

## Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026  
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

### Teleconference Meeting Only

Teleconference Link: <https://stantec.zoom.us/j/91656603833>

Phone Number: +1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 916-5660-3833

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

##### A. Call the Meeting to Attention and Conduct Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 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:

- Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID):
  - Kelly Wright-La Force
- Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
  - Ed Pattison
  - Brad Mizuno
  - Nader Shareghi
- San Joaquin County GSA
  - Alex Chetley
  - Ashley Couch
  - Venki Narasimhalu
- City of Lathrop GSA
  - Greg Gibson
- City of Tracy GSA
  - Lea Emmons
- Stewart Tract
  - None
- Other Attendees Included:
  - Caitlin McHugh, DWR
  - Richard Shatz, GEI
  - Atley Keller, Stantec
  - Nicole Hinothroza, Stantec
  - George Hartman
  - Karen\*

*\*last name not captured*

#### II. Scheduled Items

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

**Motion to Approve:** Lea Emmons

**Second:** Greg Gibson

**Ayes:** All

**Noes:** None

**Result:** Motion Approved

**Notes/Requested Edits:** None

- March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve:** Lea Emmons

**Second:** Alex Chetley

**Ayes:** All

**Noes:** None

**Result:** Motion Approved

**Notes/Requested Edits:** None

## B. Department of Water Resources (DWR) Status Report – Discussion Item

Caitin McHugh, DWR, provided updates. The April 30<sup>th</sup> Prop 4 webinar registration link

(<https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/OuYAaGY7R4KfRnk1ZOQ09A#/registration>) was shared with the group. The GRA SGMA Summit will occur on June 2-3, 2026 in Clovis (<https://www.grac.org/>). The group was reminded that groundwater data is due to DWR by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Final Subsidence BMP and B118 were now available. The draft Interconnected Surface Water (ISW) Guidance Document is now expected for Quarter 2 of 2026. Water Year 2023 Land Use Data has been finalized. Regarding the TSB's request for DWR to present at the next public meeting, Caitlin shared potential topics that could be presented including: Interconnected Surface Waters, Subsidence, Groundwater Data Collections, Subsidence Best Management Practices Guidance document, or the Project and Management Actions Module. She requested the group let her know who the intended audience is and what topics they would like to hear so she can proceed.

## C. GSP Implementation Updates

### 1. GSP Implementation Budgets

#### i. Updates to the Five-Year Budget – *Discussion Item*

Richard Shatz shared that the Annual Report was submitted on March 31, 2026. PMAs were updated in the module. A letter from DWR will be expected around July 2026 with comments/approval.

Richard is now working on preparing the final budget which will need to be adopted at the June 18 Committee meeting. The Annual Budget process will require the Committee to approve a new budget each June for the following year. Right now, Stantec and GEI are preparing their proposals for FY26-27. In May, Richard will present the updated GSA cost allocations with groundwater pumping numbers and populations estimates from the Department of Finance.

#### ii. FY 26/27 Budget Development – *Discussion Item*

Local and shared costs budgets were developed along with revenue calculations. Shared cost modifications were needed this cycle to account

for the preparation of the Periodic Evaluation, Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) revisions, other unforeseen activities (as requested by SJ County) and a 4% annual increase for inflation. The 2027-2031 average annual budget is expected to be around \$354,510. The Revenue Calculations approach generally used the standard methods from previous 5-years but included a modified approach for County contributions to reflect the Delta Management fee, Zone 2 fee and GSA costs. This will result in the County picking up more annual costs and the other GSAs paying less overall. Richard will distribute PDFs of the developed budgets after the meeting.

Ashley Couch shared that \$92,000 from San Joaquin County will be contingent on Prop 26 regulatory fee passing which is expected to be presented at their Board of Supervisor meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> or August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lea Emmons expressed his concern over Zone 2 funding disproportionately affecting the Tracy and Lathrop GSA residents due to a larger number of properties in their jurisdiction. He requested further information to understand how much Tracy is paying into Zone 2.

Greg Gibson asked if this budget would necessitate modifying the cost share agreement. Richard stated no update is needed.

2. Comments on GSP Chapters – Discussion Item

This item was not covered at the meeting.

3. Current Groundwater Conditions – *Discussion Item*

In the Western region, groundwater levels below the Corcoran clay generally show negative elevations except for one monitoring well which is reporting positive values. Richard has been communicating with DWR to resolve the problem. In the Central region, groundwater levels have flattened. In the Southern region, groundwater levels below the Corcoran clay are changing by 15 feet seasonally which may indicate pumping influences nearby, but the region is still considered healthy and normal. Richard added that the data he has shows the well appears to be constructed properly but ultimately may still require redevelopment.

4. Well Q – *Discussion Item*

Lea was able to determine that there is a well near the residential lakes, but Richard thinks it is unlikely it is impacting Well Q. DWR and Tracy are considering re-drilling a well near Well MW-4 to replace Well Q. The costs would be paid for by DWR with no costs to the GSAs. DWR would need additional information to fund and construct the new monitoring well.

Venki requested the GSP update note that Well Q is being addressed. Richard confirmed it would be noted that as a data gap and new construction will be noted as a management action.

Greg asked why a new well is needed if there are other nearby monitoring wells. Richard clarified the other nearby wells are above the Corcan clay and will not be able to mimic Well Q.

Richard asked the group if he could proceed with providing information to DWR. Ashley and Greg voiced their support.

Greg shared he is unsure if it's the GSAs responsibility if a new well sees the

same issues of cross contamination. As a management action, he thinks it could be a referral to the County or the State Water Board to potentially abandon the well.

5. TSS Discussion – *Discussion Item*

Richard shared that DWR has approved access and easement agreements for construction of well MW-102 and GEI will need to prepare a well drilling permit application. DWR has asked if the Committee would like to have a nested monitoring well at this location. Richard suggested asking DWR to install a nested well since it will provide better information on the direction of flows coming into the subbasin. If DWR can afford to replace Well Q and this well, Richard suggests requesting DWR make one of them multi-layer but that would require the development of a workplan which would cost the GSA money. Ashley agrees Well Q is the higher priority but if there is funding to get a well in the Southeast basin, the GSAs should support that too. The Committee provided confirmation for Richard to proceed.

D. Communications and Engagement – *Discussion Item*

Due to timing constraints, this discussion was skipped and will be revisited at the next meeting.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*

No updates.

ii. Delta Mendota – *City of Tracy to Report Out*

No updates.

iii. East Contra Costa – *BBID to Report Out*

No updates.

F. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

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

The City of Lathrop GSA reported making continued progress on their Aquifer Storage and Recover (ASR) wells and expect it will be 2-3 years before recovery. Regarding the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan, they asked if anyone would like to be part of the review process. Lea confirmed he would include Robin. Greg did not receive Tracy's, but his colleague may have. A question was asked if there was an update on ASR considerations for Mountain House. Greg noted he has an administrative draft. Lea is attempting to contact Stewart Tract.

BCID shared they are actively delivering water to white areas. Their data is being uploaded to the SGMA Portal monthly.

**III. Public Comments**

A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured within the Agenda from Members of the Public in Attendance

None.

**IV. Agency Comments**

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

Kelly asked if the altering is along the SGMA boundary line. Richard confirmed and noted that there would be no additional footprint added, however, there would now be two monitoring wells along the security vault.

**V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for May 21, 2026**

- A. Confirm Group Availability -

The next meeting is anticipated for May 21, 2026

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM