

*Meeting Notes
Tracy Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Committee Meeting*

**Thursday, October 15, 2020
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Teleconference Meeting Only

Teleconference Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/516953669>

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I. Introductions

- i. David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
- ii. Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- iii. Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- iv. Lemar Saffi, City of Tracy GSA
- v. Richard Shatz, GEI
- vi. Sean Storey, GEI
- vii. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA
- viii. Roy Valadez, San Joaquin County GSA
- ix. Representative, Sharpe Army Depot
- x. Kirsten Pringle, Stantec
- xi. Ryan Alameda, Stewart Tract GSA

II. Scheduled Items

A. Review of Technical Committee September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

There were no revisions to or comments on the meeting minutes from the September 17, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting.

B. Discussion on Public Outreach and Engagement Activities

Kirsten Pringle, Stantec, provided an overview of the concept for the next public workshop, anticipated to be held in January 2021. The workshop will focus on the draft sustainable management criteria and representative groundwater monitoring network

for the subbasin. Prior to the workshop, two educational videos will be available for public review about these topics. Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop, suggested developing key messages on why members of the public should care about these topics.

C. Discussion of Public Comments Received on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Chapters 1-3 and Chapter 4

Richard Shatz, GEI, stated that there were no public comments received on draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Chapters 1 – 3 or 4.

D. Discussion of Groundwater Sustainability Agency Comments on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Chapter 5

Richard Shatz provided an overview of GSA comments provided on draft GSP Chapter 5 and the proposed approach to addressing these comments. Topics addressed by the GSA comments include groundwater quality and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs).

The group discussed the managed wetlands and GDEs identified in the draft GSP chapters. Some GSA representatives expressed concerns that the map of GDEs may misrepresent the actual use of certain parcels. The group agreed to add an explanation to Chapter 5 explaining how managed wetlands and GDEs were identified and defined.

E. Briefing on Groundwater Management Area Approach

Shatz summarized the briefing on the groundwater management area approach provided in the meeting packet. The group discussed the proposed approach and how to set sustainable management criteria for the portion of the subbasin located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta). The group decided to move forward with the approach described in the briefing.

The group also discussed how the Delta area is defined within the subbasin. A member of the public asked if federal lands are included in the GSP. The group decided to use the terms “primary” and “secondary” when referring to the Delta, revise the boundary of the Delta shown in the draft GSP chapters, and add a description of agencies with jurisdiction over the Delta to the GSP.

Discussion on Chapter 7 – Groundwater Monitoring Network and Chapter 8 – Overview and Process for Sustainable Management Goals, Criteria and Setting Thresholds

Shatz provided an overview of next steps to develop draft GSP Chapters 7 and 8.

F. Discussion on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Status and Schedule

Shatz provided overview of that status of the schedule to develop the GSP. He noted that original schedule for water budgets has been delayed and the sustainable management criteria will be developed before the water budget.

III. Agency Updates

Bill Brewster, DWR, stated that DWR is dropping some wells that the group relies on for monitoring.

IV. Next Groundwater Sustainability Plan Coordination Meeting Date – November 19, 2020

V. Next Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Committee Meeting Date – December 17, 2020