



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES September 25, 2024 Regular Meeting

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, September 25, 2024, 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 Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

II. Roll Call

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

Directors Absent: Marshall Miller

** Director Sinton participated remotely under the provisions of AB 2449 and made the necessary disclosures during roll call.*

III. Public Comment

No public comments received.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting on July 24, 2024 and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated September 20, 2024, as presented.

V. Director’s Reports

A. WRAC – The Water Resources Advisory Committee did not meet in September 2024.

VI. Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) Updates on SGMA/GSP Implementation

A. [5-year GSP Periodic Evaluation](#): The Evaluation document is the GSA’s written assessment of GSP implementation and adaptive management on 5-year cycles and is the forum for the PBCC’s discussion on how Recommended Corrective Actions (RCAs) are being addressed. Dave O’Rourke, Sydney Robertson, and Julie Garofalo from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI) presented an update on the 5 Year GSP Periodic Evaluation that is due to the Department of Water Resources on January 30, 2025. GSI presented the actions taken since GSP submittal, reviewed the RCAs and draft responses, and provided an overview of the timeline to complete the Evaluation. A draft of Evaluation will be available for public comment in early December 2024.

B. [Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project](#): An RFP was issued for this project, and Water Systems Consulting (WSC) was the selected consultant. WSC provided a presentation on demand and supply characterization at the

May 22, 2024, PBCC meeting, and an overview on the draft alternatives analysis at the July 24, 2024, PBCC meeting. WSC will present the draft preliminary engineering report at the September 25, 2024, PBCC meeting.

- C. [Rate Study](#): Ryan Aston, SCI Consulting, presented a progress update on the Cost of Service Rate Study. Mr. Aston reviewed the preliminary cost of service budget, preliminary rate scenarios, and other considerations. The budget items have been updated by PBCC staff and assigned to categories. The preliminary rate model accounts for three potential fee types: 10730.2 (Prop 218) funding all costs, 10730 (Prop 26) funding Program Administration only, 10730.2 (Prop 218) funding for projects and management actions only. Two rate approaches are shown for each fee type: a 'stepped' rate approach and an 'averaged' rate approach. Costs are apportioned according to service / benefit received by each extractor category (more detail forthcoming). SCI Consulting will be presenting an update to the PBCC at the September 25, 2024 meeting. The study is anticipated to be complete by January 2025.
- D. [Grant Spending Plan and Schedule](#): In 2022, the Paso Basin was awarded a \$7.6 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources for the implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). All grant funds need to be spent by April 30, 2025. The PBCC will receive an update at the September 25, 2024 meeting.

VII. SSJWD Applications to State Water Resources Control Board for Supplemental Water

- A. Update from Subcommittee: The applications were resubmitted on July 29, 2024. SSJWD has not received any comments from the State Water Resources Control Board. SSJWD will continue local outreach efforts to garner support for the projects.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 9am.

IX. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
November 20, 2024