

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 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 3:03 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:

- San Joaquin County GSA
 - Robert Granberg
- 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
 - Danisha McDonald
- Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Ed Pattison
 - Brad Mizuno

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Michael Cornelius, GEI
- Caitlin McHugh, DWR
- George Hartman

II. Scheduled Items**A. Approval of the February 20, 2025 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*****Motion to Approve:** Lea Emmons**Secunder:** Bob Granberg**Ayes:** Yes**Noes:** None**Absent:** Stewart Tract GSA**Abstain:** None**Result:** Motion Approved**Requested Edits:** Change “City of Lathrop” to “City of Tracy in section B.1.i (Page 2 of 5) in the notes.**B. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*****1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates**

- BCID – Still monitoring MW-203 and MW-204. Construction for the pipeline project is ongoing.
- BBID – No updates.
- City of Lathrop – The well project package is out to bid. No other updates.
- City of Tracy – The City is working on a grant for the next phase of the recycled water project. The pipeline approval is going to City Council on April 1.
- San Joaquin County – No updates.
- Stewart Tract – Not present.

C. GSP Implementation Updates**1. Approval of the Final WY 24 Annual Report – *Action Item***

- Comments on the WY Annual Report were received, combined into one document, and addressed. The changes were primarily editorial in nature and not substantive. As the report is due by April 1, and today’s meeting was needed to approve it. Mr. Pattison asked how groundwater pumping is defined. Mr. Shatz responded that groundwater pumping comes from various sources, including small communities and open ET data. GEI also adds in groundwater pumping for remedial actions such as the Occidental site and Sharpe Army Depot. Mr. Pattison added

that groundwater did not get used often in BBID's jurisdiction. Mr. Shatz noted that the technical team relies on available data and maps. If there is any additional information that can be provided to give the team a clearer picture of groundwater usage in that area it would be most welcome, but in the interim, the technical team must rely on standard methods. Mr. Pattison asked what method was used for back-calculating groundwater recharge. Mr. Shatz responded that it was all metered data and not back-calculated. Mr. Pattison also asked if it would be beneficial to add a column for incidental groundwater recharge to the groundwater pumping table in the Annual Report. Mr. Shatz responded that they would need a separate water balance and soil moisture balance.

Motion to Approve: Greg Gibson

Seconded: Dave Weisenberger

Ayes: Yes

Noes: None

Absent: Stewart Tract GSA

Abstain: None

Result: Motion Approved

Requested Edits: Review and change the language for action 7b in the corrective action table.

2. Groundwater Data Collection – *Discussion Item*

- DWR constructed two new TSS wells within BCID's area. These wells revealed 15 feet of drawdown below the Corcoran clay, which went up after agricultural season. This may indicate gravel pit operators may be pumping. The goal for the next water year is to get data on gravel pit groundwater pumping and assess surface water depletion wells for potential transducer installations.
- Caitlin McHugh from DWR will follow up on the transducer purchase by DWR.

3. TSS Update – *Discussion Item*

- The location for the sixth well has not yet been solidified. However, BCID is in the process of signing an agreement with a landowner for a proposed location.

4. FY 25/26 Budget – *Discussion Item*

- The group discussed the budget development process and initial thoughts about the next GSP update in relation to the budget. Mr. Gibson stated that he believed the budget discussions should reflect the corrective actions and how they align with GSP implementation. Mr. Emmons agreed and believes the group needs to start budgeting/planning for the next update. Mr. Granberg also agreed and additionally mentioned that the County is planning a Zone 2 meeting to support these discussions.

D. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

- Eastern San Joaquin – *Bob Granberg*
 - a. The Subbasin is currently focused on their “MICUP” program to support the County’s water right to divert surface water to groundwater storage efforts. An Environmental Impact Report for it is underway.
- Delta Mendota – *Lea Emmons*
 - a. No updates.
- East Contra Costa – *BBID*
 - a. No updates.

E. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

- Caitlin McHugh will be replacing Bill Brewster as the group’s designated contact at DWR. She could not stay for the entire meeting but did pass along a number of updates to the group via email.

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

- Mr. Gibson inquired about subsidence in the Subbasin. Mr. Shatz reported that there are no subsidence concerns in the Subbasin at this time.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for April 7, 2025

A. Confirm Group Availability

- The group as agreed to move the next meeting to April 7, 2025 due to scheduling conflicts.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 PM.