



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES January 22, 2025 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, January 22, 2025, 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 9:04am on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

II. Roll Call

Directors Present: Willy Cunha Steve Sinton
 Marshall Miller Matt Turrentine

Directors Present Virtually: Ray Shady. Director Shady’s remote location was not noticed on the agenda. Director Shady participated in discussion but did not vote on any agenda items.

III. Public Comment

No public comments received.

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Sinton noted one correction to the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes – Item VI.B: Water Systems Consulting acronym (WSC) is misspelled in the second sentence. The following motion was made by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

MOTION – Approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting on November 20, 2024 with the correction noted, the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated January 17, 2025, and authorize SSJWD Treasurer to transfer \$120,000 from the checking account to the investment account.

V. Director’s Reports

None.

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

- A. 5-year GSP Periodic Evaluation: SGMA requires periodic evaluation of approved GSPs at least every 5 years. The periodic evaluation represents the GSAs’ written assessment of GSP implementation and adaptive management to date. The public comment period closed on December 20, 2024. The Periodic Evaluation will be submitted to DWR by the January 30, 2025 deadline. The Periodic Evaluation and appendices can be viewed at: <https://www.ssjwd.org/gsp5yeareval>.
- B. Rate Study Update: SCI Consulting will present an update on the Rate Study at the January 22, 2025 meeting that will include the consumptive groundwater use baseline (consumptive groundwater use by crop type for rate calculation), preliminary rate scenarios by extractor category (domestic, agricultural/commercial, and water system) based on various budget scenarios, and the timeline of a potential Prop 218. PBCC Staff

recommends budget scenario 3A – an average annual budget of \$4.3 million over the next five years – as the preferred rate structure to be used to complete the study. The proposed budget would cover critical operating expenses related to ongoing SGMA reporting and compliance and does not include funding for supplemental water projects.

C. Multi-Use Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program Update: With assistance from Land IQ, PBCC Staff continues to work on defining the scope of the MILR Program.

D. Upcoming PBCC Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 4pm at Paso Robles Council Chambers

VII. Joint Powers Authority Agreement

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 4-party and 5-party JPA Agreements dated January 20, 2025. The JPA Agreements are subject to consideration and approval by individual Paso Robles Area Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. The underlined text in Section 6.8 of the 5-party JPA Agreement is a new proposed provision “requiring a 4/5 vote of the Board of Directors for: (1) approval of the annual budget and any amendment or adjustment thereto; (2) decisions related to the imposition of mandatory limitations on groundwater extractions; and (3) decisions related to requiring Member contributions beyond those identified in Section 7.1 to cover the cost of any budgeted costs not covered by extraction fees. In addition to the foregoing and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, including any provision related to voting thresholds for Board of Director action, any action by the Board of Directors shall further require the affirmative vote of at least two (2) of the three (3) Directors (or Alternate Directors) appointed by the County, the SSJWD and the EPCWD.” Other GSA partners have expressed concerns with this voting structure.

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

MOTION – Approve the 5-party Joint Powers Authority Agreement dated January 20, 2025 and further authorize Director Turrentine - SSJGSA’s representative on the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee - to make minor adjustments to the agreement to areas not affecting Agricultural interests, if needed, to accommodate concerns of the other GSAs.

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

Update from Subcommittee: None.

IX. Nominations for LAFCO Seats for Special District Members

SSJWD Directors are eligible to fill two open seats for special district members on the San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). One seat is for a two-year term set to expire in December 2026 and another seat that would serve through 2028. The nomination period closes on February 7, 2025. SSJWD Directors will not be running for the open seats.

X. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 9am. Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting may be moved to Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 9am.

IX. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:27am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
February 25, 2025