

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday June 15, 2023

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

FINAL MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM. Roll call found the following Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SMGA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) representatives for the Tracy Subbasin (Tsb) present via teleconference for the regular Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Coordination Committee (Committee) meeting:

- John Chapman, Stewart Tract GSA
- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA
- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- Ed Pattison, Byron Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
- Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA

Other attendees:

- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Greg Young
- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Molly Dimick

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of the May 18 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Greg Gibson

SECONDER: Lea Emmons

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSENT: David Weisenberger (absent at time of vote)

ABSTAIN: None

B. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates

- i. City of Lathrop – The City’s ASR well project was approved for funding through DWR’s Urban and Multi Benefit Drought Relief Grant Program with total project funding equaling \$4.5M in grant funds and \$1.5M in local cost share.
- ii. City of Tracy – Nothing to report.
- iii. BBID – The District is working on getting up to speed with its data collection relevant to groundwater sampling. It was noted that domestic and static wells in the area are difficult to measure for a number of reasons, and thus, the District is hoping to eliminate those types of wells from their data collection in the future. Otherwise, the District is largely focused on irrigation efforts at the moment.
- iv. San Joaquin County – The County adopted their budget for the next fiscal year. The County is still looking to integrate the data management systems for the Tracy and Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins in order to optimize the collection and reporting of data. Additionally, the Corral Hollow Pit Project is still a topic of discussion. The County is conducting scoping efforts for the projects and discussing its potential with interested parties. The project is believed to have substantial long-term water supply

benefits. As such, the County is planning to review funding opportunities to help progress the project.

- v. Stewart Tract – Nothing to report.
- vi. BCID – The District was recently awarded \$10M out of the \$14M needed to implement their Pipeline Extension Project through Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Funding.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. FY 23/24 Budget – *Action Item*

- i. Mr. Shatz reviewed the finalized budget and GEI's work proposal for the next fiscal year inclusive of comments and edits requested by the GSAs in previous Committee meetings. In order to develop the budget, Mr. Shatz averaged the total costs over three of years so that the final budget would be consistent from year to year. Some of Mr. Shatz notes while reviewing the budget with the GSAs included: GEI was now fulfilling some of the relevant regulatory requirements in house, which reduced costs to the GSAs; there were two dry wells within the Subbasin that were mitigated by fixing issues with the wells' pumps; and there has been no determination made on the Tracy GSP as of yet, but the level of effort was unknown at this time should the GSAs need to conduct additional work on the GSP. Additionally, Mr. Young requested clarity on how the shares of the Zone 2 funds were calculated. Mr. Shatz stated that he believed it was weighted but would need to double check. Mr. Young replied that going forward, he believed the Zone 2 contributions should be determined by groundwater pumping rather than acreage, but that was a conversation needing to be had separately from the current one. The GSAs voted unanimously to approve the budget and GEI's proposal, which were noted in detail within the PowerPoint presentation included in the meeting packet.

2. TSS Update – *Discussion Item*

- i. Mr. Shatz explained DWR's process for funding TSS efforts did not include an actual exchange of money. DWR would, instead,

be directly funding the work and the Subbasin would be receiving well drilling services costing approximately \$1M.

3. Groundwater Conditions – *Discussion Item*

- i. No discussion at this time.

4. AEM Surveys – *Discussion Item*

- i. The Airborne Electromagnetic Survey datasets for the Tracy region are currently available in the California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Portal.

D. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

- i. Eastern San Joaquin – *Matt Zidar*

- a. No updates provided at this time.

- ii. Delta Mendota – *Lea Emmons*

- a. No updates provided at this time.

- iii. East Contra Costa – *Greg Young*

- a. Mr. Young reported that the East Contra Costa Subbasin was currently submitting an application for grant funding to support modeling efforts.

E. 2023 Public Workshop – *Discussion Item*

1. The public workshop planning and promotion is on schedule with the workshop slated to occur the evening of June 29. Multiple rounds of emails to those subscribed to the Subbasin's interested parties database have gone out and will continue to be sent leading up to the workshop. It has also been posted about on the Tracy Subbasin website, the websites of the Cities of Tracy and Lathrop, and included in the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau's weekly e-newsletter.

F. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

1. DWR would like to see high frequency data submitted regularly. DWR is also sharing their drought funding dashboard for the GSAs information and are encouraging its use.

III. Public Comments

No additional comments.

IV. Agency Comments

No additional comments.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for September 21, 2023

No additional comments.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 PM.