



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA May 13, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District/Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency will hold a special meeting at **9:00 A.M.** on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**, at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. Virtual options are available for public participation.¹

Virtual Options for Public Participation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84610006414?pwd=BhgDCwhHHe6HuK3K2EkRhw2GUWWUyR.1>

Meeting ID: 846 1000 6414 **Passcode:** 568090 **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. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Board Vacancy
 - a. Consider Resolution 26-001 Appointing a new Director to the SSJWD Board to fill the current vacancy with term ending December 2027.
5. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 9am
6. 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.

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.

Samuel A. Kingston

Career Summary

Farm Manager managing all aspects for 2000 acres of table grapes, wine grapes, almonds, and persimmons. Manage all aspects of day to day farm operations including budgeting, tracking expenses, capital projects, new vineyard development, planting, harvest, spraying, irrigation, labor, regulatory, and equipment.

Fleet/Logistics Manager for multi-million-dollar international rental company. Responsible for annual budgeting, purchasing, lifecycles, maintenance, repair, specifications, licensing, disposal, compliance, reporting and all other fleet duties as required. As well as the logistics department that moves on average 150 loads per week.

Fleet/Mobile Asset Manager for a billion dollar a year corporate produce farm in California's San Joaquin Valley. Responsible for all mobile assets, budgeting, forecasting, equipment utilization, replacement cycles, licensing and registration, disposals, air resource board compliance, maintenance and repair budgets for entire corporate fleet.

Employment History

Oct 2016 – Present Sunview Vineyards, Inc.
Delano, CA and Shandon, CA

Farm Manager

Manage 2000 acres of table grapes, wine grapes, and almonds.

- ❑ Manage all aspects of crop production from vineyard development, planting, pest control, hand labor, tractor and field work, harvest and all other production needs.
- ❑ Manage staffing levels for permanent and seasonal labor to ensure efficiency and labor needs are met. Lead between 500 and 1000 employees depending on time of year and labor needs.
- ❑ Oversee maintenance of equipment working with internal repair shops and fabrication and outsource partners to ensure safe, reliable, and timely repairs.
- ❑ Prepare budgets and manage expenses for equipment repairs, purchases, labor needs, vineyard maintenance, harvest, (both hand and machine harvest), pesticides, and all other farm needs.
- ❑ Work with sales, marketing and wineries to ensure timely, high quality product is delivered.
- ❑ Oversee operation, and expenses to maintain deep wells and irrigation systems for ranches.
- ❑ Ensure safety, GAP compliance, OSHA and corporate safety policies are practiced.
- ❑ Group lead with GIS department on soil type, crop health, water usage, fertilizer need, pest pressure, and drone mapping.

Apr 2012 – Oct 2016 Rain for Rent
Bakersfield, CA

Rolling Stock Fleet and Logistics Manager

Manage Nationwide and Canadian Fleet of vehicles, forklifts, heavy equipment, and trailers.

- ❑ Oversee and develop logistics staff of 3 that is responsible for movement of all company rental equipment. 150 loads per week.
- ❑ Manage fleet of 3,000 vehicles, trailers, forklifts, and construction machinery at multiple locations across U.S. and Canada
- ❑ Prepare and manage annual fleet capital and operating budget of over \$50 million
- ❑ Develop and oversee specifications for fleet, ranging from sedans to big rig winch trucks, and well rigs, including cranes, truck beds, trailers, and specialty equipment.
- ❑ Manage and track procurement, up fit process, and delivery schedules
- ❑ Developed and implemented life cycle thresholds for entire fleet. Including life cycle costs and lease/buy

scenarios.

- ❑ Developed and manage vehicle maintenance programs to ensure maximum up time and efficiency.
- ❑ Implemented annual savings of \$400,000 due to manufacturer negotiations
- ❑ Implemented supply chain management and logistics strategies to save over \$250,000 annually
- ❑ Maximize proceeds from asset disposal and developed a plan by asset type for best return.
- ❑ Launched and implemented national GPS tracking program with 12-month ROI. Collaborated with safety dept. to launch a program that reduced corporate accident rate by 60%
- ❑ Organized and lead GPS steering committee to involve all departments and personnel needed for successful GPS deployment.
- ❑ Manage and develop fleet and logistics staff by developing goals and metrics that promote learning and growth.
- ❑ Responsible for vendor relations, and supply chain for fleet.
- ❑ Responsible for all licensing of Rolling Stock Fleet and Rental Fleet over 20,000 units.
- ❑ Ensure fleet is compliant with CARB and EPA rules and regulations.

Nov 2006 – Apr 2012

Bolthouse Farms
Bakersfield, CA

Mobile Asset Manager

Manage corporate fleet of vehicles, farm and construction equipment.

- ❑ Manage Asset fleet of over 7500 vehicles, trucks, tractors, farm equipment, forklifts, golf carts, irrigation equipment, construction equipment, cranes, specialty units, and other heavy-duty equipment.
- ❑ Develop specifications for large and heavy-duty equipment and trucks and specialty equipment. Purchase and dispose all mobile assets as needed
- ❑ Improve vendor and manufacturer relationships by inviting them to help solve and understand our fleet needs. Many units were improved with innovation and drive to be more efficient.
- ❑ Develop, apply, and follow through with replacement cycles, repair and maintenance protocols, and shop staffing levels.
- ❑ Ensure the best available technology for maximum efficiency.
- ❑ Work with California Air Resource Board, develop understanding and ensure compliance.
- ❑ Remarket used assets for maximum return.
- ❑ Manage Capital Projects varying from \$10-15 million per year.
- ❑ Responsible for licensing and registration nationwide and Canada
- ❑ Work closely with ARI fleet management company
- ❑ Earned CAFM (Certified Automotive Fleet Manager) designation from NAFA (National Automotive Fleet Association)

Jan 2004 – Sep 2006

U.S. Border Patrol
Tucson Sector-Casa Grande Station

Border Patrol Agent

Patrol the U.S. / Mexico border.

- ❑ Patrol the U.S. Mexico border.
- ❑ Process and build cases for federal court hearings
- ❑ Enforce U.S. Federal immigration, drug, terrorism laws
- ❑ Graduated 3rd in Class 577 from the U.S. Border Patrol Academy-Charleston, SC

1995 – Jan. 2004

Buttars Tractor, Inc. Logan, Utah
Heavy Equipment / Farm Machinery Dealership

Computer Knowledge

- AS/400
- Oracle/JD Edwards
- ARI Insights
- GPS systems (ESRI)
- Agrian
- Microsoft

Education

Graduated December 1998-Utah State University-Logan, UT

Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Information Systems

Minor in Spanish

Graduated 3rd in Class 577- June 2004 U.S. Border Patrol Academy-Charleston, SC

Certifications\Credentials

Qualified Applicator License – California Department of Pesticide Regulation

GIS analyst certification – CSUB 2018

Licensed and Certified Drone Pilot – FAA Part 107

Certified Automotive Fleet Manager Masters Certificate – NAFA

Certified Automotive Fleet Manager Certificate- NAFA

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center - USBP

Fluent in Spanish

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

<p>RESOLUTION 26-001 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SAMUEL KINGSTON TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR</p>

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created in the Office of Director of the District by the resignation of Director Willy Cunha, effective March 25, 2026;

WHEREAS, the power and privilege of filling said vacancy by appointment now rests with the remaining members of the Board of Directors by virtue of the provisions found in the California Water District Law, namely Water Code section 34707 and Government Code section 1780(c);

WHEREAS, as required by Government Code section 1780, on April 22, 2026, a date not less than fifteen (15) days preceding the date of this Resolution, a Notice of Vacancy was duly posted at three (3) conspicuous places within the District;

WHEREAS, Samuel Kingston is a citizen of the State of California and the United States that is over 18 years of age and an owner of land in the District or a designee thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Samuel Kingston is ready, willing and able to fill said vacancy on the Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

- (1) The Board finds that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and they are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.
- (2) Samuel Kingston is hereby appointed to the office of Director of this District effective immediately; and,
- (3) Staff is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to effectuate the appointment provided for herein, including notifying the County of this appointment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Shandon-San Juan Water District on May 13, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on May 13, 2026.

WITNESS my hand of said Board of Directors, May 13, 2026.

Stephanie Bertoux
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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