

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday February 20, 2025
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

DRAFT NOTES

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:

- San Joaquin County GSA
 - Robert Granberg
 - Alex Chetley
 - Ashley Couch
 - Venki Narasimhalu
- City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
- City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
- Stewart Tract GSA
 - Not Present
- Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - David Weisenberger
 - Kelly Wright-La Force
- Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Ed Pattison
 - Brad Mizuno

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Nicole Hinostroza, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Michael Cornelius, GEI
- George Hartman
- Karen O Neill

II. Scheduled Items

A. Approval of the December 19, 2024 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Minutes – *Action Item*

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

B. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

1. Senate Bill 1156

- i. The group discussed the needs, timeline, and considerations surrounding GSA submittals of Form 700 as required by Senate Bill 1156. BCID has its Board and staff fill out Form 700, which includes its General Manager and Board Secretary, Treasurer, and officers. San Joaquin County has filled out the form down to Mr. Couch's level of staff but has also contacted the FPPC for clarity on who exactly needs to fill out the form. They have not received a response yet. The County is also looking to find out if they are required to fill out the form more than once (i.e., once as the County and once as a GSA for a total of two submittals each). The City of Lathrop has not submitted Form 700 yet and is planning to hold a GSA training for its City Council, which functions as its Board, before prompting the submittal by all required. The City of Lathrop has gotten in contact with the FPPC and was told that it was just Lea Emmons, representative for the City of Tracy GSA, was required to submit. Overall, questions remain as to who needs to submit and in what capacities.

2. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates

- i. The County received a non-compliance notice recently regarding data uploads for the Fall 2024 groundwater measurements. The GSAs have noted that they submit their data monthly, so there

shouldn't be any discrepancies, but GEI will look into this and follow up with everyone.

- ii. The City of Lathrop is going out to bid for their drilling package and hopes to award a contract during its April City Council meeting.
- iii. BCID is constructing its pipeline project. Anticipated completion is this fall.
- iv. The City of Tracy and BBID had no updates to share at this time.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. WY 24 Annual Report Development – *Discussion Item*

- i. Mr. Shatz presented the draft Annual Report to the GSAs and reviewed the preliminary determinations for what type of water year this is, groundwater supply information, and notes about minimum thresholds. It was noted that minimum thresholds were exceeded in a well near the City of Tracy and has been exceeding for the last three years. The next step is for GEI to investigate why this well is exceeding and report back to the GSAs. It was also noted that data needed from Pescadero Irrigation District was not yet available, and therefore, not reflected in the draft report as of yet. Mr. Pattison asked if the group could stand to submit the Annual Report without Pescadero's data as they are a smaller irrigation district. Mr. Shatz confirmed that they needed to be included as they used 23 acre-feet of groundwater last year, which needs to be accounted for in the report. Mr. Shatz stated that there were no dry wells reported in the Tracy Subbasin in 2024; however, there were dry wells reported in 2014, 2021, and 2022, so he will double check that no wells have been reported right before finalizing the report to make sure that this information is still correct prior to submitting the report to DWR. Other updates presented included some surface water depletion that's lower than the group may want it, but not substantially lower, no water quality exceedances in 2024, and a reminder of what the Subbasin's projects, management actions, and supplemental projects are. Mr. Gibson

asked if GEI had all the information they needed from Occidental, Sharpe Army Depot, and Simplot to support the Annual Report. Mr. Shatz confirmed that he did. Mr. Shatz also noted information regarding the technical support services wells that will be reflected in the Annual Report. The last discussion had on the Annual report included whether or not to remove the Subbasin's supplemental projects from DWR's Projects and Management Actions Module. Mr. Chetley stated he would like to leave them in there but make it clear that they're supplemental projects and the rest of the group agreed.

2. Groundwater Data Collection – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Discussed as part of the Annual Report section. No additional comments or questions aside from what is noted above.
3. TSS Update – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Discussed as part of the Annual Report section. No additional comments or questions aside from what is noted above.
4. Budget Development Process – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Mr. Shatz reminded the group that the Annual Report and development of the budget for each fiscal year are intertwined. Final pumping data from the Annual Report feeds into the annual costs for each GSA for the next fiscal budget. As such, the budget will be developed after finalization of the Annual Report and will continue on collaboratively with the group until the June Committee meeting, where it's anticipated the group will approve and move to adopt the budget for the next year.

D. Facilitation Support Services

1. Current C&E Priorities – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Ms. Clark let the group know that two current communications and engagement priorities were development of the annual newsletter and facilitating an interested parties database update.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates
 - i. Eastern San Joaquin

- a. The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin adopted their amended GSP and periodic evaluation recently and they are now working on their Annual Report. Mr. Chetley mentioned that a periodic evaluation versus an amendment to the Tracy GSP may have different scheduling and financial needs that the group should start considering now. The group plans to include this as a discussion item at the next meeting. Mr. Chetley also mentioned that there is an Advisory Water Commission that the group should present to as part of its inter/intra-basin coordination efforts.

- ii. Delta Mendota
 - a. No updates.
- iii. East Contra Costa
 - a. No updates.

F. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

- i. No updates.

III. Public Comments

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

1. No comments made.

IV. Agency Comments

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

1. No comments made.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for March 20, 2025

A. Confirm Group Availability

1. No comments were made about the March meeting, but the group did discuss potentially moving the April meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

VI. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:44 PM.