

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2025
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 3:02 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
 - Venki Narasimhalu
 - Ashley Couch
- City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
- City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
 - Michael King
- Stewart Tract GSA
 - John Chapman
- Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - David Weisenberger
 - Kelly Wright-La Force
- Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - *Not Present*

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Michael Cornelius, GEI
- Bill Brewster, DWR
- Caitlin McHugh, DWR
- George Hartman
- Karen O'Neill

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of the March 20, 2025 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

Motion to Approve: Bob Granberg

Seconded: Lea Emmons

Ayes: Yes

Noes: None

Absent: BBID

Abstain: None

Result: Motion Approved

Requested Edits: None

- B. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

1. Ms. McHugh of DWR introduced herself to the group and stated that she would be taking over as the main point of contact from DWR for the Tracy Subbasin. Mr. Brewster will still be involved and available as needed, but she will be the main party present for meetings and to answer questions going forward.

- C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. Confirmation of Final WY 24 Annual Report Submittal – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The Annual Report was submitted on March 27. DWR's review of the report will include reviews for completeness and alignment with the Subbasin's sustainability goal.
2. Review Draft GSP Development Schedule and FY 25/26 Budget – *Discussion Items*
 - i. Mr. Cornelius presented the draft budget for the next fiscal year as well as the proposed GSP development schedule. The budget (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) includes line items consistent with previous budgets as well as funds to support development of the next GSP. The group now has an understanding of the decision-making process regarding development of a full amended GSP versus just a periodic evaluation. The direction the group decides to go will also affect how much of the proposed budget is used.
 - ii. Mr. Couch asked how much GEI relies on the County to develop the budgets each year. Mr. Cornelius responded that GEI works

- closely with Hope Paulin from the County's Public Works Department to develop and push through the budget each year.
- iii. Mr. Gibson asked if revenue for Zone 2 was fixed or if there was an escalation factor. Mr. Couch responded that there was an escalator on a property related fee at some point in the past, but it was sunset sometime in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
 - iv. Mr. Narasimhalu asked if the GSP was due January 2027 no matter what type of document was prepared to submit to DWR. Mr. Cornelius responded that yes, it deadline was the same regardless of the type of document.
 - v. Mr. Narasimhalu stated that DWR was in the process of updating the data management system and asked if GEI's scope of services would accommodate those changes. Mr. Cornelius stated that Corrective Actions 5 and 6 are more focused on planning and less on implementation, so any information GEI could get in advance to support their management of the Subbasin's current data management efforts would be appreciated and could support those corrective actions.
 - vi. Mr. Narasimhalu asked if the Annual Report could contribute to the corrective actions. Mr. Cornelius responded that the report supports data gathering that feeds into the decision-making process for the next GSP (and/or periodic evaluation) and not necessarily direct support for the corrective actions.
 - vii. Mr. Weisenberger asked if the group needed to formally adopt the Annual Report. Mr. Couch responded that they did not. A formal adoption is only required for an amended GSP.
 - viii. Mr. Cornelius noted that the CIIVSIM model was being updated by DWR. The timeline for completion of that model as well as the updates being made to it will influence how the group moves forward.
 - ix. Mr. Couch provided an overview of the GSP development process for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and asked if the group should replicate that in the Tracy Subbasin. Mr. Cornelius responded that Tracy is less complex than Eastern San Joaquin,

so the group may want to take elements of that process but perhaps not the process in its entirety.

D. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Delta Mendota/Tracy Subbasin IBC Meeting – *Discussion Item*

- i. An interbasin coordination meeting between the Tracy and Delta Mendota Subbasin is in the works. The San Joaquin County GSA and City of Tracy GSA will attend in addition to GEI as representatives for the Tracy Subbasin.

2. Adjacent Basin Updates

- i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County Report Out*
 - a. The Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin recently submitted their Annual Report and amended GSP. They are also continuing to work on their MICUP Program.
- ii. East Contra Costa – *BBID Report Out*
 - a. No report at this time.

E. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

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

- i. City of Lathrop – The City has received bids for their well drilling package for the new Aquifer Storage Recovery Well project. Upon request, Mr. Gibson will forward bid information to the group for their reference.
- ii. City of Tracy – No updates to share at this time.
- iii. BBID – Not present.
- iv. BCID – No updates to share at this time.
- v. Stewart Tract – No updates to share at this time.
- vi. San Joaquin County – No updates to share at this time.

III. Public Comments

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

No public comments received.

IV. Agency Comments

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

No agency comments received.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for May 15, 2025

- A. Confirm Group Availability

The group agreed to move the May meeting to either the week before or the week after May 15 due to scheduling conflicts.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:31 PM.