

Tracy Subbasin Annual Public Workshop: A Water Year In Review Open House Summary

Date: October 30, 2025 | **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (3514 W. Lehman Rd. Tracy, CA 95304)

Attendees	
Name	Agency/Organization (if applicable)
Alex Chetley	San Joaquin County*
Ashley Couch	San Joaquin County*
Benjamin Hall	Local Resident
Brad Mizuno	Byron Bethany Irrigation District*
Danisha McDonald	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District*
Daryl Quaresma	2 Q Farming Inc
David Weisenberger	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District*
Gary Prost	Senator Jerry McNeerney’s Office
Greg Gibson	City of Lathrop*
Kelly Wright-La Force	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District*
Khandriale Clark	Stantec**
Paul Akinjo	City of Lathrop (Mayor)
Richard Shatz	GEI**
Victory Chang	Lathrop resident

*indicates that the person/agency is a Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Staff Member

**indicates that the person/organization is consultant staff for the Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

Workshop Purpose

The purpose of Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies’ (GSA) annual public workshop was to:

- inform attendees about the Tracy Subbasin and the agencies managing its groundwater resources;
- outline the implementation status of the Subbasin’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the projects and management actions with a specific emphasis on the Subbasin’s sustainability goal and how Banta-Carbona Irrigation District’s Pipeline Extension project is positively contributing to that goal;
- provide updates about groundwater conditions for the previous water year and a look ahead at preliminary analysis for the current water year;
- solicit input from attendees about key topics related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA); and
- engage interested parties to stay involved and informed about the GSAs’ groundwater management activities.

Outreach

Engagement Prior To Workshop

The workshop was noticed starting approximately two months in advance and through multiple channels, including:

- relayed verbally to any interested parties present during the previous two GSP Coordination Committee meetings where GSA representatives collaboratively planned the workshop's logistics and content (i.e., June 19 and September 18, 2025);
- multiple emails sent to the Subbasin's interested parties database between October 1, 2025 to October 29, 2025;
- postings on the Tracy Subbasin website and the websites of the Cities of Tracy and Lathrop as well as Banta-Carbona Irrigation District;
- direct calls and/or emails to interested parties.

Engagement During the Workshop

The workshop was advertised to take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025; however, it did extend well past noon due to the robust discussion between presenters/attendees in addition to the open house/caravan tour that occurred after the main presentation. It was held in person at Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (3514 W. Lehman Rd. Tracy, CA 95304). There were 15 people in attendance, including members of the public and GSA/consultant staff as well as the Mayor of the City of Lathrop and staff from Senator McNerney's office. The two workshop flyers are included as **Attachment A** to this summary.

The workshop began with opening remarks from Khandriale Clark, consultant staff from Stantec as well as a safety moment conducted by David Weisenberger of BCID. San Joaquin County's Ashley Couch reviewed the agenda, gave an overview of SGMA, the Tracy Subbasin, and the status of GSP implementation. He was followed by Richard Shatz, GEI (technical consultant for the Subbasin) who provided updates on groundwater conditions for the Subbasin during the 2024 water year in addition to a snapshot of how the current water year was fairing. Richard also provided an overview of the Subbasin's sustainability goal and the projects and management actions being conducted to help the Subbasin maintain and achieve sustainability.

Representatives from the San Joaquin County GSA, BCID GSA, BBID GSA, and City of Lathrop GSA were present. The PowerPoint slides used to guide the presentation are included as **Attachment B** to this summary. A summary of participant questions and comments is provided below along with GSA responses to questions. It has been organized in the same fashion as the agenda for the workshop.

Participant Engagement

Welcome and Introductions | Opening Remarks and Agenda

The meeting began with a welcome, introductions, a safety moment, and review of the agenda. There were no questions during this portion.

A Brief Overview of SGMA, GSAs, and the GSP

A presentation was given on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the role of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The overview included the Tracy Subbasin's relationship to the San Joaquin River and the goal to maintain local control of groundwater resources.

The group discussed whether overdrafted subbasins can be recharged or will remain overdrafted for an extended period. It was explained that each subbasin requires a tailored approach, balancing supply expansion and demand management, and that the Tracy Subbasin is in good condition with ongoing projects to support sustainability.

Tracy Subbasin: Sustainability Goal, Indicators, and Progress

An overview of the Subbasin's sustainability goal, key indicators, and progress to date was provided. The group discussed whether water levels returned to normal in 2023 and 2024 after declines in 2021 and 2022. It was confirmed that water levels largely rebounded in 2023.

The group also discussed the role of river discharge and storage in meeting Department of Water Resources (DWR) requirements, and it was clarified that such actions help prevent surface water depletion. The feasibility of reusing discharge water for non-drinking purposes was discussed, and it was explained that logistical challenges make this difficult, though opportunities for recharge exist near the foothills.

Questions were raised about the cost and funding for monitoring wells. It was shared that the estimated cost for the monitoring wells is \$1–1.5 million, and was completely funded by DWR. The group was informed that data from these wells is still being connected and is not yet available online, but spring and fall water level reports are posted on the county's website.

GSP Project Highlight: BCID's Pipeline Extension and Groundwater Pumping Reduction

A project highlight was provided on Banta-Carbona Irrigation District's (BCID) pipeline extension and efforts to reduce groundwater pumping. The group discussed whether areas receiving water are being annexed into BCID, and it was clarified that annexation is not occurring.

BCID noted that any water supplied to lands cannot exceed the maximum allowable under BCID's 200 cfs water right on the San Joaquin River. Water conservation efforts over the years have contributed to a periodic/temporary surface water supply and users must still rely on groundwater for needs beyond the surface water availability particularly in drought years..

Questions were raised about funding for additional water projects in San Joaquin County, and it was noted that some studies are funded but not implemented. Funds from the newly passed Proposition 4 would likely be available to apply for next year, so the region may receive funding from state or regional sources to support key needs in the near term. The group discussed the importance of pre-planning infrastructure to respond to flood emergencies.

How to Stay Involved

The group was encouraged to remain engaged with the GSAs' activities. There were no questions during this section.

GSP Next Steps and Closing Remarks

The group reviewed next steps for GSP implementation and closed the workshop. No questions were raised.

Open House/Caravan Tour

Following the workshop, a tour was conducted by David Weisenberger and Kelly Wright-La Force of BCID with attendees Darryl Quaresma, Brad Mizuno, Victory Chang, and Mayor Paul Akinjo participating. The tour included visits to the control building and pump station, a review of pipeline operations, stops at completed turnout structures, and a discussion of water level regulation and overflow control at the Durham Ferry Road junction box.

All attendees expressed strong support for the project. One landowner who will be connecting to the pipeline shared excitement and gratitude for the district providing service.