

Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting Only

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Phone Number: +1 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 928-632-981-04#

MINUTES

I. Introductions

The following Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) representatives were present via teleconference:

- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- Lemar Saffi, City of Tracy GSA
- Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA
- Ryan Alameda, Stewart Tract GSA

Other Attendees:

- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Sean Storey, GEI
- Greg Hartmann, Member of the public
- Kirsten Pringle, Stantec

II. Scheduled Items

A. Review of December 17 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

There were no comments on the December 17 Technical Committee Meeting minutes.

B. Public Outreach and Engagement Activities

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, provided an overview of the agenda and materials for public workshop being held from 5:30 – 6:30 PM on January 21. Greg Gibson,

City of Lathrop GSA, asked whether the GSA representatives will be filling out the workshop Participant Guide along with the participants.

C. CV-SALTS and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

The group discussed the CV-SALTS Salt Control Program and its nexus to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Mr. Gibson stated that the City of Lathrop received a notice to comply with the Salt Control Program and provided an overview of the two permitting approaches. Richard Shatz, GEI, stated that the projects and management actions identified in the GSP will be evaluated for their potential impact to groundwater quality. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA, summarized the County's participation in the CV-SALTS programs.

D. Upcoming Groundwater Sustainability Plan Chapters and Technical Work

Mr. Shatz provided an update on the basin water budget and projects and management actions. The beta version of the C2VSim model showed a positive water budget of approximately 4,000 acre-feet. Preliminary results from Version 1 of the C2VSim model show a 4,000 acre-feet deficit. The GEI team believe the deficit is due to inter-basin flows to the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

Mr. Shatz requested that each of the GSA representatives develop a list of potential projects and management actions and send to him by February 1.

E. Chapter 9, Sustainable Management Goals, Selection Criteria, Thresholds and Objectives

Mr. Shatz provided an overview of SMC and the approach for setting SMC in the Tracy Subbasin. Discussion topics included sustainability indicators, minimum thresholds (MT), measurable objectives (MO), and groundwater quality conditions in the Tracy Subbasin. The proposed approach includes setting MTs and MOs for sensitive beneficial users, including domestic well users and groundwater dependent ecosystems. Mr. Gibson asked whether MTs and MOs were being set for the whole basin or specific region. Mr. Gibson asked whether impacts from climate change were being accounted for in the SMC.

Mr. Shatz then presented the draft SMC for the Tracy Subbasin. The group discussed the draft criteria. Discussion topics included MTs and MOs for

groundwater levels, groundwater storage, and groundwater quality. Ryan Alameda, Stewart Tract GSA, requested examples of sustainability goals from other basins. George Hartmann, member of the public, stated that the GSP should discuss the tidal nature of the Delta. Mr. Gibson asked whether the water budget will account for anticipated growth in the region and whether groundwater contours could be used to set SMC for groundwater storage.

The group discussed whether to include Maximum Contaminant Levels for boron in the SMC for groundwater quality. Mr. Gibson asked where the boron was coming from and whether it was present in tertiary treated water. Mr. Hartmann asked for clarification on how boron affects crops and whether there is a monitoring well near the portion of the subbasin located in the Delta. Mr. Hartmann also noted issues with salt loads in the Delta. Mr. Zidar asked what management actions could be taken if the subbasin reached the MT for boron. The group agreed that the SMC for groundwater quality should focus on total dissolved solids and not include boron.

Mr. Shatz requested input on the proposed approach for setting SMC for land subsidence.

F. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Status and Schedule

Mr. Shatz stated that the next GSP chapter will be released in a couple of weeks.

III. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda.

IV. **Agency Comments**

There were no comments from the GSA representatives on items not on the agenda.

V. **Next Groundwater Sustainability Plan Coordination Committee Meeting – February 18, 2021**