

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday April 18, 2024
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

A. Call the Meeting to Attention and Conduct Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:03 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:

- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA
- John Chapman, Stewart Tract GSA
- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- Greg Young, Byron Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
- Bob Granberg and Alex Chetley, San Joaquin County GSA

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- George Hartman

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of the March 21 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*.

Result: Approve

Mover: David Weisenberger

Seconded: Lea Emmons

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Absent: Ed Pattison

Abstain: None

Notes/Edits: The minutes are approved with no additional edits requested.

- B. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates
 - City of Tracy: No GSA updates to share.
 - City of Lathrop: No GSA updates to share.
 - BBID: Absent
 - BCID: The District is still progressing through the engineering work supporting the pipeline extension.
 - San Joaquin County: The County has been monitoring groundwater levels since 1971. For the 2023 water years, there were 25 monitoring wells that contributed to that year's readings of groundwater levels. A report denoting outcomes of the previous water year stated that groundwater levels for all except one of those wells that risen approximately 10 feet. That report is available on the County website.
 - Stewart Tract: No GSA updates to share.

- C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. WY23 Annual Report Submittal – *Discussion Item*
 - The annual report was submitted on March 29, 2024. DWR will be reviewing the report for completion and comparison to the

Subbasin's Sustainability Goal. As suggested by DWR in their latest guidance, the hydrographs that will be included in next year's report will take into account all monitoring wells, not just representative monitoring wells. This was not done this year due to timing and level of effort needed but is likely to be more feasible next year as the previous three-step download process has been reduced to a less arduous effort. The Committee should anticipate receiving comments back from DWR on the Annual Report around July of this year.

2. TSS Update – *Discussion Item*

- The Tracy Subbasin is receiving six new monitoring wells with funding provided by DWR. Permitting approvals have been a challenge but the Subbasin and DWR are navigating those challenges together. Mr. Emmons plans to send a follow up communication to DWR regarding the well within the City of Tracy's jurisdiction soon.
- MW -204 is complete. MW-201 is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed next week. Corcoran clay has been found; it likely will be found when MW-202—which is slated to be 70 feet—is drilled as well. This will inform how extensive the layer is within the Subbasin. Signatures from DWR are still needed for MW-101.

D. Budget Development – *Discussion Item*

- The timeline covered within the budget is July 1 through June 30, and it must be adopted by the Committee each June. The current cost allocation spreadsheet informing the budget will need to be updated with the final groundwater pumping numbers included in the Annual Report and should be available for Committee digestion by the next meeting.
- The majority of the line items will stay the same as compared to the previous year's budget; however, some changes or additions currently include:
 - Increased costs for TSS assistance
 - Documentation support for the Periodic Evaluation

- GSP Plan Amendment (5-yr update)
- Reintegration of costs previously set aside to support GSA response to DWR for an incomplete or inadequate determination on the GSP (which is not needed as the Tracy Subbasin GSP was approved)
- A line item unable to be determined at this time is whether or not the Subbasin will need support for a Plan Amendment or a Periodic Evaluation of the GSP; this will be determined by whether any significant or material changes have occurred.
- Mr. Shatz will break down all of the additional support that may be needed in a manner that specifically addresses all of the corrective actions noted in DWR’s determination letter. The determination letter will be re-sent out to the group.
- GEI and Stantec will provide proposals for the anticipated services needed for the next fiscal year.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

- i. Eastern San Joaquin – *Alex Chetley*
 - a. The Subbasin is currently working on their well mitigation program as well as their next budget.
- ii. Delta Mendota – *Lea Emmons*
 - a. Northern and Central Mendota will be hosting a tour next week.
- iii. East Contra Costa – *Ed Pattison*
 - a. No updates presented this meeting.

F. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

- No updates presented this meeting.

III. Public Comments

A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured Within the Agenda From Members of the Public In Attendance

- No comments presented at this time.

IV. Agency Comments

A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured Within the Agenda From GSA Representatives

- No comments presented at this time.

V. **Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for May 16, 2024**

A. Confirm Group Availability

- No conflicts with the meeting time or date noted at this time.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:13 PM.