

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday December 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 3:03 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:

- Robert Granberg, San Joaquin County GSA
 - Alex Chetley, San Joaquin County GSA
 - Ashley Couch, San Joaquin County GSA
 - Venki Narasimhalu, 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, BCID
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House / Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA

Other Attendees Included:

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

II. Scheduled Items

A. Approval of the September 19, 2024 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

- Motion to Approve: Greg Gibson
- Secunder: Nader Shareghi
- Ayes: Yes
- Noes: None
- Absent: None

- Abstain: None
 - Result: Motion Approved
- B. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*
1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates
 - i. City of Tracy – Mr. Emmons noted that DWR had been present earlier that day to take samples from their monitoring well.
 - ii. City of Lathrop – Mr. Gibson noted that they had made progress on permitting efforts for their ASR well. Their well package would likely be going out to bid in January with hopes that the effort will be completed in April.
 - iii. BBID – There were no GSP implementation updates shared at this time. Mr. Shareghi asked Mr. Shatz if GEI had received previously sent BBID’s information. Mr. Shatz confirmed that it had been received. He also stated that sampling was occurring at a well on the corner of Bethany and Wickland.
 - iv. BCID – Mr. Weisenberger noted that they received a \$7.5M construction grant through a previously mentioned SGMA fund. The grant is slated to begin in January. He also noted that there was no signed easement for their monitoring well yet and was waiting on a response.
 - v. Stewart Tract – No updates to share.
 - vi. San Joaquin County – Mr. Couch noted that the County had hired a Senior Water Resources Engineer named Venki Narasimhalu. Mr. Narasimhalu will be handling all of the water resources and SGMA compliance efforts for Eastern San Joaquin and Tracy Subbasins going forward. He has more than 40 years of experience, two masters degrees, and is a certified engineer, land surveyor, and construction manager.
- C. GSP Implementation Updates
1. WY 24 Annual Report Development – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Annual Report development has already begun. Mr. Shatz has begun processing water supply data and has requested two months of data needed from the year 2023. He’s currently

working to estimate agricultural water use using Land IQ data and is waiting for surface water diversion data to be posted to State Water Board website, which likely will not be available for his use until February 1. Mr. Shatz is also procuring InSAR subsidence data, determining what new monitoring wells may have been included in CASGEM, and is working to analyze all of this information in the next Annual Report. Mr. Shatz met with DWR to discuss comments on the WY 2023 Annual Report. DWR was sufficiently happy with the WY 2023 report.

- ii. Mr. Shatz also noted that the Projects and Management Actions Module from DWR was anticipated to be up and running in the new year. This portal will serve as a repository for efforts noted in the GSP but give the GSAs the opportunity to make changes to those efforts, as needed. Mr. Shatz provided an overview of the module itself, existing projects noted and not noted in the GSP, and funding considerations the GSAs should keep in mind when deciding which PMAs to include in the module.

2. Groundwater Data Collection – *Discussion Item*

- i. Mr. Shatz provided an update on progress towards addressing the corrective actions listed in the DWR determination letter for the GSP. This included waiting for the release for the new C2VSIM model, reviewing other GSP approaches to the delta management area, reviewing the effects of minimum thresholds on domestic wells, and waiting for the new interconnected surface water guidance document from DWR. Other actions anticipated for the new year included inter/intra-basin meetings as well as meetings with DWR.

3. TSS Update – *Discussion Item*

- i. Mr. Shatz stated that the two best options for transducer installations were either: 1) GSAs purchase and install SCADA compatible equipment, or 2) the GSAs authorize DWR to purchase and install the. The GSAs previously selected option two; thus, DWR was currently in the process of purchasing the equipment.

4. DWR Guidance Reports – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Mr. Shatz stated that DWR is set to release best management practices documents regarding subsidence as well as interconnected surface waters. Both documents are anticipated to be released sometime in the new year.
5. C2VSIM Model – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Model discussed as part of the Annual Report conversation.
6. Potential Funding Opportunities – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Mr. Shatz provided a brief overview of the Proposition 4 (climate bond) funding. There will be approximately \$400M available to support the water industry. Some of those funds might be able to support construction of GSP implementation projects, such as groundwater storage and its management, groundwater banking, and conjunctive use and groundwater recharge. Mr. Shatz stated that funds are anticipated to be released in Spring of the new year and would be highly competitive. Possible Tracy Subbasin projects to apply for could be the BCID pipeline project, the City of Tracy ASR wells, and the City of Lathrop ASR wells.

D. Facilitation Support Services

1. October Public Workshop Summary – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The summary has been developed and is ready to be uploaded.
2. New Annual Engagement Formats – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Mr. Weisenberger stated that GSP implementation was on BCID's agenda each month but noted that the District does not receive any attendees at those meetings. The only interest shown is generally from individual affected by their pipeline project. He noted that people may not feel the need to check in when they feel a good job is being done, only when there are perceived improvements to be made. They have informational materials that are included in annual mailers to keep interested parties informed.
 - ii. Mr. Gibson confirmed a similar experience for Lathrop. He suggested the group consider video tours—something Mr. Weisenberger stated BCID was already done.

3. Interested Parties Database Consolidation – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Ms. Clark provided an overview of the Facilitation Support Services scope of work (public workshop support, informational materials development, interested parties database update, and inter/intra-basin coordination support).
4. Informational Materials – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group discussed what types of informational materials they would like to see. It was determined that a newsletter and factsheet comprising information about the annual report and SGMA 101 for GSAs, respectively, would be beneficial.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates
 - i. Eastern San Joaquin – *Ashley Couch*
 - a. Mr. Couch stated that the Groundwater Authority recommended acceptance of the newly developed GSP for adoption. He noted that it was a heavy lift done in a short timeframe and made successful through everyone’s hard work and teamwork. Mr. Couch also stated that the Groundwater Authority was transitioning to a different leadership model. Brandon Nakagawa was formerly serving the Groundwater Authority under contract on loan for SSJID. That contract has expired and the Groundwater Authority was now working to hire an executive director and form a committee of 3-5 GSA reps and subject matter experts to help drive the Groundwater Authority and its needs—thereby taking the burden off one person.
 - ii. Delta Mendota – *Lea Emmons*
 - a. No updates to share.
 - iii. East Contra Costa – *Ed Pattison*
 - a. No updates to share.

F. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

Mr. Brewster commented that Mr. Shatz had already reported out on most of the newest updates from DWR. He did add, however, that DWR was retrieving survey data from TSS wells this day and was considering data transmittal from

those wells. He also noted that DWR is preparing to install telemetry equipment in the new year to support data management. There is a protocol being developed to support data collection that would allow DWR to handle this and GSAs to see the data in real time via DWR's data systems. More information is anticipated to be available on this in the new year.

III. Public Comments

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

No additional comments provided by members of the public.

IV. Agency Comments

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

No additional comments provided by Committee members.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for January 16, 2025

- A. Confirm Group Availability

No changes in meeting date or schedule conflicts noted.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:39 PM.