

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: “Can One Wet Year Wash Away the Paso Robles Basin’s Water Worries?”

Report Date: June 23, 2023

Response by: Willy Cunha **Title:** President of the Board, Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency

FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 4, 5, 6, 7, 10,
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered R6 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

The Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SSJ”) takes seriously the need to sustainably manage groundwater resources within the Paso Robles Basin for all beneficial users and uses of groundwater, including rural residential users and uses. SSJ, in coordination with other members of the PBCC that adopted the Paso Basin GSP, are required under SGMA to continually monitor the progress of GSP implementation and annually report to the Department of Water Resources on such progress. If at any time there is an indication that undesirable results (as defined in SGMA) in SSJ’s portion of the Basin are occurring in a manner that negatively affects rural residential water users and uses, SSJ will, and must, take measures it is authorized under SGMA to take to remedy those undesirable results. For the time being, revenue from the SSJ’s special benefits assessment constitutes the funds dedicated to sustainably managing the Basin for the benefit of all water users and uses, including residential. Should the need arise to raise funds to implement programs specific to rural residential water users and uses, SSJ anticipates that it would take several months to adopt a funding mechanism for such a program, depending on applicable constitutional and statutory requirements.

3. Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the

public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of the publication of the Grand Jury report.)

4. Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: August 30, 2023

Signed: Willy Cunha

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