



# SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

## UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES March 27, 2024

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 27, 2024, at 9:00am at the Illy Lodge at Illy Sunnyslope Farms located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., 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

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President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Illy Sunnyslope Farms.

### II. Roll Call

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

Directors Absent: None.

### III. Public Comment

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No public comments received.

### IV. Consent Agenda

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

**MOTION – Approve the minutes from the March 27, 2024 Board meeting and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated March 22, 2024, as presented.**

### V. Update from Wagner & Bonsignore on Applications Submitted to the SWRCB

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Wagner & Bonsignore (W&B) was retained in April 2023 to review the materials submitted prior to April 2023 relating to pending water right Applications A033189 and A033190 and to assist Shandon San Juan Water District (SSJWD) with resolving issues that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) called “deficiencies” in the water right Applications. Diane Wagner, Water Resources Specialist at Wagner & Bonsignore, gave the following update.

#### July 7, 2023 Meeting with W&B, SWRCB, SSJWD

SWRCB identified three main concerns with the Applications:

1. Scope—The project was not clearly defined. How does the applicant intend to take control of the water?
2. Access—Issues pertaining to right of access have not been resolved.
3. Water Availability—SSJWD (Applicant) has not demonstrated in a satisfactory manner that water is available. The Application(s) should include a preliminary water availability analysis (WAA) that demonstrates in a sampling of years, water is legally available. The analysis should consider downstream rights and instream needs.

SWRCB asked Wagner & Bonsignore to prepare a work-plan demonstrating how SSJWD intends to obtain information needed to satisfy SWRCB and a timeline for doing so.

### **September 6, 2023**

Wagner & Bonsignore Submitted a Proposed Work Plan for Application(s) A033189 and A033190 to SWRCB for review and comment.

- Separate Work Plan submitted for each Application
- Goal: Application(s) accepted and issued for public notice so that Applicant can further plan and develop their Project
- Deliverable: Response (in report form) to SWRCB's most recent deficiency letter for each Application
- Time Needed to Prepare Reports/Response: 12 Months

### **Next Steps for W&B**

- Meet with SWRCB Staff to discuss work plan and obtain go-ahead
- Modify work-plan as requested by SWRCB (if necessary)
- Prepare estimate of costs/budget and begin work described in work-plan

### **VI. Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC)**

- A. PBCC DRAFT Budget: The PBCC has developed a draft expense budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25 totaling \$600,000. SSJGSA's portion is 20.2% totaling \$121,200. On March 27, 2024, the PBCC will consider passing a motion to recommend individual Paso Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) approve the FY 2024-2025 PBCC budget.
- B. Update on Cost of Service Rate Study RFP: The RFP was issued on January 12, 2024, a pre-proposal meeting was held on January 31, 2024, and responses were due February 23, 2024. Interviews with select firms took place on March 21, 2024.
- C. Update on Governance Structure: The PBCC is considering developing a more robust MOA with project specific JPAs when appropriate.
- D. Update on SGMA GSP Round 1 Grant Implementation: The grant funds continue to be utilized to implement the GSP. Funds must be spent by April 2025.
- E. Satellite-Based Evapotranspiration (ET) Methodology for Agricultural Water Use Estimates: The PBCC will consider a one-year contract with Land IQ to estimate agricultural water use using a satellite-based evapotranspiration methodology.
- F. Alluvial Monitoring Wells RFP: The Design and Construction Services Consultant RFP was issued in January 2024. Proposals were due on February 9, 2024.
- G. Expanding Monitoring Network RFP: The RFP covers landowner access agreement acquisition support services, but not monitoring costs. Landowner permission will be required to bring these wells into the monitoring network. The selected consultant would work with landowners to gain access to these properties for monitoring purposes. Proposals are currently under review by the Selection Committee.
- H. DWR Periodic Evaluation: The PBCC is considering directing staff to develop an RFP to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plan periodic evaluation and submit to DWR by January 30, 2025. The estimated budget is \$300,000. It is anticipated that costs will be shared among GSAs in accordance with the cost percentages established in the MOA.
- I. Next PBCC Meeting: March 27, 2024 @ 4pm.

### **VII. LAFCO File No. 1-R-24 Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation No. 1 to SSJWD**

In a letter dated February 26, 2024, LAFCO advised SSJWD that an application was filed with LAFCO on February 22, 2024 to annex property into SSJWD sphere of influence. The proposed project includes an annexation of approximately 3,946.75 acres of property into the Shandon-San Juan Water District. The property is located in the unincorporated area of the County at 3425 Truesdale Road in rural Shandon.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

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The next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 is cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 22, 2024 at 9am. The Board directed SSJWD Secretary to schedule a special joint meeting with Estrella-El Pomar-Creston GSA to discuss the next steps in GSP implementation in late May/early June.

**IX. Adjourn**

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President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:42am.

**Accepted:**

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary  
May 22, 2024