



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) and Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA) held a special meeting in conjunction with Estrella-El Poma-Creston Water District on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 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 Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Directors Present: Willy Cunha Steve Sinton
 Marshall Miller Matt Turrentine

Directors Absent: Ray Shady

III. Public Comment

Public Comment #1 (SSJWD Landowner): Mr. Peck expressed concern about the rate study, budget scenario of \$4.3 million average annual budget for the next five years, and the ultimate cost to growers and landowners in the Basin. Mr. Peck asked if SSJGSA is in favor of the proposed Proposition 218.

Public Comment #2 (SMCSD Member): Mr. Record thanked SSJGSA and EPGSA for their efforts to date.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting on January 22, 2025 and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated February 20, 2025, as presented.

V. Director’s Reports

Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC): Director Sinton attended the SLO County WRAC meeting on February 5, 2025 and reported the following.

- A. DESAL Project: The County received a WaterSMART grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for development of the Desalination Executable Solutions and Logistics (DESAL) Plan. The County has contracted with an engineering firm to study and rank opportunities. The study is anticipated to be complete in late Fall 2026.
- B. Delta Conveyance Facility: The WRAC received a presentation from County Staff regarding participating in the next phase of the State Water Project’s Delta Conveyance Project Planning. The estimated cost is \$1.86 million for 2026 and 2027. The funds have not been approved or committed.

VI. Joint Powers Authority Agreement

- A. 5-Party Agreement: The Board reviewed and discussed the revised 5-party JPA Agreement dated February 21, 2025. SSJGSA legal counsel explained the revisions. This revised agreement further clarifies items requiring a 3/5 vote and items requiring a 4/5 vote (Section 6.8) and apportions liabilities to member agencies based on a percentage rather than an equal share (Section 9.1).

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

MOTION – Approve the 5-party Joint Powers Authority Agreement dated February 21, 2025 and authorize President Cunha to sign the agreement.

- B. 4-Party Agreement: The Board reviewed and discussed the revised 4-party JPA Agreement dated February 21, 2025. SSJGSA legal counsel answered questions. This agreement is immediately rescinded if San Miguel Community Services District signs the 5-Party Agreement.

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

MOTION – Approve the 4-Party Joint Power Authority Agreement dated February 21, 2025 with the understanding that the March 4, 2025 date outlined in Section 9.10 may be pushed out.

VII. Nominations for LAFCO Seats for Special District Members

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is conducting an election for two open seats for special district members. One seat is for a two-year term expiring in December 2026. The candidates are Owen Davis (SMCSD), Ed Eby (Nipomo CSD), and Debra Scott (Cambria CSD). The second seat is for a four-year term expiring in December 2028. The candidates are Robert Enns (Cayucos Sanitary District) and Navid Fardanesh (Templeton CSD). Mr. Fardanesh briefly reviewed his candidate statement.

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

MOTION – Select Ed Eby, Nipomo Community Services District, as the individual for the Special District Member seat term through December 2026 and Navid Fardanesh, Templeton Community Services District, as the individual for the Special District Member seat term through December 2028 on the San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 9am.

IX. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 9:54am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
March 26, 2025