

Tracy Subbasin

GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2025

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call/Quorum Confirmation

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
 - Absent
 - Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - Kelly Wright-La Force
 - David Weisenberg
 - Danisha McDonald
 - Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Brad Mizuno

Other Attendees Included:

- Michael Cornelius, GEI
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- George Hartmann
- Caitlin McHugh, DWR

- Atley Keller, Stantec
- Haydee Yonamine, Stantec

A member asked for clarification on quorum. Staff and another member confirmed quorum was present.

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of the September 18, 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 that Fall 2024 well data is due January 1. SGMA Portal updates, including contact or staff information changes, should be sent to Caitlin McHugh (DWR) at Caitlin.McHugh@water.ca.gov. It was noted the Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Guidance Draft is expected to be released in early to mid-May 2026. The Bulletin 118 Draft has been released and is open for public comment. The Subsidence BMP Track may have been released or may be forthcoming. The migration from the CASGEM Portal to the SGMA Portal is anticipated to fully transition by July 2026. The group was also asked to include Caitlin in upcoming GSA meeting invitations. It was noted that Caitlin may reach out to GSAs for minor clarifications as she conducts data analysis.

- C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. WY 25 Annual Report Development – *Discussion Item*

- i. The group received updates on data collection for the annual report. Requests were sent to GSAs on November 20. Data has been received from San Joaquin County and Lathrop; responses from Tracy, BBID, and BCID are still pending. Some groundwater level data has been received but is not yet posted to the state database, and regulatory water level data is still being collected. Surface water diversion data will be available January 31, after which the draft schedule will be released. GEI will follow up with GSAs that have missing data. New water supplies will be incorporated into the annual report. Reported or estimated data will be needed to support the water supply section. Water demand will be estimated using OpenET data. The draft annual report will be released to GSAs on February 27, with comments due to GEI by March 13. After revisions and Technical Committee review, the report will go to the GSA Boards for approval on March 19. Submittal to DWR is planned for March 26, ahead of the April 1 deadline.
2. Status of GSP Chapters – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group was reminded that a series of technical memoranda are being prepared to respond to the corrective actions and to update GSP chapters as needed. This information will help determine whether a periodic evaluation or a GSP amendment is required. It was noted that Well Q had several exceedances of 4-7 feet, with some readings falling below the Minimum Threshold (MT) and additional analysis is needed to understand the causes. A draft technical memorandum has been prepared and will be released soon which will help determine whether the MT should be revised.
 - ii. The group discussed the Corrective Action #2 to conduct additional analysis of the Corcoran Clay extent. The Corcoran Clay Extent technical memorandum was used to revise the Chapter 4 Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model, which may further inform Chapter 9 - Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC).

- iii. It was noted that new data from the Technical Support Services (TSS) wells and Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) surveys supports the Corcoran clay extent interpretation. The findings include that the clay layer extends beneath the Delta area, there appear to be small windows in the clay package where recharge could potentially go from the upper to the lower aquifer, and the lower aquifer is not connected to surface water.
- iv. The group discussed Corrective Action #3 to further evaluate the relationship between domestic wells and MTs across the subbasin to support refinement of Chapter 9 - SMC. GEI is reviewing domestic well logs in the subbasin, many of which are older and may represent wells that no longer exist, verification is in progress. Lea Emmons offered to provide information to help identify where wells have been destroyed. San Joaquin County's Environmental Health Department will have information on wells that are planned to be deconstructed. It was noted that SGMA portal shows four dry wells reported in the Tracy Subbasin, but none within the last five years. There will be a technical memo on this topic, added as an appendix to the GSP.
- v. GEI shared that both Chapter 4 – HCM and Chapter 5 – Groundwater conditions have been revised with the new data discussed above. They expect to receive information on subsidence from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to update Chapter 5. The City of Tracy noted issues with surveying equipment; some surveys show minimal subsidence, while others show none.

- vi. Corrective Action # 2 will be addressed in Chapter 6 – Groundwater Management Areas by adding clarification on the separation between the Delta Management Area and the Non-Delta Management Area of the basin.
- vii. GEI talked through Chapter 7-Water Budget and the noted concerns with the groundwater model results in the 2022 GSP release. The new C2V Sim – Versions 1.5 groundwater model was obtained from DWR with extended hydrologic period through 2021. Revisions to the data include filling prior precipitation data gaps and updated baseline period for analysis, revising the historic model projections, and updated the chapter text and graphics. GEI is waiting on DWR to release future water projections to complete analysis, anticipated for Spring 2026.
- viii. For Chapter 8 – Modeling Networks additional TSS and water-quality wells have been incorporated to support completion of Chapter 9 - SMCs. GEI is waiting on the subsidence monitoring network information, as well as the ISW Guidance from DWR.
- ix. Chapter 9 – Sustainable Management Criteria is dependent on completing Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7. Draft chapter release dates were provided in the presentation slides.
- x. The group discussed the Periodic Evaluation and potential amendment, noting that the County legal counsel may provide support on the determination.

D. Communications and Engagement:

- 1. Overview of FSS ISP – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group received an overview of the Facilitation Support Services Implementation Plan for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- 2. *October Open House Debrief – Discussion Item*
 - i. The group discussed Open House workshop attendance, noting four public participants and the City of Lathrop’s Mayor were present. Members emphasized improving outreach by notifying city councils and the Board of Supervisors, increasing website

and social-media promotion, offering hybrid meetings, and shifting workshops to spring evenings. The roles and responsibilities of GSA Board Members was also discussed.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

- i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*
 - a. Subbasin focuses include installation of 12 new monitoring wells in the Eastern San Joaquin Basin, funded at \$2.1 million and scheduled for completion by December 31, 2025, with a focus on interconnected surface water, groundwater ecosystems, and improved instrumentation. Updates were provided on the voluntary agreement framework to address basin deficits, surface-water recharge efforts supported by six GSAs, early work on a domestic-well framework, and development of a Prop 26 regulatory fee. It was also noted that a new acting director for Public Works and Flood Control will serve through March 2026 before transitioning into the permanent director role.
- ii. Delta Mendota – *City of Tracy to Report Out*
 - a. Subbasin focuses include adding monitoring well on Highway 33 north of Vernalis.
- iii. East Contra Costa – *BBID to Report Out*
 - a. No updates to share.

F. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates – No updates.
 - i. There were no updates from BCID, Stewart Tract or Tracy. The City of Lathrop discussed the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well injection equipment package, which must be completed by 2026. Treatment will take 2–3 years and must be funded by the City. Ashley asked about the well depth (16-inch diameter) and confirmed that purchased surface water will be

injected. BCID shared that pipeline project delays have extended the schedule to June 30, 2026.

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 January 15, 2026

A. Confirm Group Availability

1. The next meeting is anticipated for January 15, 2026. Committee meetings will be held monthly for 1.5 hours between January and April to support annual reporting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:51 PM.