

**Tracy Subbasin
GSP Coordination Committee Meeting
Thursday September 19, 2024
3:00 PM to 5:00 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 3:05 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:

- Alex Chetley, San Joaquin County GSA
 - Robert Granberg, San Joaquin County GSA
 - Ashley Couch, San Joaquin County GSA
- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop
- John Chapman, Stewart Tract GSA
- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - Kelly Wright-La Force, BBID
 - Danisha McDonald, BBID
- Ed Pattinson, Byron Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Nicole Hinostroza, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- George Hartmann

II. Scheduled Items

A. Approval of the June 20 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

- Motion to Approve: Ed Pattison
- Seconder: Lea Emmons
- Ayes: Yes
- Noes: None
- Absent: None
- Abstain: Greg Gibson, David Weisenberger
- Result: Motion Approved

B. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

- Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates
 - City of Tracy: Mr. Emmons reported that a well was constructed this week. It will be a few additional weeks before development is complete.
 - City of Lathrop: Mr. Gibson reported the City has continued work on aquifer storage and recovery (ASR). Currently, they are facing some difficulties with permitting process for well development discharge. They recently hosted a Paradise Cut Expansion Project meeting regarding the SJAFCA effort focused on creating a widened flood control channel.
 - BCID: Ms. Wright-La Force reported they are in progress of obtaining easement with landowner to allow a development of shallow monitoring well.
 - BBID: Mr. Pattinson shared they are waiting on permit clearances to start drilling for 24 hours starting Monday. Noted there are staffing issues related to clearance.
 - Mr. Brewster suggested acting fast while funding is available.
 - Stewart Tract: No updates to share.
 - SJ County: No updates to share.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

- Groundwater Data Collection – Discussion Item
 - Mr. Shatz shared no minimum threshold exceedances are expected this year and let the group know that groundwater levels are to be measured week of October 15th and to expect a request to support data requests for the preparation of the WY 2024 Annual Report around the end of the month. He is still attempting to set up a meeting with DWR to discuss annual report comments and C2VSIM status. Mr. Shatz will also share meeting details with members that would like to be on a call with Delta Mendota regarding their subsidence study.
 - a. BBID reported they may have difficulty achieving monthly sampling within the needed timeframe. Mr. Shatz responded they may be able to collect only spring and fall samples but to follow up via email.

- Mr. Shatz shared that Governor Newsom is rescinding executive order (N-7-22) regarding well permitting. There is not a great amount of clarity on what may come next. Suggested actions are to monitor the situation and plan accordingly when there are new updates available.
- There is one Subbasin well that does not yet have a location/land easement. Mr. Shatz suggested discussing with DWR to determine if the well can be constructed under the TSS program.
- TSS Update – Discussion Item
 - Mr. Shatz shared that DWR will be releasing two more guidance documents that could affect the next GSP update, particularly where groundwater dependent ecosystems and interconnected surface waters are concerned.
 - Next steps towards monitoring wells will be to install transducers and telemetry. Mr. Shatz explained the two options. 1) GSA buy their own transducer or 2) Authorize DWR to purchase and install.
 - a. Mr. Brewster suggested deciding at next meeting, but most group members were already leading towards option two.

D. October Public Meeting – Discussion Item

- Ms. Clark shared with group October public meeting has been booked for October 17 at 6pm. She will share flyer and meeting invitation with group.
 - The group decided that meeting with me split into non-technical and technical sections. Mr. Granberg will cover the non-technical material, and Mr. Shatz will share the technical side.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

- Adjacent Basin Updates
 - Eastern San Joaquin – *Bob Granberg & Richard Shatz*: Shared they recently completed delta monitoring well across from tower park marina.
 - a. September 25 Interbasin Coordination Meeting – The goal will be to share annual report outcomes, see commonalities and discuss differences, note any data gaps, and gather a greater understanding of regional groundwater conditions and planning. A shared DMS system for County will also be included in the conversation. Also, the group would like to do two meetings, one

with Delta Mendota and one with Contra Costa. Currently, there is a meeting set for November 13th at 10am. Ed Pattinson, Alex Chetley, and Robert Granberg, (BBID and SJ County) showed interest in attending.

b. Public Workshop for 2025 Public Draft GSP

i. A public workshop is happening later this evening to present information about the 2025 Public Draft GSP.

- Delta Mendota – *Lea Emmons*
 - a. No updates to share at this time.
- East Contra Costa – *Ed Pattison*
 - a. No updated to share at this time.

F. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item lead by*

- Bill Brewster shared that DWR is hosting it's 10-Year SGMA anniversary event, two guidance documents/papers will be released this week, and that semi-annual groundwater conditions data should be updated update. Mr. Brewster will send the group a link for the guidance documents once available. The subsidence guidance document will not be released until 2025. DWR is still working on C2VSIM; Mr. Brewster will help Mr. Shatz set up a meeting with DWR staff to discuss the model.

III. Public Comments

No Comments.

IV. Agency Comments

No comments.

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

Ms. Clark shared that the final meeting of this year will be in December and that the committee meetings will switch back to monthly meetings starting January per the group's usual schedule.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10pm.