



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES May 24, 2024 Special 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 Wednesday, May 24, 2024, at SVP Winery located at 111 Clark Road, 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

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:08am on Wednesday, May 24, 2024 at SVP Winery.

II. Roll Call

Directors Present: Willy Cunha Steve Sinton
 Ray Shady Matt Turrentine

Directors Absent: Marshall Miller

III. Public Comment

No public comments received.

IV. Joint Meeting with the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District/Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Groundwater Sustainability Agency to Discuss and Consider the Next Steps in GSP Implementation. Multiagency meeting pursuant to Government Code Section 54954(b)(3).

The following items were jointly discussed with EPCWD. No action was taken by SSJWD.

- The PBCC is considering various mechanisms for project funding and is investigating a volumetric groundwater extraction fee versus a Prop 218 special benefits assessment. PBCC legal counsel will provide an update at the next PBCC meeting.
- SGMA GSP Round 1 Grant Implementation: Invoice No. 6 covering the period October through December 2023 has been submitted to DWR for approval. The DWR grant administrator for the Paso region recently resigned and a replacement administrator is being assigned. Invoice No.7, covering the January through March 2024 period, is currently being assembled. Blaine Reely will review the draft schedule of the grant-funded projects at the next PBCC meeting.
- Update on SSJWD Applications to SWRCB: Wagner & Bonsignore (W&B) was retained by SSJWD in April 2023 to review the materials submitted prior to April 2023 relating to pending water right Applications A033189 and A033190 and to assist SSJWD with resolving issues that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) called “deficiencies” in the water right Applications. W&B is working to re-submit the applications by June 30, 2024.
- Update on the State Water Project: A request for proposals (RFP) for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin State Water Project Supplemental Water Supply Project Feasibility and Engineering Study was issued on April 26, 2024 and proposals were due May 20, 2024.
- Update on the GSP Periodic Evaluation: An RFP for the Paso Robles Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan 5Year Periodic Evaluation was issued on April 30, 2024 and proposals were due May 20, 2024.

- Contract with Land IQ to Estimate Agricultural Water: A contract was executed on April 18, 2024 and Land IQ will begin working with GSA staff and landowners to site in-field calibration stations and begin delivery of monthly ET values.

The next PBCC meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024 at 4pm in the Paso Robles Council Chambers located at 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

V. PBCC Budget for FY 24-25

On March 27, 2023, the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) passed a motion to recommend that individual Paso Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 PBCC budget totaling \$600,000. Per the MOA, SSJWD's cost share is \$121,200 (21.2%). The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Shady, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approved the PBCC budget for FY24-25 totaling \$600,000, as presented, and SSJWD's cost of \$121,200 for FY 24-25.

VI. Proposal from Tripepi Smith for Community Engagement and Communications Support

The Shandon-San Juan Water District and Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District desire community engagement and communications support regarding GSP implementation. SSJWD discussed and reviewed a proposal from Tripepi Smith. The scope of work includes monthly strategy discussions to develop and implement an outreach strategy, email sign-up campaign and list management, design and build an e-newsletter template using Constant Contact, and quarterly e-newsletter content creation and distribution. Tripepi Smith proposes a fixed price monthly retainer of \$1,150.00 plus two, one-time fixed costs of \$1,605.00 and \$2,360.00. The cost would be split equally between SSJWD and EPCWD. SSJWD's costs total \$8,882.50. Additional services may be added with written authorization from SSJWD.

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

MOTION – Approve Option 2 in the proposal dated May 17, 2024 from Tripepi Smith for \$17,765 to be split equally between SSJWD and EPCWD.

X. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:48am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
July 24, 2024