

**Tracy Subbasin
GSP Coordination Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 19, 2026
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

MEETING 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 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
 - Venki Narasimhalu
 - City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
 - City of Lathrop GSP
 - Greg Gibson
 - Steward Tract GSA
 - Absent
 - Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - David Weisenberg
 - Danisha McDonald
 - Kelly Wright-La Force
 - Bryon-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Brad Mizuno
 - Other Attendees Included:
 - Richard Shatz, GEI
 - Caitlin McHugh, DWR
 - Atley Keller, Stantec
 - Nicole Hinostrroza, Stantec

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of the January 15, 2026 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

Motion to Approve: Lea Emmons

Second: Venki Narasimhalu

Ayes: All.

Noes: None.

Absent: Stewart Tract GSA

Abstain: None.

Result: Motion Approved

Notes/Requested Edits: None

- B. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

1. It was reported that Proposition 4 passed on January 27th, 2026. DWR will hold an upcoming scoping meeting to provide additional information on implementation. Grants, guidelines and solicitation packages will be received late 2026. Funding will then be distributed in 2027. There will be a webinar in late spring regarding the matter.

2. The group was informed that DWR has released the Final Subsidence Best Management Practices (BMPs) and the draft 2025 Bulletin 118. The Draft Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) guidance document is tentatively scheduled for release in the first quarter. CASGEM updates may be delayed.
 3. Caitlin noted that the Tracy GSP Plan Manager on the SGMA Portal was updated to Alex Chetley.
 4. DWR is currently updating Fall 2025 groundwater data. Beginning in March, DWR will begin collecting Spring 2026 groundwater level measurements, which will be due by July 1st.
- C. GSP Implementation Updates
1. WY 25 Annual Report Development – *Discussion Item*
 - i. GEI reminded the group that the Annual Report will only cover the non-Delta areas.
 - ii. Preliminary data from DWR shows that Water Year (WY) 2025 rainfall was below the average rainfall.
 - iii. For chronic lowering of groundwater, there were two Minimum Threshold (MT) exceedances and the approximately half of wells meeting the Measurable Objectives (MOs).
 - iv. For surface water depletion groundwater levels, one well is below the MT. GEI noted that this well is in the BBID area where little to no pumping occurs. GEI asked if the canal near well P005 was lined. Brad Mizuno confirmed it is not lined. GEI requested the GSAs share any additional information they have regarding Well P005. Two wells have not met their MO goal.
 - v. GEI shared they are still developing the groundwater surface elevation contours and change in storage.
 - vi. GEI noted that new CalWTRS database has not been updated so they are unable to estimate agricultural pumping from two irrigation districts. GEI requested the group to provide input on three potential options, including a) waiting until March 3rd for updated data, b) requesting data from agencies, and c) proceeding by using historical data:
 - vii. Estimated agriculture groundwater pumping, water supply, groundwater supply, surface water supply are all still underdevelopment.
 - viii. WY 2025 has no reported dry wells in the Tsb.
 - ix. Subsidence rate was determined using INSAR data and showed the rate was within the detectable limit of -0.1 to +0.1 feet/year.
 - x. Regarding groundwater quality, there was only one reported measurement for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and Boron which was below the MT. Six out of eight well reported nitrate levels below the MT. There were several wells above MOs for various constituents.
 - xi. GEI provided status updates on the various PMAs to be included in the report including the reduction of groundwater pumping project, modification of well ordinance management action, pumping and a supplemental project to reduce groundwater pumping. Regarding the management action, GEI would like to meet with County Environmental Health Department (EHD) next year to confirm location of sanitary seals in the Corcoran clay.

- xii. GEI shared progress towards Corrective Actions and noted they are waiting on surface water depletion document from DWR to continue progress.
 - xiii. GEI shared the upcoming annual report schedule and requested that GSAs provide comments on the draft report by March 13th.
 - xiv. GEI requested the GSA try to identify contacts for irrigation districts and for them to introduce Richard so he can request the data.
 - a. Lea will work on Pescadero and Naglee contact and noted they are meeting with Pescadero next week. Richard will send follow up email to Lea with the request.
2. Comments on GSP Chapters – *Discussion Item*
- i. This item was not discussed.
3. Current Groundwater Conditions – *Discussion Item*
- i. Three main TSS wells for monitoring current conditions are now equipped with transducers. GEI shared conditions for West, South and Central locations. The wells are located near Mountain House Water Treatment Plant, City of Tracy and within BCID. The Southern well is suggesting there may be some pumping that is not long term in the area due to the difference between the results below and above the Corcan clay.
4. Well Q Update – *Discussion Item*
- i. GEI informed the group that the GSP requires an investigation if MTs are exceeded for two consecutive years to determine the underlying cause. Well Q, located in the upper aquifer, has been below the MTs for the past three years. Potential factors are climate conditions, decreased recharge, pumping influences, or other nearby wells across the Corcoran clay. If wells are crossing the Corcan clay, GEI suggested meeting with County EHD to ensure this is prevented in the future. GEI will share report with the group today and plans to discuss it further at the next meeting.
 - a. The group discussed how the well was constructed across the Corcoran Clay. Richard shared that it is not common and that EHD's well ordinance requires wells to be sealed through the clay layer. Richard said it may be reasonable to consider lowering the MT at this location. Greg noted that lowering the MT could allow it to continue declining over time. Venki supported the idea of removing the well entirely, but Richard explained that because Well Q is part of the Representative Monitoring Site (RMS) network, DWR would require it to be replaced.
 - b. Greg asked whether a cone of depression could be influencing the area. Richard said he could not confirm the exact cause. Richard displayed the well location on a map, and Venki noted that the landowner where Well Q is located is reluctant to allow County access, and the agreement could be revoked at any time. Richard added that a fourth nearby well appears to be unsealed through the clay and may be contributing to the low MTs. GEI is currently monitoring groundwater production in the area but not groundwater levels.
 - c. David volunteered to take a drive around the area of Well Q to look for any industrial activity that could be influencing Well Q.

- d. Richard is moving forward with the investigation. He stated that if access is lost, it would be up to the County to remove the well from the RMS network.
- e. Venki stated that Well Q is not a reliable monitoring location due to ongoing landowner access issues, even though no complaints have been submitted by the owners.
- f. Richard shared that there was a dry well nearby that began pumping muddy water. A new well was constructed in the vicinity, and the old one was destroyed.
- g. Brad shared that he will inquire about any additional dry wells.
- h. Richard requested that the Committee members read through the report and share their input.

D. Communications and Engagement – *Discussion Item*

1. Stantec shared they have capacity to support a public workshop under the Facilitation Support Services Implementation Service Plan (ISP) scope of work. The ISP could be amended to support the workshop being held in person and extending the period of performance, if approved by DWR. Stantec is also scoped to prepare newsletters following the Annual Report, if desired. The group will revisit this item at the next meeting as needed.
 - i. Greg expressed support for shifting the public meetings to June and canceling the October meeting. He also shared that previous public meetings worked well when held in Tracy.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates
 - i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*
 - a. No updates.
 - ii. Delta Mendota – *City of Tracy to Report Out*
 - a. No updates.
 - iii. East Contra Costa – *BBID to Report Out*
 - a. BBID shared that spring levels were collected in March and water quality data will be collected in July.

F. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

III. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates

1. BCID
 - i. No updates provided.
2. BBID
 - i. No updates provided.
3. San Joaquin County GSA
 - i. Regarding DWR's Spring measurements submittal, the GSA is looking to take measurements in April with their consultant Condor.
4. City of Lathrop GSA
 - i. The ASR well-equipping package was awarded and the City is working to get contracting started. Well drilling is still pending completion. They noted they have not been pumping groundwater for municipal water supply due to water treatment facility issues. It is expected to be repaired in two months.
5. City of Tracy GSA

- i. No updates provided.
- 6. Stewart Tract
 - i. No updates provided.

IV. 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.

V. Agency Comments

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

- 1. No comments were received.

VI. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for March 19, 2026

- A. Confirm Group Availability

- 1. The next meeting is anticipated for March 19, 2026. GEI noted the meeting will be important to attend because they will be looking for approval to release the annual report to DWR City of Lathrop, San Joaquin County, BBID confirmed they will be in attendance. Stantec will reach out to Stewart Tract.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM