

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2025
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:

- San Joaquin County GSA
 - Ashley Couch
 - Venki Narasimhalu
- City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
- City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
- Stewart Tract GSA
 - John Chapman
- Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - Kelly Wright-La Force
 - Danisha McDonald
- Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Brad Mizuno

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Michael Cornelius, GEI
- Bill Brewster, DWR
- Tara Khan and Roop Singh, MLF Environmental
- George Hartman
- Karen O'Neill

II. Scheduled Items

A. Approval of the June 19, 2025 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes –
Action Item

Motion to Approve: Greg Gibson
Second: Lea Emmons
Ayes: Yes
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Result: Motion Approved
Notes/Requested Edits: None.

B. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

1. The group was reminded to save the date for the Fall GSA Forum on October 15 and the 5th Biennial FloodMAR Forum on November 5–6. The Subsidence BMP was noted to be open for comment (having opened in July), closing on the 22nd. The group discussed the Basin Coordination Exchange (BCX) and the opportunity for GSAs to become involved, with a presentation from that group providing further detail on critical head and related topics. It was also noted that the Regional Water Authority hosted a virtual conversation on SGMA, and the recording is available. The Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) document is under review and is anticipated for release in October. October is typically the fall groundwater level monitoring season, and DWR is preparing for hand measurements. The group was reminded to collect and submit their data. The CASGEM system is transitioning to the SGMA portal, and while the database remains the same, the data upload process will now be unified. Support is available for those needing assistance with the data upload spreadsheet. The semiannual groundwater conditions report will be released in October and March, in conjunction with the California groundwater conditions report. The group discussed ongoing efforts to link wells for data collection, and support was offered to resolve any outstanding issues.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. Fall Measurements Reminder – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group was reminded about the importance of fall groundwater measurements.
2. Current Groundwater Conditions – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group discussed current groundwater conditions. It was noted that groundwater levels are typically monitored in March and October, and there was discussion about the flexibility to adjust monitoring timing to better capture seasonal highs and lows. The group shared that drinking water wells require both static and pumping water level measurements, and that monitoring wells are checked quarterly or monthly.
3. Monitoring Well Exceedance Update – *Discussion Item*
 - i. An update was provided on monitoring well exceedances. Since 2015, four dry wells have been reported, which are scattered throughout the basin, indicating there is no chronic dewatering. The group discussed that one well's exceedance may be due to nearby wells drawing water during dry years. The investigation into the cause of the exceedance is ongoing. An overview of the Eastern San Joaquin domestic well mitigation program was also provided.
4. Updated GSP Development and Review Schedule – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group reviewed the updated GSP development and review schedule. Chapters 1–3 are expected this week, chapters 4–6 later in September, and chapters 7–9 in October. An open house is scheduled for October 30 at 10 AM. GSA comments will be incorporated in November, and work will begin on the Water Year 2025 annual report at that time. The group will conduct the Periodic Evaluation Report (PER) in December and will determine if a GSP amendment is needed, depending on the significance of any changes. The draft Water Year 2025 annual report will be reviewed in January and submitted in March. The group discussed how recent guidance documents may affect the GSP.

5. San Joaquin County Presentation: Spring and Fall 2024 Groundwater Report – *Discussion Item*

- i. A presentation was given on the Spring and Fall 2024 Groundwater Report.

D. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

- i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*
 - a. For the Eastern San Joaquin basin, the group discussed the need to begin Water Accounting Framework (WAF) planning soon. Coordination among all 16 GSAs will be required, with financial contributions and supply-side solutions needed. It was noted that some GSAs lack infrastructure or surface water rights and may need to pay a prorated share to those that do. The new Executive Director for GWA was introduced, and one meeting attendee expressed interest in remaining involved.
- ii. Delta Mendota – *City of Tracy to Report Out*
 - a. No updates to share.
- iii. East Contra Costa – *BBID to Report Out*
 - a. No updates to share.

E. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates
 - i. The group discussed current groundwater conditions, projects, management actions, funding, and general updates. There were no updates from BBID, BCID, Stewart Tract, or Tracy. San Joaquin County is working with consultants on a Proposition 26 regulatory fee for the Tracy Subbasin and is reevaluating Zone 2. Lathrop is completing drilling and data collection for an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well and is addressing issues with an arsenic treatment plant by using surface water in the interim. The group also discussed consulting efforts and water rights claims related to ASR well projects.

F. October Open House – *Discussion Item*

1. The open house is set to occur on October 30 at 10 AM. The purpose is to give attendees an overview of the Tracy Subbasin, the sustainability goal the GSAs are working towards, and how the BCID Pipeline Extension Project is contributing to that goal.

G. MLJ Environmental: Water Accounting Platform Presentation – *Discussion Item*

1. A presentation was given on MLJ’s Watermark Portal, a groundwater accounting platform designed to support GSAs and landowners in groundwater management and SGMA compliance.

III. Public Comments

A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured within the Agenda from Members of the Public in Attendance

1. No comments were received from members of the public.

IV. Agency Comments

A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured within the Agenda from GSA Representatives

1. No additional comments or questions were raised by GSA representatives.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for December 18, 2025

A. Confirm Group Availability

1. The next meeting is anticipated for December 18, 2025.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:51 PM.