



SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

SHANDON-SAN JUAN GSA

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) and Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 9am utilizing a virtual meeting format. The agenda and all supporting documents were posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>. Both telephone and electronic screen share options were made available to the public.

I. Call to Order

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:05am. and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

II. Roll Call

The following directors were present, constituting a quorum for the transaction of business.

Directors Present:	Willy Cunha	Steve Sinton
	Marshall Miller	Matt Turrentine
	Kevin Peck	

Others Present:	Mike Ahumada, Sunview Vineyards
	Stephanie Bertoux, SSJWD Secretary/Treasurer
	Brent Burchett, SLO County Farm Bureau
	Mike Dawson, Solterra Strategies
	Randy Diffenbaugh, SSJWD Staff
	Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge
	John Hollenbeck, Hollenbeck Consulting
	Nate Page, GSI Water Solutions
	Jerry Reaugh, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District
	Ray Shady, Grapevine Capital Partners
	Stacie Ann Silva, New Current Water and Land
	Paul Sorensen, GSI Water Solutions

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2021
- B. Treasurer's Report dated March 11, 2021

MOTION – Approve the Consent Agenda as presented

It was **MOVED** by Director Sinton, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

V. Directors' Reports

- A. PBCC Meeting – Director Turrentine reported that the next PBCC meeting will take place on March 17, 2021. The Water Year 2020 Annual Report is on the agenda and will be discussed.
- B. WRAC Stormwater Capture Sub-Committee – Director Sinton reported that WRAC Stormwater Sub-Committee met and discussed opportunities to engage the County on groundwater recharge. Planning is underway for a virtual community workshop.

VI. Water Year 2020 Annual Report

Nate Page and Paul Sorensen from GSI Water Solutions provided a brief overview of the draft Water Year 2020 Annual Report. Nate Page pointed out that Water Years 1981-2016 use a ground water model that was updated as part of the GSP while Water Years 2017-2020 use a different method. These two methods will be reconciled and updated at the five-year reporting mark. The GSP noted numerous data gaps in the representative monitoring sites that result in the data extrapolated being based on assumptions. The key is to expand the monitoring network to accurately evaluate water levels with additional data points. SSJWD suggested that the Water Year 2020 Annual Report state this issue with more clarity and will discuss this idea at the upcoming PBCC meeting.

VII. Electromagnetic Survey

Paul Sorensen of GSI Water Solutions reported that the results of the Paso Basin Aerial Groundwater Mapping Pilot Study (Pilot Study) will be presented at the Board of Supervisor's meeting in April 2021. The Pilot Study helps characterize the subsurface geology, structure, layering, and connectivity of the Paso Basin aquifer materials, providing a better understanding of where groundwater occurs and flows within the study area.

VIII. Water Rights Climate Change Staffing Report

Director Cunha provided a brief overview of the report and noted that the report is focused on surface water not groundwater. SSJWD will prepare a comment letter. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Miller and passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

MOTION – Authorize President Cunha to write a comment letter on the Water Rights Climate Change Staffing Report on behalf of the District with additional input from Director Sinton.

IX. SLO County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Water Management Tools Study

SSJWD Staff Randy Diffenbaugh reported that the Board of Supervisors will receive a presentation on water supply efforts in SLO County at their March 16, 2021 meeting. The documents are also posted at <https://www.ssjwd.org/agendas-minutes>. One particular option to note is the proposed State Water Project Contract Amendment that will provide SLO County with Water Management Tools (WMT) to address local water needs and develop water management strategies that maximize the yield of the State Water Project. Local needs include supply for emergency interties, resiliency during droughts, existing deficiencies in groundwater supplies, surface water/groundwater interaction minimum thresholds under SGMA.

X. Updated 2020 Bulletin 118

A draft of the latest version of the report, California's Groundwater - Update 2020 was publicly released on March 11, 2021. The publication defines the boundaries and describes the hydrologic characteristics of California's groundwater basins. California's Groundwater also provides information on groundwater management and recommendations for the future. SSJWD will prepare a comment letter. The following motion was made by Director Cunha, seconded by Director Sinton and passed with a 4-0 voice vote. Marshall Miller left the meeting early and did not vote on this item.

MOTION – Authorize President Cunha to write a comment letter on the Updated 2020 Bulletin 118 on behalf of the District with additional input from Director Sinton.

XI. Economic Impact Study Outreach

Mike Dawson from Solterra Strategies reviewed the latest outreach efforts that included continued work on the media outreach and growing the Ambassador and outreach contact lists. SSJWD was encouraged to review the list and provide input. Mike Dawson also reported that there is a webinar hosted by the Vintage Report titled The Economics of Water Savings on March 23, 2021 that is open to the public. The discussion will dive into the Cal Poly Economic Impact Report focused on the Paso Robles Basin.

XII. Report on Closed Session

The closed session began at 10:50am and ended at 12:02pm. In closed session, the Board has applied to the State Water Resources Control Board to divert unappropriated water from the Salinas River at Santa Margarita Lake and at the Nacimiento Reservoir Dam. The Board reports that it has authorized Board President, Willy Cunha, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee (NRWMAC). The Board has authorized legal counsel to enter into a common interest agreement with the NRWMAC.

XIII. Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on April 20, 2021. Being no further business, President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm.

Accepted:

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary
April 20, 2021