

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Special Meeting

**Thursday, January 20, 2022
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Teleconference Meeting Only

Teleconference Link: <https://stantec.zoom.us/j/93541056999>

Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 935 4105 6999

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM.

Roll call found the following Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SMGA)
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) representatives present via teleconference:

- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA
- Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County
- Ryan Alameda, Stewart Tract
- Greg Young, BBID
- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA

Other attendees:

- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Glenn Prasad, San Joaquin County
- Jackson Cook, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Kirsten Pringle, Stantec
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House Community Services District

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval to Extend Resolution Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the COVID-19 State of Emergency, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act – *Action Item*

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Lea Emmons

SECONDER: Matt Zidar

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- B. Approval of December 16 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Matt Zidar

SECONDER: Ryan Alameda

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Greg Young

- C. Outreach Update – *Discussion Item*

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, provided an overview of the SGMA-related outreach and engagement conducted in the Tracy Subbasin. The Tracy Subbasin GSAs have been contacting adjacent basins as a part of their interbasin coordination efforts. A meeting was held with the San Luis-Delta Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) from the Northern Central GSP region of the Delta Mendota subbasin on January 7, 2022.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss interbasin flows and general data sharing and coordination. Both the Tracy and Delta-Mendota subbasins are planning to use DWR's technical support services to aid with the installation of

monitoring wells at the basin's shared boundary to help address data gaps. No formal agreement between the groups will be constructed, and all meetings going forward will be conducted on an as-needed basis. The next step in these coordination efforts is for Richard Shatz, GEI, to receive subsidence data and coordinate with the SLDMWA on the locations of the proposed monitoring wells.

D. Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budgeting Process and Schedule – *Discussion Item*

The Tracy Subbasin GSAs have created a new annual budgeting process and schedule. It was previously suggested that the GSAs adopt a five-year budget schedule; however, an annual schedule is now proposed. In this plan, the fiscal year begins in July and new budgets will be adopted each June for the following fiscal year. While this year's budgeting schedule and process has been compressed to accommodate current needs, moving forward the GSAs will have from November to June each year to develop, review, and finalize the following year's budget.

For the current year, it is anticipated that the schedule will proceed as follows: March 1, estimated date for release of annual report for review by the Tracy GSAs; March 24, date for adoption of annual report at a regularly scheduled Coordination Committee meeting; April 1, deadline to submit the annual report to DWR; and June 23, date for adoption of the Fiscal Year 22 budget at a regularly scheduled GSA meeting.

Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA, and Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA, noted the processes for budget adoptions at their respective cities. Both mentioned the need for documentation to help explain the GSA's budgeting process and schedule to their city councils at their own budget meetings.

Mr. Gibson asked if the five-year budgets had costs smoothed out or average over the five-year period. Mr. Shatz confirmed that the five-year budget included averaged costs.

Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County, asked if the annual costs are different from the reserve costs. Mr. Shatz responded that the five-years costs are averaged. Mr. Zidar suggested including reserve funding in the budget for unexpected costs.

Mr. Gibson asked if DWR had comments on the GSP that required revisions, whether the budget includes funding to update the GSP. Mr. Shatz responded

that funding to respond to DWR comments was included in the five-year averaged budget. Mr. Gibson requested an estimate of costs to update the GSP according to DWR comments. Mr. Gibson also suggested including a reserve fund in the budget for unforeseen costs.

E. Approval of Scope and Budget for GSP Implementation Technical Support –
Action Item

Mr. Shatz provided an overview of modifications to the scope and budget from the previous version. The scope and budget now includes procurement of data regarding the estimation of groundwater extraction, as needed, for the annual report; Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) coordination and support; and a breakdown of costs by GSA.

Mr. Zidar asked whether the cost by GSA is based on the cost allocation methodology, and Mr. Shatz confirmed that was correct.

Mr. Gibson asked what DWR was doing with the AEM data and whether the data would be used to update the C2VSIM Model. Mr. Shatz responded that the data could be used in the five-year GSP update. Jackson Cook, DWR, stated that he would follow-up with DWR staff regarding whether AEM data would be used to update the Model.

Mr. Gibson asked whether the ET data is from satellite data, and Mr. Shatz confirmed that was correct.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Lea Emmons

SECONDER: Greg Young

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Greg Young

F. Greater San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Group –
Discussion Item

Glenn Prasad, San Joaquin County, provided an overview of the Greater San Joaquin County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM), their ongoing and completed work, and a potential expansion to cover the Tracy Subbasin. He noted that the IRWM Group used to be run by the Groundwater Banking Authority, which included the City of Lathrop along with a number of other agencies. A new Committee was formed, but the footprint of the old IRWM Group was grandfathered in.

Mr. Gibson asked if members of the Tracy Subbasin would also be paying for Zone 2 funding, if the portion of Zone 2 funding going towards the IRWM would only be paid by individuals in the IRWM area, and if the Zone 2 costs would rise if Tracy Subbasin GSAs decided to join the IRWM region. Mr. Prasad responded that, no, costs would not rise. Costs would be funded by Zone 2 and not limited to parcels only within the IRWM areas; the previous IRWM Plan was funded through Zone 2; and the group always planned to expand its operations, including into the Tracy subbasin region.

Mr. Gibson asked if the Paradise Cut project would be included or funded through in the IRWM Plan. Mr. Prasad responded that Paradise Cut was not included in IRWMP funding and that it was mostly funded with RCD and grant funding.

Mr. Gibson asked about the status of the City of Lathrop's involvement with the IRWM. Mr. Prasad stated that the City of Lathrop is not in the IRWM Group at this time.

Mr. Gibson asked what the next steps would be for the Tracy Subbasin GSAs to join the Greater San Joaquin IRWM Group. Mr. Prasad noted that he would initiate contact with DWR, seek a proposal to identify the best path forward, and proceed in coordination with all parties to keep the integration into the IRWM as seamless as possible. He noted that membership was open, optional, and that not all of the Tracy Subbasin GSAs needed to join if they didn't feel it was a good fit for them.

III. Public Comments

No additional comments were provided.

IV. Agency Comments

Mr. Zidar stated the Memorandum of Understanding would be going to the San Joaquin County board in February.

Mr. Shatz requested that the GSAs forward him the notification that went out to the public saying that each GSA intended to adopt the GSP.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting – January 20, 2021

The next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting will be held on February 17, 2023.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Pringle adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm.