

Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Committee Meeting

**Thursday, December 17, 2020
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Teleconference Meeting Only

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MINUTES

I. Introductions

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

- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District GSA
- Greg Young, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA and Westside Irrigation District GSA
- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- Lemar Saffi, City of Tracy GSA
- Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA

Other Attendees:

- Nick Janes, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA and Westside Irrigation District GSA
- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Sean Storey, GEI
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House Community Services District
- Kirsten Pringle, Stantec

II. Scheduled Items

A. Review of November 19 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop, noted that the roll call needs revised to accurately reflect the representative for San Joaquin County.

B. Discussion on Pending Consolidation of West Side Irrigation District and Byron-Bethany Irrigation District

The group discussed process for updating the GSA boundaries to reflect the consolidation of West Side Irrigation District and Byron-Bethany Irrigation District. Richard Shatz, GEI, noted that shapefiles for the GSAs will need to be updated. Bill Brewster, DWR, stated that if the change to the GSA boundaries is considered material, the GSA notification will need to be reposted on the DWR website and undergo a 90-day public comment period. Nick Janes, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District and Westside Irrigation District, stated the consolidation was official as of October.

C. Update on Draft Chapter 5 Release

Mr. Shatz noted that the Chapter 5 of the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) has been released for public review and comment. Comments are due by January 13.

D. Public Outreach and Engagement Activities

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, provided an overview of the revised Tracy Subbasin website and update on the first subbasin newsletter and January workshop. Mr. Brewster suggested adding a link on the website to DWR's Groundwater Management Data and Tools webpage.

E. Update on Delta-Mendota Subbasin Groundwater Contouring Wells

Mr. Shatz provided an update on inter-basin coordination discussion with the Delta-Mendota Subbasin regarding groundwater contours near the subbasins' boundaries. Mr. Shatz is working with consultants for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to identify the wells used to develop the contours for the Northern & Central Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP.

Mr. Shatz recommended modifying the subbasin's DWR Technical Support Services application to request installation of a monitoring well in the lower aquifer near the boundary with the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. The group discussed this recommendation and gave Mr. Shatz direction to move forward with a proposed amendment to the application.

F. Update on DWR Monitoring Wells

Mr. Shatz provided an overview of the steps the GSAs would have to complete to take over monitoring a well previously monitored by DWR. David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District GSA, stated that he would contact the landowner of the property the well is located on.

G. Discussion on Chapter 9, Sustainable Management Goals, Criteria, and Thresholds

Mr. Shatz provided an update on the evaluation of existing monitoring wells in the subbasin for potential inclusion in the representative monitoring network.

Mr. Shatz then provided an overview of the proposed approach to set the sustainable management criteria for the subbasin. This approach includes using impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems and domestic well users as indicators to set the sustainable management criteria. The group discussed the proposed approach. Greg Young, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA and Westside Irrigation District GSA, raised questions about the approach. Mr. Young requested additional information on the average depths of domestic wells in the subbasin. Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop, asked whether the measurements on the domestic wells were taken as static water levels or after the wells had time to recover. The group directed Mr. Shatz to compile additional information on the depths of domestic wells in the subbasin.

H. Discussion on Chapter 6, Water Budgets

Due to time limitations, agenda item H was moved to the agenda for the next Technical Committee meeting.

I. Discussion on Chapter 10, Projects and Management Actions

Mr. Shatz provided an overview of the preliminary list of projects and management actions for potential inclusion in the GSP. He noted that the list focused on supply augmentation rather than demand reduction and requested suggestions for additional projects and actions. Mr. Young asked for clarification on how the water budget related to identification of projects.

J. Discussion on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Status and Schedule

Mr. Shatz provided an update on the status of development of the GSP.

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 Technical Committee Coordination Meeting and Public Workshop Date – January 21, 2020**