



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

## SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

### AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING April 26, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District/Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency will hold a regularly scheduled meeting at **9:00 A.M.** on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**, at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461.

Alternate Location: Director Miller will participate in the meeting via teleconference from 132 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, 93101. This location is accessible to the public and a meeting agenda is posted.

#### Virtual Options for Public Participation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88510055315?pwd=Y0hpazl2NWZsU2dvSGZsREwydUgvdz09>

Meeting ID: 885 1005 5315 Passcode: 095610 Dial: (669) 900-6833

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Update on SSJGSA's Two Applications to the SRWCB for Supplemental Water**
  - a. Update to the PBCC on April 26, 2023
  - b. Update on Hiring Consultants to Complete an Initial Environmental Assessment and Other Work
5. **Update from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. on SSJGSA Streamflow and Groundwater Level Measurements**
6. **Update on Executive Order N-4-23**
  - a. [May 3, 2023 Workshop](#): 180-Day Technical and Regulatory Assistance Program Workshop For Recharge Projects Using High Flows, 9am-12pm. Pre-registration is required.
  - b. Update on SSJGSA Participation and Documentation Received from Landowners
  - c. Consider Pursuing a Temporary Permit for the Coming Season
7. **Discuss and Consider SSJGSA's Input on the Draft PBCC Statement of Equity**
8. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2023
  - b. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – April 20, 2023
9. **Director's Reports**
  - a. WRAC Meeting Held on April 5, 2023
  - b. [Salinas River Symposium](#) – May 5, 2023, 9am-3pm, Atascadero Library or Via Zoom
  - c. PBCC Meeting – April 26, 2023, 4pm, Paso Robles Library or Via Zoom
10. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 9am.**
11. **Adjourn**

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## UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES March 22, 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, March 22, 2023, at 8:00am. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(b)(3)), this meeting was held in conjunction with the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District. 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 8:03am on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

### **II. Roll Call**

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Directors Present:	Willy Cunha	Steve Sinton
	Marshall Miller	Matt Turrentine
	Ray Shady	

Directors Absent: None

### **III. Consider AB 361**

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The Board discussed the current conditions related to remote teleconference meeting under AB 361 and made the following findings: 1) On March 1, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in San Luis Obispo County due to severe winter storms and risk of flood emergency; 2) The SSJGSA/SSJWD Board of Directors meeting on March 22, 2023, is being held during an active gubernatorial State of Emergency; and 3) Requiring in-person attendance at the SSJGSA/SSJWD Board of Directors meeting would pose imminent risk to the safety of those in attendance. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. Director Miller arrived late and did not vote on this item.

**MOTION – Authorize the use of remote teleconference under the provisions of AB 361 for the March 22, 2023, board meeting.**

### **IV. Public Comment**

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No public comment received.

### **V. Discuss and Consider Hiring Consultants to Complete an Initial Environmental Assessment and Other Work Related to SSJGSA’s Two Applications to the SRWCB for Supplemental Water**

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The SSJGSA would like to engage a civil engineering firm and/or water resources expert to assist with updating and further refining SSJGSA’s two applications for supplemental water to address comments received from the SWRCB. The scope of work may include, but is not limited to, initial environmental assessment and documentation, hydrologic studies, water rights analysis, preliminary conceptual design to clarify delivery and access, and project management of the application process. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Authorize Directors Turrentine and Sinton to hire a consultant or team of consultants to complete an Initial Environmental Assessment and other engineering work related to SSJGSA’s two applications for supplemental water and approve a not to exceed budget of \$80,000.**

**VI. Update on PBCC Meeting Held March 16, 2023**

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President Cunha reported the following.

- A. The PBCC approved the GSP Annual Report for WY 2022.
- B. Technical Advisory Committees were formed for the Blended Irrigation Water Supply project, Expanded Monitoring Network, and Multibenefit Irrigation Land Repurposing (MILR) Program.

**VII. Support Letter for MILR Program Grant**

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On behalf of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee, the County of San Luis Obispo GSA is applying for a \$8.89 million block grant from the Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program to fund the Paso Robles Groundwater Subbasin Multibenefit Irrigated Lands Repurposing (MILR) Program. Director Cunha reviewed the draft support letter. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Cunha, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the letter of support for the County of San Luis Obispo GSA’s block grant application to the Department of Conservation, as presented, and authorize President Cunha to sign and send the letter.**

**VIII. PBCC Statement of Equity**

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This item was discussed jointly with the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD) Board of Directors. Supervisor Bruce Gibson drafted an expanded statement regarding equity for GSP Implementation. The draft equity statement is being circulated to the GSA’s for input with the end goal of adopting one comprehensive, basin-wide statement. Both the SSJGSA and the EPCWD Board of Directors are supportive of Supervisor Gibson’s effort and appreciated his leadership and the time taken to create the first draft. Several members of the public in attendance wanted to provide comments on the draft statement. An Ad Hoc Committee – comprised of Willy Cunha (SSJGSA), Hillary Graves (EPCWD), Patricia Wilmore (PRWCA), and Brent Burchett (SLO County Farm Bureau) – was formed to review and provide comments on the statement. Each representative will garner feedback from their respective organizations. The SSJGSA will revisit this item at the April board meeting.

**IX. Director’s Reports**

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No reports.

**X. Consent Agenda**

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The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

**MOTION – Approve the minutes from the February 23, 2023 and March 15, 2023 board meetings and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated March 17, 2023, as presented.**

**XI. Next Meeting**

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The SSJWD/SSJGSA Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

**XII. Adjourn**

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President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 9:18am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
April 26, 2023



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### Secretary/Treasurer’s Report: March 17, 2023 – April 20, 2023

Date: April 20, 2023

To: Shandon-San Juan Water District Board of Directors

From: Stephanie Bertoux, District Secretary/Treasurer/Assessor

#### Assessments and A/R for FY 2022/23: \$401,140.26 due January 6, 2023

\$400,762.94 has been collected. A total of \$377.32 is delinquent:

- Assessment #0011 - \$38.96
- Assessment #0013 - \$25.10
- Assessment #0045 - \$243.05
- Assessment #0064 - \$70.21

#### Income

Income for the period totaled \$74,491.79.

#### Expenses

Expenses for the period totaled \$8,857.50

#### Cash Position

After paying expenses noted above, the District has a current cash position of \$428,041.64

#### Board Training & Certifications

Form 700s filed through Netfile. Each Director should have received an email from the County. Forms are due April 1, 2023.

Ethics Training is required every two years. <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>.

Sexual Harassment Training is required every two years.

Director	COI - Form 700 <i>(Required Annually by April 1)</i>	Ethics Training <i>(Required Biannually)</i>	Sexual Harassment Training <i>(Required Biannually)</i>
Willy Cunha	Completed 01/23/23	Completed 02/17/23	<b><i>Need to Complete</i></b>
Marshall Miller	<b><i>Need to Complete</i></b>	<b><i>Need to Complete</i></b>	Completed 03/10/23
Ray Shady	Completed 03/13/23	<b><i>Need to Complete</i></b>	<b><i>Need to Complete</i></b>
Steve Sinton	Completed 01/29/23	Completed 08/25/22	Completed 03/10/23
Matt Turrentine	Completed 03/10/23	Completed 03/19/23	Completed 03/10/23

March 31, 2023  
DRAFT STATEMENT OF EQUITY  
Bruce Gibson  
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For your consideration, here is the second draft of an expanded statement regarding equity:

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Groundwater in the Paso Robles Subbasin is a shared resource that the GSAs that are party to this GSP seek to manage for the benefit of all Subbasin users, consistent with their rights under the California Constitution and state statutes. The management framework established by SGMA and this GSP is inherently focused on assuring both sustainable and equitable access to and use of this shared resource.

The concept of equity is explicit in state statute. As noted on the State Water Resources Control Board website, in Water Code Section 106.3 “the state statutorily recognizes that ‘every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.’ The human right to water extends to all Californians, including disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities in rural and urban areas.”

Achieving equitable access to Subbasin groundwater faces several challenges:

- Users are located in diverse settings relative to the Subbasin’s hydrogeology.
- Users’ water supplies are managed in diverse jurisdictional settings (a city, a community services district, a county service area, a small mutual water supply system and individual wells in unincorporated rural areas).
- The Subbasin includes diverse land use patterns, including highly urbanized areas, rural residential lots, and both small and large irrigated agricultural operations, some of which include commercial facilities such as wineries, tasting rooms and lodging.
- Within irrigated agricultural operations – which collectively use the vast majority of groundwater – there is currently wide variation in the amount of irrigation water applied (acft/acre), depending on crop type and cultural practice.
- The economic resources of individual Subbasin users vary widely.

The central premise of SGMA is that the Subbasin’s groundwater is sustainably managed and accessible to all users. Management actions in this GSP will be developed to seek equity in light of the diverse conditions noted.

Equity in achieving these goals requires that no user is precluded from reasonable access to groundwater because they lack financial resources. For example, the management objectives and minimum thresholds outlined in this GSP (Chapter 8) admit the possibility of shallow wells

going dry. Such wells often serve disadvantaged residential communities and users who may be challenged to pay for improvements like deepening the well or drilling a new one.

Issues of equity should also be addressed in the distribution of water used for irrigation on different crop production sites. All GSP management efforts (supply enhancement, demand reduction, use allocations) should provide equitable opportunity for all land owners to participate and provide equitable allocation of costs and incentives.

All GSAs responsible for the development and administration of this GSP agree that the management actions established for the Paso Robles Subbasin will uphold the principles of equity outlined above.

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