



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES November 20, 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, November 20, 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 9:03am on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

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. Consent Agenda

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 September 25, 2024 and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report dated November 15, 2024, as presented.

V. Director’s Reports

A. WRAC – The Water Resources Advisory Committee met on November 7, 2024. The WRAC received a presentation from the Coastal San Luis RCD and the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD regarding the Mobile Irrigation Lab program.

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 is encouraged to review and provide input. The public comment period is November 15, 2024 through December 20, 2024. The Periodic Evaluation and appendices can be viewed at: <https://www.ssjwd.org/gsp5yeareval>

B. Blended Irrigation Water Supply Project: Water Systems Consulting (WSC) presented the draft preliminary engineering report at the September 25, 2024 PBCC meeting. A significant cost investment is required to achieve the project’s goals. At the November 20, 2024 PBCC meeting, SWC will present updates on the project scope and budget, next steps, and timeline. It is anticipated that the public comment period for the report will open in mid-December 2024.

C. Rate Study: 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). The five-year budget continues to be discussed at the PBCC Staff level and fine-tuned. SCI Consulting will present an update to the PBCC at the special meeting on December 16, 2024. The study is anticipated to be complete by January 2025.

EPCGSA submitted a comment letter, dated November 14, 2024, to the PBCC regarding the five-year budget included in the Rate Study. EPCGSA encouraged PBCC staff to re-evaluate the budget structure to focus on Administrative costs, scale back the Projects and Management actions section, and exclude projects such as the Blended Water Project, State Water Project and MILR Program.

D. Governance Structure: County legal counsel continues to work on drafting a Joint Powers Agreement that, if adopted by the individual GSAs, would supplant the current MOA that governs the PBCC. The PBCC will receive an update at the special meeting scheduled for December 16, 2024.

E. Upcoming PBCC Meetings

- Regular PBCC Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 4pm at Paso Robles Council Chambers
- Special PBCC Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 2pm at Paso Robles Culinary Arts Academy
- PBCC Town Hall Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:30pm at Paso Robles Culinary Arts Academy

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

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 and is planning to schedule a follow up meeting with the City of San Luis Obispo.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 9am.

IX. Adjourn

President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 10:03am.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
January 22, 2025