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
C. SSJWD Priorities/PMA's	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
09 - Monitoring Network					
A. Monthly Monitoring (40 wells)	$8,290.00	$8,290.00	$48,000.00	17%	$39,710.00
B. Equipment	$0.00	$0.00	$10,250.00	0%	$10,250.00
10 - On-Call Hydrogeologic Services	$2,705.00	$2,705.00	$20,000.00	14%	$17,295.00
11 - Public Outreach	$0.00	$0.00	$13,000.00	0%	$13,000.00
TOTAL PMAs AND STUDIES	**$10,995.00**	**$10,995.00**	**$91,250.00**	**12%**	**$67,255.00**

TOTAL	CURRENT PERIOD	2026-27 YTD ACTUALS	2026-27 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET REMAINING
Expenses	$23,033.73	$23,033.73	$166,110.00	14%	$143,076.27
Contingency (10% of Expenses)	$0.00	$0.00	$16,611.00	0%	$16,611.00
TOTAL	**$23,033.73**	**$23,033.73**	**$182,721.00**	**13%**	**$159,687.27**

SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
SHANDON-SAN JUAN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION 26-003
RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN AMENDED CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE AND ESTABLISHING A COMMENT PERIOD

WHEREAS, in accordance with the state law, the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District has reviewed the District's Conflict-of-Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that review and state law, the District has determined that the Conflict-of-Interest Code was in need of modification; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1156, effective January 1, 2025, requires members of the board of directors and executives of groundwater sustainability agencies to annually disclose their economic or financial interests, thereby changing the filing location for their statement of economic Interests (Form 700) to the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC"), which are required to be filed electronically with the FPPC; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 852, effective January 1, 2026, changed the filing officer for public officials who manage public investments to the FPPC thereby changing the filing location for their Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700), which are required to be filed electronically with the FPPC; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the District has prepared a revised Conflict-of-Interest Code (Exhibit A hereto) and Notice of Intent to reflect such changes; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that the District provide a 45-day comment period before adopting said Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The amended Conflict of Interest Code, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is preliminarily adopted by the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District.

2. The comment period shall be 45 days and shall begin on October 29, 2026 and end on December 14, 2026.

3. District staff is hereby directed to provide the required "Notice of Intention to Amend a Conflict-of-Interest Code" to those parties designated by the preliminarily adopted Conflict-of-Interest Code.

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All the foregoing, being on motion of _____, seconded by _____, was hereby authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on this 28th day of October, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Board of Directors this 28th day of October, 2026.

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary of the Board of Directors
Shandon-San Juan Water District

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Exhibit A – [Proposed] Amended Conflict of Interest Code

SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix, designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the **Shandon-San Juan Water District (District)**.

Individuals holding designated positions shall file their statements of economic interests with the **District**, which will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Sec. 81008). All statements will be retained by the **District**.

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APPENDIX
DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND
DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

I.	**Designated Position**	**Assigned Disclosure Category**
	Secretary	1, 2, 3
	General Counsel	1, 2, 3
	Auditor	1
	Consultants/New Positions	*

*Consultants/New positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The Board may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Board's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Gov. Code Section 81008).

Note: The positions of Auditor and General Counsel are filled by outside consultants who serve in a staff capacity.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVES FOR GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES

The following positions are NOT covered by the conflict-of-interest code because they are required to file under Government Code Section 87200 (public officials who manage public investments) and/or Government Code Section 87200.5 (members of the board of directors and the executive director of a groundwater sustainability agency). Those who file under Government Code Section 87200 and/or 87200.5 are required to file electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission; therefore, these positions are listed for informational purposes only:

Board of Directors
General Manager
Treasurer/Tax Collector/Assessor

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligation if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Section 87200.

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II. Disclosure Categories:

Category 1

A designated employee in this category must report all investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, from any source that provides leased facilities, services, supplies, materials or equipment of the type utilized by the District.

Category 2

A designated employee in this category must report all interests in real property located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the District or within two miles of the District, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.

Category 3

A designated employee in this category must report all investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, from entities that have filed a claim, or have a claim pending against the District.

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SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT intends to amend its Conflict-of-Interest Code pursuant to Government Code Section 87300 and 87306. Pursuant to Government Code Section 87302, the Code will designate employees who must disclose certain investments, income, interests in real property and business positions, and who must disqualify themselves from making or participating in the making of governmental decisions affecting those interests.

A written comment period has been established commencing on October 29, 2026 and terminating on December 14, 2026. Any interested person may present written comments concerning the proposed Code, a copy of which is being concurrently transmitted to you along with this Notice, no later than December 14, 2026 to the SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT, 930A Nysted Dr, Solvang, CA 93463, or by email to admin@ssjwd.org. No public hearing on this matter will be held unless an interested person or his or her representative requests a public hearing no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

The SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT has prepared a written explanation of the reasons for the designations and the disclosure responsibilities and has available all of the information upon which its proposal is based.

The impetus for the adoption of this Code is the age of the current code and new disclosure requirements established by the Fair Political Practices Commission. These new requirements stem from Senate Bill 1156, effective January 1, 2025, which requires decision-makers of groundwater sustainability agencies to annually disclose their economic or financial interests and file electronically with the FPPC, as well as Senate Bill 852, effective January 1, 2026, which changed the filing officer for public officials who manage public investments, thereby changing the filing location for their Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) to the Fair Political Practices Commission. As a result of these new requirements, certain existing designated positions, namely the members of the Board of Directors, the General Manager, and the Treasurer/Tax Collector/Assessor must be reclassified to conform to the requirements of Senate Bill 852 and Government Code section 87200. Such positions constitute public officials who manage public investments and are therefore required to file their Statements of Economic Interests electronically with the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC"). The proposed amended Code, along with all supporting information upon which the proposal is based, is available for review at the District's office. The adoption of the Code will not impose a cost savings to the District that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code; will not result in any nondiscretionary cost or savings to local agencies; will not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state; will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts; and will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses, including small businesses. No alternative considered by the District would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action

All inquiries concerning the proposed Code should be directed to Stephanie Bertoux, 930A Nysted Dr, Solvang, CA 93463, or by email to admin@ssjwd.org.

PASO ROBLES AREA GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

TO: Board of Directors
Agenda Item No. 7

FROM: Taylor Blakslee, Hallmark Group

DATE: September 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Update on GSP Implementation

Recommendation
Board feedback requested.

Discussion
On July 22, 2026, the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) Board discussed Project and Management Actions (PMAs) and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation.

Staff convened an Informal Stakeholder Advisory Committee to review and provide feedback on PRAGA priorities through 2029, and staff's recommendation is provided in **Attachment 1** for board feedback/direction.

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Update on GSP Implementation and 5-Year Strategic Plan

- **2025**: PRAGA formed to implement SGMA for four (4) GSAs.
- **2026**: Funding structure implemented to fund “minimal compliance” activities for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- GSP provides long-term implementation roadmap, but helpful to evaluate priorities and plan in smaller 5-year increments
- 5-year plans intended to inform basin priorities between periodic evaluation submittals and may assist in determining if GSP amendment needed.

Staff Recommendation: Continue required compliance activities through 2027-2029 while also planning for specific projects and pursuing grant funding as listed on the following slides.

Recommended PRAGA Priorities for 2027-2029

Compliance Activities

1. Submit Annual Reports
2. Address Monitoring Data Gaps
3. Perform Exceedance Investigations
4. Respond to DWR GSP Comments
5. Address Interconnected Surface Water BMPs
6. Implement Public Data Management System
7. Continue Public Engagement / Outreach

Key Projects / Management Actions

1. Implement Long-Term/Permanent Land Retirement Program (Fallowed Land Registry)
2. Implement Stormwater Capture Program
3. Address Ag Neutrality
4. Consider Nacimiento / City Recycled Water Project or Naci Water Sales Program
5. Update/Recalibrate Basin Model
6. Implement De Minimis Self-Certification
7. Consider Domestic Well Mitigation Program

1. Implement Long-Term/Permanent Land Retirement Program (Fallowed Land Registry)

- **Description/Purpose:** Build on the success of the fallowed registry program to implement long-term or permanent land retirement. Prioritize land retirement projects that are near areas with ongoing groundwater level impacts.
- **Timeline:** Pursue grant funding and begin implementation in 2028/29 if grant funding secured.
- **Funding:** Apply for DOC MLRP grant in early winter 26/27.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Program likely successful if incentives are meaningful. Conditions may not result in fallowed land being irrigated again in the foreseeable future.

2. Implement Stormwater Capture Program

Description/Purpose: Identify and develop projects to capture stormwater runoff for managed recharge, reducing reliance on groundwater pumping and increasing basin inflows. Target recharge near areas with ongoing groundwater level impacts.

- **Timeline:** To be developed in 2027 for implementation in winter 2027/28.
- **Funding:** Apply for DWR grant in early winter 26/27.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Priority project, pursue grant funding.

3. Address Ag Neutrality

- **Description/Purpose:** Evaluate and consider measures to ensure that the intention of the County ag offset ordinance (sunsets in 2028) to protect the Paso Basin from increased depletions are implemented.
- **Timeline:** Develop potential options in 2027 for implementation ahead of January 2028.
- **Funding:** PRAGA-funded.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Agree with guardrails on use given the finite resource of groundwater. Concerns with un-intended consequences of programs like the ag offset ordinance.

4. Consider Nacimiento / City Recycled Water Project or Naci Water Sales Program

- **Description/Purpose:** Evaluate expanding delivery or sales of Nacimiento surface water and/or city recycled water as an alternative supply to offset groundwater pumping within the basin, and potential delivery to areas with ongoing groundwater level impacts.
- **Timeline:** Update blended feasibility in 2027 with Nacimiento price of water and consider potential Nacimiento water sales program.
- **Funding:** Pursue grant funding for infostructure components if Nacimiento water price favorable to a project.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Reevaluate project costs by incorporating grant funding for projects previously deemed too expensive. Stakeholders need to be willing to invest in infrastructure to move forward with water supply projects.

5. Update/Recalibrate Basin Model

- **Description/Purpose:** Update and recalibrate the basin's hydrogeologic model using updated data to update the sustainable yield and evaluation of projects and management actions.
- **Timeline:** Update model by the end of 2027.
- **Funding:** Pursue grant funding or consider funding via PRAGA if not successful with grant funds.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Important project to understand basin conditions/assess sustainability and identify need for potential management actions.

6. Implement De Minimis Self-Certification

- **Description/Purpose:** Develop and establish a process for groundwater users extracting less than 2 acre-feet of groundwater to certify their de minimis status. Allows staff to exclude de minimis users from fees, if directed by the Board, and allows for more completed technical analyses of impacts to beneficial users in assessing projects and management actions and sustainability progress.
- **Timeline:** Implement prior to FY 27-28.
- **Funding:** PRAGA funded.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** General support.

7. Consider Domestic Well Mitigation Program

- **Description/Purpose:** Evaluate a domestic well mitigation program framework and determine next steps.
- **Timeline:** Evaluate a program framework in FY 26-27.
- **Funding:** Funded through existing DWR SGMA grant.
- **Stakeholder Feedback:** Concerns with implementing a program if a de minimis user might be charged a fee to account for the benefit.



2026-2027 Recharge Readiness Webinar Series

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August 27, 2026	Site Selection and Recharge Potential
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September 24, 2026	On-Farm Recharge Guidance for Practitioners (90 minutes)
October 8, 2026	Floodwaters for Recharge – 2027 Forecast and Guidance
October 22, 2026	Floodwaters for Recharge – Tools
November 12, 2026	Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Assistance
November 26, 2026	*No Webinar – Thanksgiving*
December 10, 2026	Water Quality Considerations (90 minutes)
December 24, 2026	*No Webinar – Christmas Eve*
January 14, 2027	Developing Effective District-Scale Recharge Programs Using Incentives
January 28, 2027	Planning for Future Projects and Permits (Start Now!)
February 11, 2027	Approaches for Determining Water Available for Recharge
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