

Shandon San-Juan Water District
Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) was held in on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Illy Lodge, located at 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon, CA 93461. A virtual conference call option was also available to the Board as well as the public.

I. Call to Order

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. 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	Marshall Miller (teleconference)
	Kevin Peck	Steve Sinton (teleconference)
		Matt Turrentine (teleconference)

Others Present:	Randy Diffenbaugh, SSJWD Staff (teleconference)
	Paul Sorensen, GSI Water Solutions (teleconference)
	Mike Ahumada, Sunview Vineyards (teleconference)
	Jerry Reaugh, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (teleconference)

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2020
- B. Treasurer's Report dated March 12, 2020

MOTION – Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

V. Directors Reports

SSJWD's Directors reported the following:

- A. WRAC - Director Sinton reported that the next WRAC meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2020. One item on the agenda is to consider providing feedback to the County Department of Planning & Building on Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Proposal Ordinance Amendments. SSJWD will discuss and consider providing comments to the WRAC and the County Department of Planning & Building.

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- B. Stormwater Capture and Recharge Feasibility Study - Director Cunha reported that the Stormwater Capture and Recharge Feasibility Study is underway. A more detailed update will be provided at the Board meeting in April.

VI. Resolution 19-007: Additional Funds for Economic Impact Study

SSJWD reviewed and discussed Resolution 19-007 authorizing an additional payment of \$4,750 to complete the Economic Impact Study.

MOTION – Approve Resolution 19-007 as presented.

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

VII. GSP First Annual Report

With the submittal of the adopted Paso Robles Subbasin GSP by the January 31, 2020 deadline, the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are required to submit an annual report for the preceding Water Year (October 1 through September 30) to DWR by April 1, 2020. Director Cunha and Paul Sorensen, GSI Water Solutions, reviewed the draft annual report prepared by GSI Water Solutions dated February 26, 2020.

Relative to the basin conditions at the end of the study period as reported in the GSP, this draft First Annual Report (2017–2019) indicates an improvement in groundwater conditions throughout the Subbasin and a marked increase of total groundwater in storage. It is clear that historical groundwater pumping in excess of the sustainable yield has created challenging conditions for sustainable management. However, actions are already underway to collect data, improve the monitoring and data collection networks, and coordinate with affected agencies and entities throughout the Subbasin to develop solutions that address the shared mutual interest in the Subbasin’s overall sustainability goal.

VIII. Budget

Director Cunha reviewed the draft budget for SSJWD for FY 2020/21.

MOTION – Approve the FY 2020/21 budget as presented.

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

IX. LAFCo Agriculture Definitions, Guidelines, and Policies

LAFCo meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 has been canceled. This item was tabled and will be placed on a future agenda.

X. Ag Order 4.0

Director Cunha reviewed the key elements of Ag Order 4.0 and the Compliance Form.

<https://www.ssjwd.org/ag-order-4-0>

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MOTION – Director Cunha to prepare a short letter summarizing SSJWD’s comments on Ag Order 4.0 to be reviewed by the Board and submitted to the Central Coast Water Board by the June 20, 2020 deadline.

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

XI. County Agricultural Offset Ordinance

SSJWD discussed and agreed to provide feedback to the WRAC and the County Department of Planning & Building on Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Proposed Ordinance Amendments regarding updates to Paso Basin and Area of Severe Decline maps, a fallowing option for the Ag Offset Program, and clarifying the phrase “de minimis” in the Ag Offset Ordinance.

Points of discussion included:

- Fallowing: No issue with voluntary fallowing. The fallowing registration process should be easy for landowners with no time limit for how long fallowing can be implemented without losing any right to the use of groundwater under the ordinance.
- Off-site Offset: Offsets should be between closely located properties and never from an area of identified severe groundwater level decline (the “red zones”) to areas outside those areas.
- Area of Severe Decline Map: The data supporting the defined red zones are based on an inadequate number of monitoring wells measured only twice a year. Any definition of areas of severe decline needs to be fully supported by adequate data. SSJWD supports identifying and adding sufficient monitoring wells to be commenced immediately.
- Paso Robles Basin Map: Should be revised to match 118 Boundary.
- De Minimis Definition: SSJWD supports limiting new use under the County Land Use Ordinance for commercial irrigation to 5 acre feet.

MOTION – Director Sinton to draft a summary of the District’s comments on the County’s Water Neutral New Development Phase 1.5 Proposed Ordinance Amendments to be reviewed by the Board and then sent to the WRAC and County Department of Building & Planning.

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

XII. Implementing the GSP

The GSP noted numerous data gaps in the current RMS network. The SSJWD GSA Board has begun the process during the implementation phase of the GSP to identify existing wells that can be added to the network, or if needed to construct new wells for the network. SSJWD is committed to assisting the County in identifying and securing access to existing wells as needed for these monitoring purposes. As a start to this effort, the following motion was made.

MOTION - Direct District Staff to work with GSI Water Solutions to create a proposal for improving data collection and increasing the number of monitoring wells to present at the next Board meeting.

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

XIII. Adjourn

Being no further business, President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

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Accepted:

Will Cunha, President

Date

Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary

Date

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Treasurer's Report: March 13, 2020 – April 16, 2020

Date: April 16, 2020

To: Shandon-San Juan Water District Board of Directors

From: Stephanie Bertoux, District Secretary/Treasurer/Assessor

2019/20 Assessment

\$300,749.06 levied for 2019-20 Assessment on 07/25/19. Final due date for assessments was January 25, 2020. Final notices/invoices have been sent.

- \$284,017.09 collected to date for 2019/20 assessments
- \$16,731.97 in A/R for 2019/20 assessments; \$7,224.59 is from two landowners who wish to detach.

A/R from Previous Assessments

\$13,751.57 in accounts receivable from assessments for 2017/18 and 2018/19 FY.

- \$3,474.39 from 2017/18 Assessment
- \$10,277.18 from 2018/19 Assessment; \$7,224.59 is from two landowners who wish to detach.

Prop 1D Grant

On April 1, 2020, SSJWD received a check in the amount of \$199,367.07 for our portion of the Prop 1D grant reimbursement funds. This will be shown as a separate line item under income on the financial statements.

Expenses

Expenses for the period totaled \$41,407.51

Cash Position

After paying expenses, the District has a cash position of \$424,324.16