Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

June 24, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Ray Shady, Alternate	Shandon-San Juan Water District GSA
Hilary Graves, *Vice Chair*	Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District GSA
John Hamon	City of Paso Robles GSA
Bruce Gibson	County of San Luis Obispo

Staff:
Claire Collins, Legal Counsel
Taylor Blakslee, Executive Director

1. **Call to Order**
   Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA) Vice Chair Hilary Graves called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Graves.

3. **Roll Call**
   Mr. Blakslee called roll (shown above).

4. **Meeting Protocols**
   Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the meeting protocols.

   Public Comments: Greg Grewal.

   Legal Counsel Claire Collins clarified the Brown Act reporting requirements.

5. **Consent Agenda**
   Mr. Blakslee reported that the consent agenda includes May 27, 2026, minutes and May 2026 financial report for consideration for approval.

   Director Graves opened the floor for public comment.

   Public Comments: Greg Grewal, Dale Augstine, Murray Powell, Will Mulcahy.

   Director Graves closed the floor for public comment.

   MOTION
   Director Gibson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Hamon and it passed unanimously.

6. **Action Items**

   a. **Approve Staff Recommendations Regarding Landowner Fee Study Appeals**
   Mr. Blakslee provided an overview of the appeals process and reported that PRAGA received 30 appeals.

   Director Gibson asked whether the five non-technical submissions should be considered resolved. Legal Counsel Collins recommended approving the 12 staff-supported technical appeals, rejecting the five non-technical appeals, and returning the remaining 13 appeals to the Board in July after additional review and landowner outreach.

   Director Graves opened the floor for public comment.

   Public Comments: Jon Cagliero, Greg Grewal, Dale Augustine, Will Mulcahy, Darcia Stebbens, Murray Powell.

   Director Graves closed the floor for public comment.

   MOTION
   Director Gibson moved to approve the staff recommendation for 12 appeals as shown in the packet, and the rejection of those other five non-technical appeals as presented by staff, and direct staff to continue discussions with the remaining 13 landowners and return with recommendation in July. The motion was seconded by Director Hamon. A roll call was made and the motion passed unanimously.

AYES:	Gibson, Graves, Hamon, Shady
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None

   b. **Authorize Staff to Negotiate a Loan Agreement with Shandon San Juan Water District for Short-Term Gap Funding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**
   Mr. Blakslee reported on the need for short-term gap funding until groundwater fee revenues are received through the property tax roll. Staff requested authorization to negotiate a $300,000 loan agreement with the Shandon San Juan Water District and noted that a reserve policy would be brought forward to reduce future cash flow gaps.

   Legal Counsel Collins summarized the proposed loan terms.

   Directors discussed structuring the agreement as a line of credit, if feasible, to avoid borrowing more than needed.

   Public Comments: Dale Augstine, Greg Grewal, Will Mulcahy, Darcia Stebbens, Murray Powell, Jon Cagliero.

   MOTION
   Director Gibson moved to approve staff recommendation, to authorize staff to negotiate an agreement with Shandon San Juan Water District to secure gap funding

for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and bring that agreement to the Board for approval at the July 22, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Hamon. A roll call was made and the motion passed unanimously.

AYES:	Gibson, Graves, Hamon, Shady
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None

7. Public Comments – Items not on the Agenda

Director Graves opened the floor for public comments.

Public Comments: Greg Grewal, Dale Augstine, Marshall Miller, Murray Powell, Bill Mulcahy, Kurt.

8. Director Comments / Future Agenda

Staff noted plans to develop a multi-year strategic implementation plan for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and present it to the Board at a future meeting.

9. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Blakslee reported that scheduled meeting is on July 22, 2026.

10. Adjourn at 5:17 p.m.