

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026

3:00 PM to 4:30 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
 - Robin Kopperman
 - City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
 - Robin Klepper
 - Stewart Tract GSA
 - Absent
 - Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - Absent
 - Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Brad Mizuno

Other Attendees Included:

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

- Atley Keller, Stantec
- Haydee Yonamine, Stantec

Staff and another member confirmed quorum was present.

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Review of the meeting minutes; one requested revision from Version 1.5.
Approval of the December 18, 2025, GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*
1. Staff noted one requested revision to the meeting minutes. The minutes were reviewed and the revision was incorporated. A GSA Member clarified that treatment will be funded by the City, not the County, under Section F (GSA Status Updates).

Motion to Approve Revised Edits: Lea Emmons

Second: Brad Mizuno

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 the Draft Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Study Guidance Document is expected to be released for public comment in Quarter 2. The group was also reminded to submit SGMA well data by January 31 to support annual reporting and the development of up-to-date SGMA Data Reviewer GIS layers (a limited grace period is available). GSAs missing Fall 2025 or recent groundwater level data were advised to contact Caitlin McHugh (DWR), who will follow up with details on specific wells. GSAs responsible for monitoring were asked to coordinate directly with Caitlin. Regional DWR staff will continue to outreach and provide support to improve consistent

reporting. Staff will also follow up via email regarding potential wells affected by the CASGEM-to-SGMA Portal migration.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. GSP Implementation Budgets – *Discussion Item*
 - i. No updates
2. WY 25 Annual Report Development – *Discussion Item*
 - i. The group received updates on the annual report, including a review of GSP chapter comments and current groundwater conditions. All required GSA data had been received, including monitoring data for Well Q collected in December. The annual report draft is scheduled for release to districts on February 27 to allow incorporation of surface water data available on January 31, with GSA comments due by March 13 and approval planned for the March 19 meeting. The final annual report is scheduled for posting to the DWR website on March 26, with formal submittal to DWR due by April 1. Following submittal, DWR will begin its FY 2026–2027 budgeting process. The GSP implementation budget discussion was deferred and will resume at the next meeting, with greater focus after the March meeting.
3. Comments on GSP Chapters – *Discussion Item*
 - i. Chapter 4 is nearly complete, with only minor comments received. Additional Corcoran Clay information was incorporated, and no further action is required at this time.
 - ii. Chapter 5 is being updated with groundwater level data from the Technical Support Services (TSS) wells. Subsidence data from the Bureau of Reclamation is pending; once received, analysis will be conducted to assess potential groundwater-related subsidence and inform Chapter 9 criteria. To avoid delays, the Chapter 5 draft may need to be released without the subsidence data, which will be incorporated later if available.
 - iii. Chapter 6 is restructured to address DWR's Corrective Action #2 related to the Delta management area. A substantially revised red-lined version was circulated to respond directly to DWR's questions, primarily through reorganization of existing content.

- iv. Chapter 7 is being updated to address DWR's corrective actions using the C2V Sim – Version 1.5 groundwater model. An internal draft of the first half of the chapter, covering the updated water budget and base period is expected on January 16, with a release to GSAs for review and comments on January 23. The team is checking with DWR on the updated release scheduled for the projected conditions data.
- v. Chapter 8 (Monitoring Networks) has been updated to reflect monitoring network improvements, including the addition of TSS and water quality wells. Completion of the chapter is awaiting additional subsidence monitoring data and is subject to forthcoming ISW guidance expected in early 2026, to support development of sustainable management criteria in Chapter 9. A new well in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin was identified as a beneficial monitoring point, with a transducer enabling continuous groundwater level data collection to support monitoring in adjacent basins.
- vi. Chapter 9 (Sustainable Management Criteria) development, which addresses DWR corrective actions, is dependent on completion of prior chapters and receipt of final subsidence data and surface water guidance, with a tentative target of early February.
- vii. Chapter 10 (Projects and Management Actions) will continue with ongoing implementation of projects and management actions (PMAs). Project PM-1 and Supplemental Projects SP-1. Management Action MA-1 will advance upon receipt of DWR guidance on well standards. Work on SP-2 will proceed toward Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) conversion planning, and potential Lakehouse ASR wells will be evaluated during the GSP update process.
 - a. A question was raised regarding whether recovery is limited by a fixed ratio. Ashley noted that a two-to-one injection-to-extraction ratio may apply under the county export ordinance.

- viii. The group discussed ASR technical and accounting considerations. Concerns were raised about formally listing an ASR project and creating unnecessary commitments in a near-sustainable basin, while others noted the value of keeping potential projects identified. A question was raised regarding recovery restrictions, and it was clarified that ASR does not result in a net increase in groundwater pumping, as injected water is intended for later recovery.
 - ix. Chapter 11 (Communication and Engagement) – Staff shared that Chapter 11 will be completed last to ensure it captures all outreach and meetings conducted during the GSP update process and will be updated iteratively as periodic evaluation feedback is received.
 - x. Chapter 12 (Interagency Agreements) is not expected to require substantive revisions but will be updated as needed to reflect any changes.
 - xi. Chapter 13 (References) will continue to be updated concurrently with other chapters to maintain current citations.
- 4. A revised schedule for release for the GSP update was highlighted including the annual report preparation will be completed in Quarter 1 2026 in advance of the April 1 submittal deadline. The water budget chapter will be released in two phases, with the current conditions analysis issued first, followed by the projected water budget analysis. The current conditions analysis is planned to be available by the end of Quarter 2 in 2026 to support the periodic evaluation determination.
 - 5. The GSP update process evaluates whether changes are significant and material. If not, a periodic evaluation will be prepared; if so, the evaluation will inform a formal GSP amendment.
 - 6. Current groundwater conditions reflect improved data resolution from newly installed transducers. Data indicates greater variability in the southern portion of the subbasin, which will be monitored more closely.

D. Communications and Engagement:

- 1. Overview of FSS ISP – *Discussion Item*

- iv. City of Lathrop GSA
 - a. Greg reported that the well injection equipping project bid will open next week. The drilling package is still pending.
- v. City of Tracy
 - a. No updates provided.
- vi. Stewart Tract
 - a. No updates provided.

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. A question was asked regarding the City of Mountain House's representation. Clarification was provided that they are currently covered within BBID's service area but they use surface water.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for February 19, 2026

A. Confirm Group Availability

- 1. The next meeting is anticipated for February 19, 2026, from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:07 PM.