

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday June 20, 2024

3:00 PM to 4:30 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 3:04 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:

- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
- Jonah Sonner, City of Lathrop GSA
- Alex Chetley and Robert Granberg, San Joaquin County GSA
- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA
- Ed Pattison, Byron Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
- John Chapman, Stewart Tract GSA

Other Attendees Included:

- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Nicole Hinostroza, Stantec
- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House CSD
- George Hartman
- Karen Morgan
- Hamid Parsa

II. Scheduled Items

A. Approval of the May 16 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

- **Motion to Approve:** David Weisenberger
- **Seconded:** Robert Granberg
- **Ayes:** All
- **Noes:** None
- **Absent:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Result:** Motion Approved

B. Budget Finalization – *Action Items*

- GEI Proposal Approval
 - **Motion to Approve:** Ed Pattison
 - **Seconded:** Lea Emmons
 - **Ayes:** All
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Absent:** David Weisenberger
 - **Abstain:** None
 - **Result:** Motion Approved
- Stantec Proposal Approval
 - **Motion to Approve:** Lea Emmons
 - **Seconded:** Jonah Sonner
 - **Ayes:** All
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Absent:** David Weisenberger
 - **Abstain:** None
 - **Result:** Motion Approved
- Overall Budget Adoption
 - **Motion to Approve:** Lea Emmons
 - **Seconded:** Robert Granberg
 - **Ayes:** All
 - **Noes:** None
 - **Absent:** David Weisenberger
 - **Abstain:** None
 - **Result:** Motion Approved

C. GSA Status Updates – Round Robin Discussion

- Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates
 - Mr. Shatz presented a data table with minimum thresholds (MT) and minimum objectives (MO) of the Subbasin’s monitoring well

network. There are five wells that currently have missing information due to delays in receiving data and difficulties obtaining access to measure water levels.

- A DWR well has been dropped from the monitoring network as of about a year ago and will be replaced with new wells.
- One well (shallow aquifer well), located south, within the City of Tracy's jurisdiction has value above the MT and below MO. The group will need to assess what may be affecting water levels in the area.
 - There is also another well with values higher than MT and lower and MO that is located near the north side of the City of Tracy near a wastewater treatment plant.
 - Need to meet MT by 2027.
- Mr. Shatz stated that DWR has reviewed the Subbasin's annual report and noted that it "largely satisfied" requirements. He will look into setting up a meeting to determine what this means and where to improve for the GSP update and future reports.
 - Mr. Brewster can help with getting that inquiring started. Mr. Shatz will send him to forward to DWR. Mr. Granberg is willing to join that meeting and support the conversation.

D. GSP Implementation Updates

- TSS Update – Discussion Item
 - Mr. Shatz provided an update and stated that three new wells were in play. He is waiting for DWR to provide well completion reports and survey data and is working with the agency to improve QA/QC capabilities for the data. The well drilling rig will be back in the area in July to construct wells in the City of Tracy and Mountain House areas. We will need signed permits from driller by then, and Mr. Shatz will coordinate those with DWR.
 - Mr. Brewster also commented that they are waiting for new fiscal year to determine budget capabilities.
- Reflections From the GSA Forum – Discussion Item
 - Not discussed due to lack of time.
- Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Evaluations – Discussion Item

- Mr. Shatz provided a recap on the gaps in GDE data in the GSP. The purpose of the evaluation of the GDE gaps will be to improve identification of those ecosystems and close the data gap. The scope intends to look at minimum standard of 30 feet (depth of Oak tree rooting).
- The 2017 data collection efforts had more measurements of data so this year was used to project where GDEs are likely located. Most GDEs are located near surface water bodies. He gave the group the option of either stopping assessment here or paying to conduct further biological assessments to know endangered species status. The group consensus seemed to be in favor of receiving this information but unsure this group was the right body to do it. Mr. Shatz noted that other subbasins did conduct evaluations like this one, and it was around 2-3 months of work. He was unsure of the associated budget for conducting the work.
- Groundwater Quality Well Evaluation – Discussion Item
 - Mr. Shatz stated that purpose of this evaluation would be to improve water quality assessment of conditions and address any data gaps (as stated in GSP). The scope includes the assessment of 50 SCWS wells to add into the monitoring well network. This would provide no cost to GSAs since wells are already monitored.
 - There are eight more small community wells could be added to the water quality monitoring network for the upper aquifer; there are seven wells that could be added to lower aquifer monitoring.
 - Mr. Shatz recommended the expansion of the monitoring wells to better represent the network in the next GSP update. These wells only monitor one constituent so there might be an additional cost to monitor other constituents.
 - Mr. Weisenberger would be in favor of paying for the additional constituents. Mr. Pattison was shocked at the lack of constituent monitoring at present. A member of the public present, Karen Morgan, suggested the group reach out to other groups already doing this work such as CV SALTS or waiting until the newly

budding Valley Water Collaborative can receive funding to do it. The group has a few years to decide and act on the best approach.

E. 2024 Public Workshop – Discussion Item

- Ms. Clark stated the purpose of the workshop would be to provide updates on GSP implementation and current groundwater conditions, the comments included in the Subbasin’s GSP determination letter, and the groups plan for response/action towards the corrective actions in that letter. The group settled on the evening of October 17 as the tentative date for the workshop and Tracy City Hall as the location.

F. Inter-basin Coordination – Discussion Item

- Adjacent Basin Updates
 - Eastern San Joaquin – Bob Granberg
 - The Subbasin is in the process of updating their GSP.
 - Delta Mendota – Lea Emmons
 - No update to share.
 - East Contra Costa – Ed Pattison
 - No update to share.

G. DWR Status Report – Discussion Item

- Mr. Brewster stated that the annual report review is done, and DWR will follow up with the group to set up a meeting to discuss their findings.
- DWR is working on topic papers for interconnected surface waters and land subsidence that will be release this summer.
- Land subsidence data in SGMA data viewer has been updated to show land subsidence through April 24.

III. Public Comments

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

- No comments received at this time.

IV. Agency Comments

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

- No comments received at this time.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for September 19, 2024

A. Confirm Group Availability

- No conflicts noted at this time.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 4:25 PM.