

**Shandon San-Juan Water District**  
**Shandon-San Juan Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 am 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.

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**I. Call to Order**

President Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and Secretary Stephanie Bertoux recorded the minutes.

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**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:	Randy Diffenbaugh, SSJWD Staff
	Nate Page, GSI Water Solutions
	Mike Ahumada, Sunview Vineyards
	Jerry Reaugh, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District
	Ray Shady, Grapevine Capital Partners
	Stacie Ann Silva, New Current Water & Land
	Stephanie Bertoux, SSJWD Secretary/Treasurer

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**III. Public Comment**

No public comment.

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**IV. Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda included:

- A. Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2020

**MOTION – Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

It was **MOVED** by Director Miller, seconded by Director Turrentine, and carried by a 4-0 roll call vote. Director Sinton arrived late to the meeting and did not vote on this item.

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### **V. Directors' Reports**

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- A. County Offset Ordinance: Director Sinton reported that the County's Offset Ordinance went before the Planning Commission on June 11, 2020 where he reviewed SSJWD's comment letter. In a unanimous vote, the Planning Commission recommended the County look at extending the fallowing program for a longer period and recommended against adjusting the red zone areas. The Board of Supervisors will review the ordinance amendments at a meeting on Aug. 18.
- B. Ag Order 4.0: Director Cunha reminded the group that the comment period for Ag Order 4.0 closes on June 20, 2020. Director Cunha will send five previously approved comments letters on behalf of the District. The letters are posted on SSJWD's website.
- The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin should have a separate designation under Ag Order 4.0
  - Wine grapes deserve a separate management category under Ag Order 4.0
  - The Riparian protection built into Ag Order 4.0 contains significant overreach
  - Comments on the process used to develop Ag Order 4.0
  - Inadequate economic analysis done as part of Ag Order 4.0

### **VI. SLO County Data Management System**

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Mike Cornelius, Principal Geologist at GEI Consultants, is working with the County to develop a Data Management System for implementation of the GSP. SSJWD would like to develop a similar system. Mike Cornelius presented an overview of the system's capabilities. The highlights included:

- Groundwater Levels
  - Supplemental groundwater level data
  - Groundwater level contours
  - Well completion reports
- Groundwater Storage
  - Water quality
  - Land subsidence
  - Interconnected surface water
  - Hydrogeological conceptual models
  - Boundaries

### **VII. District's Budget for FY 2020/21**

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Director Cunha and Treasurer Stephanie Bertoux reviewed the draft budget for fiscal year 2020/21. Expenses within the budget are separated into two categories: 1) operating expenses and 2) GSP implementation which includes projects, studies, and research.

**MOTION – Approve the budget for fiscal year 2020/21 as presented.**

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

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### **VIII. SSJWD Assessment for FY 2020/21**

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SSJWD's current assessment levels are: \$25/irrigated acre; \$0.11 for non-irrigated; and \$7.50 for residences. The District's "De minimus" level is \$25.00. "De minimus" is defined as any parcel (or in the case of a landowner owning multiple parcels the collective parcels owned) where the total amount levied is less than \$25.00. The Board discussed the levels and desired to keep them at the same rates for fiscal year 2020/21.

**MOTION – Set the Assessment levels for FY 2020/21 at \$25 per irrigated acre, \$0.11 per non-irrigated acre, \$7.50 for each residence and keep the "de minimus" level at \$25.**

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

A formal resolution to authorize the levy and collection of assessments for FY 2020/21 will be brought before the Board at the next meeting scheduled for July 15, 2020.

### **IX. Consider Allocating Funds to Specific Projects and Data Collection Efforts**

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At the May 19, 2020 meeting, the Board discussed the need to allocate funds within the District's budget for specific projects and data collection efforts for implementation of the GSP and authorized a Board designated fund in the amount of \$200,000. The line item was included in the budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 approved under Agenda Item VII above.

### **X. Flood Water Capture and Recharge Feasibility Study**

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Nate Page, GSI Water Solutions, reviewed the Technical Memorandum for the Flood Water Capture and Recharge Feasibility Study dated June 12, 2020. The document is posted on SSJWD's website. Phase 1 of the study evaluated the five most promising recharge target areas in the Paso Robles Basin based on readily available regional data in the study area. Phase 1 conclusions regarding the five target areas include:

- Target Areas 1 and 2 have the most available stormwater but the lesser physical capacity to percolated water compared to the other target areas.
- Target Areas 3 and 4 have lesser available storm water but have greater physical capacity to percolate water compared to Areas 1 and 2, but the inverse is true compared to target area 5.
- Target Area 5 has very little of available stormwater flows but has the greater physical capacity to percolate water compared to the other target areas.

SSJWD would like to better understand the process and costs to begin development of a test recharge site in Target Areas 3 and 4. This would move the concept forward to better quantify the actual recharge potential and determine what approach is needed to capture the stormwater at these specific locations. It also positions the District to be more shovel ready should a new grant opportunity arise.

**MOTION – Request a proposal from GSI Water Solutions for site specific project development for Target Areas 3 and 4 including project cost and availability of grants, permitting and regulatory requirements.**

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

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### **XI. SSJWD Monitoring Network & Data Collection Process**

At the May 5, 2020 meeting, the Board authorized SSJWD staff to begin the effort to reach out to landowners within the District to collect well data that will help establish a monitoring network that charts the water levels in differing areas. On May 15, 2020, the District sent a letter requesting that landowners fill out the Well Information Table and return it to the District by June 1, 2020. This data will be held and studied initially at the District Level.

An agreement between well owners and SSJWD will need to be executed and on file for each well. The agreement should include provisions for confidentiality and indemnity/hold harmless clauses. Director Cunha and SSJWD Staff Randy Diffenbaugh will consult with the District's legal counsel to draft an agreement to bring back to the Board for review and approval.

Once an agreement has been finalized between SSJWD and well owners, the District will consider contracting with a third party to measure accurate GPS coordinates, elevations, and initial water levels for each well to be used in the network. It was recommended by SSJWD Staff that well levels should be read monthly until a method for automatic reading/recording is established. SSJWD Staff will proceed with gathering quotes for manual readings.

### **IX. Adjourn**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on July 21, 2020. Being no further business, President Cunha adjourned the meeting at 11:24am.

#### **Accepted:**

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Will Cunha, President

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Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary

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