



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

## UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES June 28, 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, June 28, 2023, at 9:00am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. 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

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President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:03am on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

### II. Roll Call

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

### III. Public Comment

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No public comment received.

### IV. Consent Agenda

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The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Approve the minutes from the May 24, 2023 Board meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated June 22, 2023, as presented.**

### V. Director’s Reports

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- A. WRAC Meeting Held on June 7, 2023: WRAC members received two presentations from County Staff on Lopez Lake and the Salinas Dam and the Master Water Report. The WRAC is also considering forming an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review and Comment on the Water Related Sections of Dana Reserve Project EIR.
- B. PBCC Update: The next meeting will be held on July 26, 2023 at 4pm at the Paso Robles Council Chambers, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446.
- C. Update on PBCC Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) – Based on the advice of County counsel, these meetings will be publicly noticed and subject to the Brown Act. Agendas will be posted on the County’s website at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Groundwater-Sustainability/Groundwater-Basins/Paso-Robles-Groundwater-Basin.aspx>
- D. EPCWD Becoming a GSA: On June 6, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution withdrawing from serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) within the Estrella-El Pomar-

Creston Water District (EPCWD) service area and accepted and approved adding EPCWD to the PBCC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the GSP. The MOA will be reviewed at the next PBCC meeting on July 26, 2023.

#### **VI. Future Governance of SGMA Implementation by the four GSAs (PBCC)**

The PBCC continues to discuss the future governance structure of the PBCC for implementation of the GSP. Options include establishing a Joint Powers Authority, continuing to operate under the existing Memorandum of Agreement and/or developing project-specific agreements.

#### **VII. DWR Paso Basin GSP Determination and Staff Recommendations**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has determined the GSP is approved. The Staff Report proposes the following recommended corrective actions that the DWR believes will enhance the GSP and strongly encourages the recommended corrective actions be given due consideration. The PBCC will begin discussing the recommended corrective actions at the July 26, 2023 meeting.

“The recommended corrective actions generally focus on the following:

- Elaborating on the definition of undesirable results
- Re-evaluating the well impact analysis and filling related data gaps
- Considering mitigation strategies
- Further explaining connections with the Alluvial Aquifer, Estrella River, and San Juan Creek
- Continuing to fill data gaps, collect additional monitoring data, and coordinate with agencies and interested parties to understand beneficial uses and users that may be impacted by depletions of interconnected surface water caused by groundwater pumping;
- Explaining the monitoring network for interconnected surface water;
- Refining sustainable management criteria to include the Alluvial Aquifer; and
- Reconciling Monitoring Network Module and the GSP monitoring network.

Addressing the recommended corrective actions identified in Section 6 of this Staff Report will be important to demonstrate, on an ongoing basis, that implementation of the Plan is likely to achieve the sustainability goal.”

#### **VIII. Update on SSJGSA’s Applications to the SWRCB for Supplemental Water**

Director Turrentine reported that Wagner & Bonsignore continues to support the SSJWD with the applications that are pending approval. Wagner & Bonsignore has reviewed all documents and correspondence and has had several meetings with SWRCB staff. The SSJWD has not received any written comments from the SWRCB following the last resubmittal.

- A. Letter from the City of Paso Robles: Director Turrentine and Director Sinton reviewed the letter received from Christopher Alakel, Utilities Director, City of Paso Robles regarding the capacity of the Nacimiento Pipeline dated May 23, 2023. As the Subcommittee, Director Turrentine and Director Sinton will develop and send a response on behalf of the SSJWD/SSJGSA.

#### **IX. Review SSJWD Draft Budget for FY 2023-24**

Treasurer Stephanie Bertoux presented the budget for fiscal year 2023-24. The projected income totaling \$401,140.26 is based on the current assessment levels of \$35 per irrigated acre, \$0.11 per non-irrigated acre, and \$7.50 per residence. The projected expense budget is \$305,414.75 plus a 10% contingency of \$30,541.48 for a total of \$335,956.53 with a projected year-end balance of \$65,184.04. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the budget for fiscal year 2023-24, as presented.**

## **X. Investment Policy**

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SSJWD legal counsel reviewed the Investment Policy outlining investment authority, objectives (safety of principle, liquidity, and return on investment), prudent investor standard, investment guidelines and eligible securities. The following motion was made by Director Shady, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the Investment Policy, as presented.**

## **XI. Resolution 23-004 Announcing the November 2023 Election**

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Directors Willy Cunha, Ray Shady and Matt Turrentine currently occupy and hold seats on the District's Board of Directors, and their terms are set to expire in November of 2023. President Cunha reviewed Resolution 23-004 announcing the November 2023 election and outlining the procedures. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Adopt Resolution 23-004 Announcing the November 2023 Election and Related Procedures, as presented.**

## **XII. Next Meeting**

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The SSJWD/SSJGSA Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 9am. The August 23, 2023 SSJWD/SSJGSA Board of Directors meeting has been moved to August 30, 2023 at 9am.

## **X. Adjourn**

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President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:36am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
July 26, 2023