

Tracy Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Coordination Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting Only

Teleconference Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/773528605>

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MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.

Roll call found the following Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) representatives present via teleconference:

- David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District GSA
- 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:

- Nick Janes, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA
- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- George Hartman, Member of the Public
- Hamid Parsa, Mountain House Community Services District
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House Community Services District

II. Scheduled Items

- A. Approval of August 20 GSP Coordination Meeting and September 17 and October 15 Technical Committee Meetings Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District GSA

SECONDER: Ryan Alameda, Stewart Tract

AYES: Banta-Carbona Irrigation District GSA, City of Tracy GSA, San Joaquin County GSA, Stewart Tract

NOES: None

ABSENT: Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA, City of Lathrop GSA, West Side Irrigation District GSA

ABSTAIN: None

B. Public Outreach and Engagement Activities

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, provided updates on the status of the Tracy Subbasin newsletter, next public workshop, and website revisions. Ms. Pringle stated that the date for the next workshop will be Thursday, January 21, 2020.

C. Approval to Post Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Chapter 5 for Public Review

Richard Shatz, GEI, stated that comments from the GSA representatives were incorporated into the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Chapter 5. George Hartman asked if data from the Open ET project is being used to develop the subbasin water balance.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County

SECONDER: Lemar Saffi, City of Tracy

AYES: Banta-Carbona Irrigation District GSA, City of Tracy GSA, San Joaquin County GSA, Stewart Tract

NOES: None

ABSENT: Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA, City of Lathrop GSA, West Side Irrigation District GSA

ABSTAIN: None

Following the motion, Mr. Shatz and Ms. Pringle noted that the chapter will be available for public review and comment for 30 days on the Tracy Subbasin website.

D. Discussion on DWR Monitoring Wells

Mr. Shatz stated that DWR is in the process of reassigning CASGEM wells and considering destroying some monitoring wells located in the Tracy Subbasin. In the Delta region of the subbasin, there are eight shallow wells and four deep wells identified for elimination or destruction. Mr. Shatz recommended eliminating the shallow wells and two the deep wells and keeping the remaining two deep wells. Mr. Hartman asked for clarification on the purpose of the monitoring wells in the tidal Delta. Bill Brewster, DWR, asked if the information from the wells has been used to develop the subbasin model or water balance. Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop, asked if they could wait to decide on the wells until the representative monitoring network was developed. The GSA representatives decided to wait to decide whether to keep or eliminate the wells until the GSP is further developed.

Mr. Shatz stated that there is also wells in the non-Delta area of the subbasin that DWR is considering eliminating. Mr. Shatz recommended asking DWR to continue monitoring one of the wells. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County, agreed that the well should be kept.

Mr. Shatz provided an overview of purpose, discussion, and next steps from inter-basin coordination meeting with Delta-Mendota Subbasin held on November 6. He recommended pursuing an additional well in the southern portion of the subbasin bear the boundary with the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. Nader Shareghi, Mountain House Community Services District, noted that there is an existing well near the community of Mountain House installed by a developer that may no longer be used.

E. Discussion on Management Areas, Monitoring Networks, and Sustainable Management Criteria

Mr. Shatz provided an update on the establishment of management areas for the Tracy Subbasin and how other basins are addressing sustainable management criteria for the portions of the basins in the Delta. Mr. Hartman asked clarifying questions on how the boundary for the Delta area was set.

Mr. Shatz provided an overview of Sustainable Management Criteria and the approach for setting minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.

Mr. Shatz described the purpose of the representative monitoring network and approach for selecting the representative monitoring wells. This approach includes using groundwater levels as proxy and selecting wells to monitor groundwater levels for sensitive beneficial users for each principal aquifer. This would entail monitoring in areas of the subbasin near groundwater dependent ecosystems; domestic well owners, particularly in disadvantaged communities; areas solely dependent on groundwater; and surface water bodies. In addition, monitoring would be conducted for groundwater levels in the lower aquifer. Mr. Shatz noted that in many cases the wells will be monitored for multiple purposes.

F. Discussion on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Status and Schedule

Mr. Shatz provided an update on the GSP development schedule.

III. **Public Comment**

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

IV. **Agency Comments**

There were no agency comments from the GSA representatives.

V. **Next Groundwater Sustainability Plan Coordination Meeting Date – December 17, 2020**

Mr. Pringle noted that the next GSP Coordination Meeting is on December 17 and will focus on sustainable management criteria.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.