

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Teleconference Meeting Only

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

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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
 - Ashley Couch
 - Venki Narasimhalu
- City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
- City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
 - Robin Kloepfer
- Stewart Tract
 - None
- Other Attendees Included:
 - Caitlin McHugh, DWR
 - Richard Shatz, GEI
 - Atley Keller, Stantec
 - Nicole Hinostroza, Stantec
 - George Hartman
 - Danisha McDonald

II. Scheduled Items

A. Approval of the April 16, 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

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

Caitin McHugh, DWR, provided updates. The Prop 4 webinar occurred on April 30th. Those who would like to receive future information were instructed to sign up for the DWR email list. DWR will be hosting a Funding Fair on May 21, 2026 and June 3, 2026. The group was reminded that Spring 2026 groundwater data is due to DWR by July 1st. Data will need to be submitted via the SGMA or CASGEM portal. If assistance is needed, reach out to DWR. The Final Subsidence BMP and educational resource webpage was released. DWR's Interconnected surface water document is still tentatively scheduled to be released for Q2. C2VSIM Update, Water Year 2023 Land Use Data and B118 Update have been published online. The California Water Plan held their first Advisory Committee meeting on May 13-14, 2026. Caitlin also confirmed she will be attending the June 23rd Public Meeting along with Chelsea Spier who will speak on DWR's regulatory role.

C. GSP Implementation Updates

1. GSP Implementation Budgets

i. FY 26/27 Budget Development – *Discussion Item*

Richard Shatz, GEI shared the FY budget with new values based on updated population estimates. Revenue calculations were developed using the following breakdown: 20% acreage, 20% population, 60% GW pumping. Approval of the FY budget will be sought at the June Coordination Committee meeting.

The group discussed the Zone 2 repayment. San Joaquin County will be scheduling a meeting with City of Tracy, and others who are interested, to discuss the budget distributions and calculations.

ii. Tracy GSP Implementation Scope

Professional Services proposals were shared. GEI's proposal is very similar to last years except for an increase in costs related to the Annual Report to ADA compliance and the development of a "Delta Area". This year, the scope is assuming no plan amendment will occur. There will need to be coordination with DWR regarding wells being taken out and the calibration of the CV2SIM model. Technical Support Services (TSS) includes grant assistance and supporting requests for additional monitoring wells to track subsidence.

Stantec's proposal is slightly lower in costs from the previous year due to the completion of the Notice and Communications chapter. Stantec assumes the Tracy Subbasin will submit a new Facilitation Support Services (FSS) application to support other outreach tasks. Approval of the proposals will be sought at the next meeting.

2. Comments on GSP Chapters – Discussion Item

i. Notice and Communications Chapter Review

Atley Keller, Stantec, shared the proposed updates to the Notice and Communications Chapter for the GSP. Updates included:

- a. Added language to include GSP implementation
- b. Updated with reference to the disbanding of the Technical Committee
- c. Included reference to MOU Amendment #1
- d. Updated non-Delta Management Area language
- e. Included incorporation of Mountain House
- f. Added overview of 2019 Communications and Engagement Plan and 2022 Addendum
- g. Added 2024 and 2025 inter-basin coordination activities
- h. Included engagement activity that occurred in WY 2022-2026

The group shared that an additional Inter-basin coordination meeting will occur with the Delta-Mendota Subbasin in the next fiscal year. Greg noted that the document will need to be made ADA compliant if it's to be posted online.

3. Current Groundwater Conditions – *Discussion Item*

Regarding MW-202, groundwater levels are showing to be positive due to artisan head pushing water levels above the aquifer. Water quality is shown to be worse at the deeper level meaning there are contributions to the shallow aquifers. Richard noted the monitoring well will not be used in future contouring of the lower aquifer due to these issues.

In the Western region, there was a small decline observed in late March that has now leveled out. Given there is no pumping in the area, DWR suspects it might be an issue related to the transducer. They are looking investigating this well.

In the Southern region, there is not much activity in the upper aquifer. The lower aquifer shows some activity due to pumping. Richard requested information from Kelly if they know what might be causing this.

4. Subsidence – *Discussion Item*

Richard shared there are discrepancies between InSAR data and the survey data from the Bureau of Reclamation. He will need to use Delta-Mendota's subsidence dataset to evaluate critical head, which will then become the new Minimum Threshold (MTs). Out of 8 wells, only 2 will have MTs because of the questionable groundwater data. Richard also noted that the plate boundary station has migrated slightly and has observed a small level of subsidence.

5. TSS Discussion – *Discussion Item*

Richard shared that DWR has approved access and easement agreements

for construction of well MW-102. The well will be constructed within the next month. A transducer will be installed, and the well will be used to evaluate surface water-groundwater interactions.

6. Projects and Management Actions (PMAs)– *Discussion Item*

Richard shared that since the subbasin has completed the majority of their PMAs, there are new projects to include in the GSP update. Richard will be meeting with the GSAs to discuss potential new projects or supplemental projects.

D. Communications and Engagement – *Discussion Item*

Nicole Hinostroza, Stantec, updated the group on planning activities related to the upcoming June 23rd Public Meeting. The group confirmed agenda topics and the plan for noticing the meeting. The City of Tracy noted they could provide provisions for the meeting.

E. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

i. Eastern San Joaquin (ESJ) – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*

Ashley shared that ESJ received extensive comments from DWR on their 2024 Amended GSP and 5-year Periodic Evaluations.

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

None.

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

San Joaquin County will meet with the City of Tracy to address their concerns regarding SGMA Regulatory Compliance Fee. The County is getting ready for their SGMA Regulatory Compliance Fee public meeting which will be held virtually on June 24th at 6:30pm.

Venki shared that the Board of Supervisors will vote on the SGMA Regulatory Compliance Fee, currently scheduled for June 30th.

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

A. Confirm Group Availability -

The next meeting is anticipated for June 18, 2026. Group availability was not

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 PM