

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday May 16, 2024

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

FINAL MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

A. Call the Meeting to Attention and Conduct Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:04 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
- Ed Pattison, Byron Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
- Alex Chetley, Bob Granberg, and Ashley Couch, San Joaquin County GSA

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Jonah Sonner, City of Lathrop
- Kelly Wright, La Force
- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House

II. Scheduled Items

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

Result: Approve

Mover: Greg Gibson

Seconded: Lea Emmons

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Absent: None

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: The City's ASR well project continues to move forward. They have reached the 30% stage of their basic design report. They will begin working on specifications next.
 - BBID: The District does not use very much groundwater, but they do assist with groundwater monitoring efforts. Mr. Shatz is using a well in the District's jurisdiction to monitor groundwater levels. The well is seeing significant recovery to the point that the District's agricultural customers are using it.
 - BCID: No GSA updates to share.
 - San Joaquin County: A monitoring well west of Interstate 5 has been approved. The funding originally secured for it fell through, but the County reallocated Prop 1 funds to it to keep things moving.
 - Stewart Tract: No GSA updates to share.
2. San Joaquin County: Ashley Couch Introduction – *Discussion Item*
 - Mr. Couch has been hired to replace Matt Zidar as Water Resources Manager for the County. He has over 31 years of

experience in the water industry and is looking forward to learning more about the complexities of California water as he grows within his role and collaborates with the group.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. TSS Update – *Discussion Item*

- Efforts to install the wells scoped with support of DWR's Technical Support Services Program continues. Aside from bolstering the monitoring well network, this effort will also allow GEI to confirm how far the Corcoran Clay layer extends within the Subbasin, particularly around the non-delta area. Three wells have been completed, and the City of Tracy is coordinating with their general counsel to sign an agreement with DWR for another well.

D. Budget Development – *Discussion Item*

- The budget for the 24-25 Fiscal Year is organized by expenses and revenue. The group is approximately \$31k over budget with regard to TSS efforts; however, with the reallocation of previously allocated funds and some items being under budget, that overage evens out within the context of the overall budget.
- In planning for the next budget, two major considerations are the Subbasin's response to the corrective actions identified within DWR's Determination Letter for the Tracy Subbasin as well as what type of document the next iteration of the GSP will need to be. The GSAs will need to prepare a Periodic Evaluation or a Plan amendment. The determiner for this is if the changes being made in response to changing groundwater conditions and/or the corrective actions are found to be substantial or material by Subbasin legal counsel.
- Mr. Shatz has broken down the corrective actions into scheduled tasks within GEI's proposed scope of work for the 24-25 Fiscal Year.
- Mr. Gibson noted that Mountain House is becoming a city soon and asked if that would change anything. Mr. Shatz stated that the GSP would need to be updated to reflect them as such and whether or not they would continue to use BBID as a water source. Mr. Shareghi confirmed they would continue to use BBID for now.

- Mr. Gibson also asked if there were any increased costs. Mr. Shatz responded that there was some increase as the City of Lathrop's population has risen approximately 5-6%, and the City of Tracy's population had risen approximately 1% since the previous budget's creation.
- Stantec's tasks are the same as scoped in previous fiscal years and focuses on Project Management, support for these Committee meetings, and Website Support. Mr. Weisenburger asked what Project Management was. Ms. Clark and Ms. Finnegan confirmed it was time for regular check in meetings with the County to plan for the Committee meetings and coordinate on other outreach and engagement efforts related to SGMA.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

i. Eastern San Joaquin – *Alex Chetley*

- a. Mr. Chetley informed the group that the Subbasin was looking to conduct some Interbasin Coordination Meetings, adopt a well mitigation program, and was moving forward with presenting about these topics to the Subbasin's Steering Committee. Mr. Pattison asked where funding for the well mitigation program came from. Mr. Granberg said he believed it was a combination of Groundwater Authority and GSA funds.

ii. Delta Mendota – *Lea Emmons*

- a. No GSA updates to share.

iii. East Contra Costa – *Ed Pattison*

- a. The Subbasin's Annual Report was submitted with no minimum threshold exceedances. They have completed Spring 2024 groundwater monitoring and uploaded their data to DWR. Their monitoring frequencies have risen.

F. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

- Mr. Brewster was not available during the time of the meeting, so he provided the GSAs with several updates and reminders via email. These updates included the DWR Spring 2024 GSA Forum, Groundwater Conditions Semi-Annual Update, DWR Resource Guide for Funding SGMA Implementation, and DWR's First Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water.

III. Public Comments

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

- No comments provided.

IV. Agency Comments

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

- No comments provided.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for June 20, 2024

- A. Confirm Group Availability

- No comments provided.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 4:11 PM