



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES February 23, 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 Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 9am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>. Virtual options for participation were also made available.

I. Call to Order

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:01am on February 23, 2023, and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

II. Roll Call

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| Directors Present: | Willy Cunha | Steve Sinton |
| | Ray Shady | Matt Turrentine |

Directors Absent: Marshall Miller

III. Resolution 23-002

The Board reviewed Resolution 23-002 to renew the use of remote teleconference for this meeting under the provisions of AB 361. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Sinton and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Adopt Resolution 23-002 as presented.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment received.

V. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2023
- B. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – February 17, 2023

Director Sinton requested the January 30, 2023 meeting minutes be revised to reflect Supervisor Bruce Gibson’s attendance at the meeting and his contributions to the discussion under #VIII, specifically the request that each partner GSA develop a Sustainable Management Statement to support the fair and equitable management of the Basin in all aspects of GSP implementation, particularly overdraft. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Shady, and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approve the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated February 17, 2023, as presented and the January 30, 2023, meeting minutes with the corrections noted by Director Sinton.

VI. Directors Reports

- A. WRAC Meeting on February 1, 2023: The Committee received a presentation from Ann Gillespie, Public Works Stormwater Coordinator, on proposed updates to the Low Impact Development Manual. The Committee also had an open discussion regarding recent storms and flooding.

- B. Paso Basin Land Use Management Area Planting Ordinance Update: On February 7, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors rescinded the Planting Ordinance, re-enacted and extended until 2028 the Agricultural Offset Requirements, decertified the Planting Ordinance Final Program Environmental Impact Report and associated CEQA Findings, directed staff to not process applications for the Planting Ordinance, and directed staff to bring back at an appropriate time for Board discussion opportunities to amend the Agricultural Offset Requirements to account for off-site offsets and voluntary fallowing related to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Multi-Benefit Irrigated Lands Repurposing (MILR) program.

VII. New SSJGSA Representative to the WRAC

Director Miller is currently SSJWD's Alternate Member on the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), but is unable to attend the WRAC meetings in person. The Board discussed replacing Director Miller with Director Shady as SSJWD's Alternate. Director Sinton remains SSJWD's Primary Member on the WRAC. The following motion was made by Director Turrentine, seconded by Director Cunha and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Appoint Director Shady as SSJWD's Alternate Member on the Water Resources Advisory Committee replacing Director Miller.

The Board directed Secretary Stephanie Bertoux to notify the WRAC of SSJWD's decision and to formally request Director Shady be named as SSJWD's Alternate.

VIII. PBCC Meeting on March 16, 2023

- A. The PBCC is accepting applications for members for three different Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) related to GSP Implementation. The deadline for applications to be submitted is March 6, 2023. The Board discussed the program goals and made specific recommendations for each TAC for the PBCC's consideration. The Board directed Secretary Stephanie Bertoux to fill out and submit the applications to the PBCC.
 - 1. Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Sinton, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. **MOTION – Nominate Director Cunha and Director Turrentine to participate in the MILR Program TAC representing SSJGSA.**

 - 2. Expanded Monitoring Network. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. **MOTION – Nominate Director Cunha and Randy Diffenbaugh to participate in the Expanded Monitoring Network Program TAC representing SSJGSA.**

 - 3. Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. **MOTION – Nominate Director Sinton and Director Shady to participate in the Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project TAC representing SSJGSA.**

- B. The Board discussed making a formal request to the County Board of Supervisors asking them to rescind the opposition letter regarding SSJGSA's applications to the SRWCB for supplemental water and requesting to schedule a time to present the applications to the County Board of Supervisors. Director Turrentine will

also make a formal request at the March 16, 2023 PBCC meeting. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Direct Director Sinton to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the County rescind the opposition letter regarding SSJGSA’s applications to the SRWCB for supplemental water and requesting a time to formally present the applications to the Board of Supervisors; and authorize President Cunha to sign and send the letter to the Board of Supervisors.

IX. SSJGSA’s Policy & Principals for Achieving Groundwater Sustainability

Director Sinton reviewed SSJGSA’s draft Policy and Principles for Achieving Groundwater Sustainability that included priorities for the District, benefits of securing supplemental water as wells as priorities, water sharing agreements, and rules for supplemental water. This document is intended to further SSJWD’s efforts to promote effective groundwater management and improve groundwater conditions in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and is subject to change as projects are developed. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Sinton and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Adopt SSJGSA/SSJWD’s Policy & Principles for Achieving Groundwater Sustainability, as presented.

X. SSJGSA’s Sustainable Management Statement

Director Cunha reviewed SSJGSA’s draft Sustainable Management Statement. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Turrentine and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Adopt SSJGSA’s Sustainable Management Statement, as presented.

XI. Consider Letter of Support for EPCWD

At the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District’s (EPCWD) regular monthly Board Meeting on February 8th, 2023, the EPCWD Board of Directors voted unanimously to reaffirm their interest in becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and to request that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors consider relinquishing GSA authority over the lands within the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District’s boundary. The SSJGSA/SSJWD believes that EPCWD has been an active and effective participant in all of SSJGSA/SSJWD’s efforts to move toward sustainability in the Paso Robles Groundwater Sub-basin. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Turrentine and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Direct Director Sinton to write a letter of support to the County Board of Supervisors for EPCWD to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and authorize President Cunha to sign and send the letter.

XII. Consider Hiring a Consultant to Complete an Initial Environmental Assessment Related to SSJGSA’s Two Applications to the SRWCB for Supplemental Water

The Board discussed the necessity of hiring a consultant or team of consultants to complete an initial environmental assessment and other work related to SSJGSA’s two applications to the SWRCB for supplemental water. A Request for Proposal may need to be issued. SSJGSA will need to identify all State requirements and prepare a scope or work to satisfy those requirements. Directors Sinton and Turrentine are SSJGSA/SSJWD’s Ad Hoc Committee for this project and intend to schedule meetings with SWRCB staff as well as the Department of Fish and Wildlife to gain clarity on the next steps. No action was taken on this item. This item will be placed on the March 22, 2023, agenda for further discussion and possible action.

XIII. Adjourn

The SSJWD/SSJGSA will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 9am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:36am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
March 22, 2023