

# **Tracy Subbasin Technical Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

## **Teleconference Meeting Only**

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Meeting ID: 928-632-981-04#

## **MINUTES**

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM and roll was called. 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
- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA
- Lemar Saffi, City of Tracy GSA
- Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA
- Ryan Alameda, Stewart Tract GSA

Other attendees:

- Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources
- Jackson Cook, California Department of Water Resources
- Ashlee Casey, GEI
- Mike Cornelius, GEI
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Jose Coronado, Member of the public
- Nader Shareghi, Mountain House Community Services District
- Claire Howard, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- John Brodie, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- Elizabeth Simon, Stantec
- Kirsten Pringle, Stantec

## II. **Scheduled Items**

### A. Review of February 18 Coordination Committee Meetings Minutes

There were no comments on or revisions to the February 18 Coordination Committee Meeting minutes.

### B. Public Outreach and Engagement Activities

There were no updates on public outreach and engagement activities.

### C. Approval to Release Draft GSP Chapters 7 (Management Areas), 8 (Monitoring Networks), and 9 (Sustainable Management Criteria) for Public Review

Richard Shatz, GEI, provided an update on the status of the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) chapters and an overview of revisions made to the relevant chapter sections based on comments from the GSA representatives. The group discussed whether to include boron as an indicator for water quality. Mr. Shatz noted that there are potential data gaps in the monitoring network for boron in some areas of the subbasin. Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA, and Lea Emmons, City of Tracy GSA, indicated that the cities of Lathrop and Tracy monitor for boron in the lower aquifer. The group agreed to include wells that currently monitor for boron in the groundwater monitoring network while working towards filling data gaps for water quality before the five-year GSP update.

The group discussed potential revisions to the groundwater monitoring network. Mr. Shatz identified wells with potentially inaccurate well depths and suggested classifying these wells as data gaps to be addressed prior to the five-year GSP update. The group agreed with this approach. Mr. Shatz also identified wells in the groundwater monitoring network that had reached or were near reaching water levels near the Minimum Threshold (MT). The group decided to reevaluate the draft MT for groundwater levels. As a next step, Mr. will continue reaching out to well owners within the subbasin to coordinate use of additional wells for monitoring.

The group discussed the schedule for revising and reviewing draft GSP Chapters 7, 8, and 9. The group requested to review the revised GSP chapters prior to public release. The group agreed to delay approval to publicly release the draft

GSP chapters until the following meeting.

The group discussed funding options for GSP implementation. Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, noted that case studies on GSP funding options are being developed by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The group decided to add the topic of funding for GSP implementation to the agenda for the next meeting.

D. Projected Water Budgets With and Without Climate Change

Mike Cornelius, GEI, provided an overview of the approach to calculating the projected water budget. Mr. Shatz stated he was in the process of obtaining corrected data on projected water deliveries. Greg Young, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA, asked if the data on projected water deliveries was anticipated to make a substantial change in the projected water budgets. Mr. Shatz responded that he did not expect new data to make considerable difference to the water budget.

E. Projects and Management Actions

Mr. Shatz presented the proposed approach for selecting projects and management actions (PMA). The group discussed the preliminary list of PMAs. Proposed projects included new detention basins, including detention basins constructed in old gravel pits; surface water pipeline extensions; expanded use of recycled water; and new aquifer storage and recovery wells. David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, provided additional information on the district's planned service area expansion. Mr. Weisenberger also stated he was concerned about the quality of stormwater that may be used in the detention basins. Mr. Gibson suggested adding a rain barrel subsidy or similar types of water conservation programs and looking at the Delta Plan for potential PMAs related to ecosystem restoration. Mr. Emmons stated that all the City of Tracy's wells should be combined together as a single line item.

The group discussed how to account for agency participation in regional and state-wide programs like the Irrigated Lands Program and CV-SALTS. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County, suggested creating a set of line items related to actions that relate to broader planning efforts.

The group agreed on the preliminary list of projects. As a next step, Mr. Shatz will incorporate feedback from the GSA representatives and distribute a revised list of PMAs.

F. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Schedule

Mr. Shatz provided a brief 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 comments from the GSA representatives on items not on the agenda.

V. **Next Technical Committee Meeting – April 15, 2021**

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.