



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### MEETING MINUTES

#### June 22, 2022

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 22, 2022, at 9am utilizing a virtual meeting format. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>. Both telephone and electronic screen share options were made available to the public.

#### I. Call to Order

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President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

#### II. Roll Call

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Directors Present:	Willy Cunha	Marshall Miller
	Steve Sinton	Matt Turrentine

Directors Absent:                      None

#### III. Resolution 22-010

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The Board reviewed Resolution 22-010 to renew the use of remote teleconference for this meeting under the provisions of AB 361. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried 3-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Adopt Resolution 22-010 as presented.**

#### IV. Public Comment

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No public comment.

#### V. Consent Agenda

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The consent agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2022
- B. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – June 16, 2022

The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Sinton, and carried 3-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Approve the meeting minutes from May 22, 2022, and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated June 16, 2022, as presented.**

#### VI. Public Hearing to Review and Consider Adopting the Revised Paso Robles Subbasin GSP

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In response to the California Department of Water Resources’ (DWR) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) determination of incomplete, the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) developed a revised GSP to address DWR’s identified deficiencies and proposed corrective actions. Director Cunha presented the revised GSP during

the meeting. No public comments were received as of June 22, 2022. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Adopt Resolution 22-011 as presented.**

VII. Directors' Reports

- A. WRAC Meeting: Director Sinton reported that the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) held a meeting on June 1, 2022. The WRAC received a presentation from Staff regarding the Governor's updated Drought Emergency Proclamation, Executive Order N-7-22, and a presentation from Purlieu Landscapes related to rainwater catchment and other drought-responsive landscape strategies.

VIII. Executive Order N-7-22

The Board discussed developing policies for SSJGSA regarding Executive Order N-7-22, focusing on the new requirements impacting groundwater sustainability agencies related to "written verifications" for water well permits, in Section 9 of the Executive Order. The Board discussed the draft acknowledgement form prepared by legal counsel that would accompany a landowner's application to SSJGSA for consideration. The Board would like to amend the introductory paragraph and add a few statements to the acknowledgement form including the GSA's goal to protect sustainability and existing water levels and add provisions from the County's Offset Ordinance that includes pumping limits. Director Sinton volunteered to work with legal counsel to revise the acknowledgement form. This item will be placed on the July 6, 2022 agenda for further discussion.

IX. Draft Program EIR for the Paso Basin Land Use Management Area Planting Ordinance

Director Cunha reviewed the main components of the Draft Program EIR, particularly Table 6.2 that highlights the Comparison of Increase in Irrigated Crop Acreage and Groundwater Extraction for Project Alternatives. Alternative #4 within Table 6.2 maintains water neutrality. The public comment period ends July 6, 2022. The Board would like to send a comment letter to the County. The Board directed President Cunha to prepare a draft comment letter for review at the SSJ GSA Board meeting on July 6, 2022.

X. Budget Priorities for FY 2022-23

SSJWD's assessment levels for FY 2021-22 were \$26 per acre for irrigated acres, \$0.11 for non-irrigated acres, and \$7.50 per residence. The Board discussed increasing the assessment for irrigated acres to fund future projects and management actions outline in the GSP. Based on the District Prop 218 election, the maximum per acre assessment for irrigated acres is \$35. The Board reviewed the draft budget and discussed increasing the assessment for irrigated acres to \$35 per acre for FY 2022/23. The Board directed Secretary-Treasurer-Assessor Stephanie Bertoux to prepare a letter to landowners notifying them of the potential assessment increase and inviting them to comment and/or attend the special Board meeting on July 6, 2022 where the Board will consider levying the assessment for FY 2022/23.

XI. Discuss SSJWD Delinquent Accounts for Past Due Assessments

The Board discussed the delinquent accounts for past due assessments and directed Secretary-Treasurer-Assessor Stephanie Bertoux to start the process to submit past due assessment accounts to the County for collection.

XII. Board Vacancy

The Board discussed the vacancy and intends to fill said vacancy by appointment. Several candidates were discussed, but no action was taken. This item will be placed on the July 6, 2022 agenda.

XIII. Outreach Efforts for Future Rights of Way

The SSJWD has applied for a permit to divert surplus water in Lake Nacimiento and the Salinas River. Consistent with the GSP, the SSJWD intends to direct this water to the Paso Robles Subbasin for recharge and later use, with the goal of reducing the current shortfall between natural recharge and extractions. In order to deliver the water to the Subbasin, pipelines and related facilities will have to be built from the Salinas River corridor. The SSJWD sent

letters to landowners that could potentially fall within the alignment of those facilities and asked if they'd be willing to consider allowing a pipeline easement. Responses are being tracked by Secretary Stephanie Bertoux. Director Sinton volunteered to write a follow up letter to be sent to SSJWD members as an update as well as landowners who have not yet responded.

## XII. Adjourn

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The Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 @ 9am. President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 11:08am.

### **Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
July 6, 2022