

**Tracy Subbasin
GSP Coordination Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 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 3:05 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
 - Ashley Couch
 - City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
 - City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
 - Stewart Tract GSA
 - Absent
 - Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - David Weisenberg
 - Danisha McDonald (Joined Late)
 - Bryon-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Ed Pattison
 - Brad Mizuno
 - Other Attendees Included:
 - Richard Shatz, GEI
 - Michael Cornelius, GEI
 - Caitlin McHugh, DWR
 - Atley Keller, Stantec
 - Nicole Hinostroza, Stantec
 - George Hartmann

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of the February 19, 2026 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

Motion to Approve: David Weisenberg.

Second: None.

Ayes: None.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Result: Motion Tabled.

Notes/Requested Edits: The group requested additional time to review the meeting minutes. Atley Keller will re-distribute the draft meeting minutes with the group.

- B. Approval of the WY 25 Annual Report - *Discussion Item*

Motion to Approve: Greg Gibson

Second: Venki Narasimhalu

Ayes: All

Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.
Result: Motion approved.
Notes/Requested Edits:

Richard noted that he has received comments from a few members and shared a list of modifications made to the report.

Richard shared revisions made to the Executive Summary, which were suggested by Ed Pattinson. Ed noted that there are geographic distinctions within the basin which leads to better groundwater quality in the eastern areas. The group agreed that it should be made clear that there are natural conditions influencing groundwater quality. The group made additional live edits to the text that Richard will update in the final report.

Regarding groundwater pumping values, the group discussed how surface water imports and recharge should be accounted for in determining groundwater fees and reporting to DWR. One member raised concern that remedial pumping should be tracked separately under a direct use category, rather than being included with regular groundwater pumping. Others also questioned whether imported surface water should receive a credit. Members noted that treated water is discharged from their water treatment plants to the river and is also used for agricultural purposes so it should be credited. One member suggested that recharge basin credits should only be included if recharge versus evapotranspiration (ET) has been quantified. Without that analysis, there is too much uncertainty to include it. Therefore, only metered wells should be counted as a credit. Ashley requested that Richard subtract volumes that are going to recharge basins and apply credits only for injected water. He proposed using groundwater subtotals for dues calculations, subtracting 400 acre-feet for percolation basins (not creditable due to water quality and other uncertainties), resulting in an estimated 1,300 acre-feet subject to fees. Ashley asked whether the group agreed with the approach. Lea, Greg, and David expressed agreement. Richard proposed also applying a 300-acre-foot credit and noted that contamination does not affect the accounting because the focus is only on pumping volumes.

Richard requested approval from the group to proceed with these numbers and to post the report to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by March 26, 2026. A motion to approve was made by Greg and seconded by Venki. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *DWR Status Report* –

1. Caitin shared that the Final Subsidence BMP and Resources pages have been released. A draft Bulletin-118 report was also recently released. She also noted that the Draft Interconnected Surface Water Guidance has been delayed and expected to be released in the second quarter of the year. Lastly, she shared that CASGEM is moving to the SGMA portal in July 2026.

D. GSP Implementation Updates

1. GSP Implementation Budgets
 - i. Updates to the Five-Year Budget – Discussion Item

- a. Ashley shared that SJ County is working with Richard (GEI) to develop a method for charging non-delta and delta area property owners. One of their corrective actions requires annual monitoring which will cost approximately \$18,000. They anticipate they will not charge non-delta owners for this, and the total will be the base for their Prop 26 fee. They also shared the public outreach approach for Prop 26 which will start June 8th and a Board meeting on June 30th. Ashley will follow up with their Consultant, Larsen Wurzel, for more information.
 2. FY 26/27 Budget Development – *Discussion Item*
 - E. Communications and Engagement – *Discussion Item* WY 25 Annual Report Development – *Discussion Item*
 1. Atley confirmed that the group discussed changing the public outreach meeting for the Annual Report from October to June. She noted that the current ISP is scoped for a virtual meeting so if an in-person meeting is desired, they will need to request that from DWR as soon as possible. The group discussed additional strategies to get more public participation in the meeting. The group agreed that the meeting should be hybrid to allow for online and in-person participation. Caitlin shared that she can request a speaker from DWR to see if they would be available to present on a groundwater related topic. Atley would begin coordinating with Venki to get the needed approval needed from DWR to change the scope of the meeting.
 - F. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*
 1. Adjacent Basin Updates
 - i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*
 - a. San Joaquin County shared ESJ GSA is continuing to install monitoring well (with telemetry) using their funding from ARPA. They are also working on finalizing their Annual Report. In terms of PMAs, they are working on securing additional water supplies by applying for a water right on the Mokelumne River. Along with that, they will need to develop a demand management plan by the end of next year.
 - ii. Delta Mendota – *City of Tracy to Report Out*
 - a. No updates.
 - iii. East Contra Costa – *BBID to Report Out*
 - a. No updates
 - G. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*
 1. Greg shared the City of Lathrop GSA is still working on installing their Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) wells.
- 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 April 16, 2026

- A. Confirm Group Availability – Availability was not confirmed due to meeting time constraints.
 1. The next meeting is anticipated for April 16, 2026.

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM