

Meeting Notes
Tracy Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Working Committee

September 17, 2020
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting Only

Teleconference Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/560738109>

Phone Number: +1 (646) 749-3122

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I. Introductions

- i. David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)
- ii. Nick Janes, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District GSA
- iii. Bill Brewster, California Department of Water Resources
- iv. Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop GSA
- v. Lemar Saffi, City of Tracy GSA
- vi. Michael Callahan, San Joaquin County GSA
- vii. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County GSA
- viii. Kirsten Pringle, Stantec

II. Scheduled Items

A. Technical Coordination Meeting Minutes, July 16, 2020.

- The draft minutes from the July 16 Technical Coordination Meeting were included in the meeting packet. There were no comments or suggested revisions on the draft minutes.

B. Public Outreach and Engagement Activities.

- The next public workshop will be held in November and focus on sustainable management criteria and the groundwater monitoring network.
- There was a reminder that outreach activities, including presentations to governance bodies and boards of directors, should be recorded through the Tracy Subbasin website.

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

- There were no public comments received on Chapters 1 – 3 or Chapter 4.

D. GSA Comments on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Chapter 5.

- Richard Shatz, GEI, provided an overview of the comments provided by the GSA representatives on the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Chapter 5. Mr. Shatz received comments from Greg Young, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District and Westside Irrigation District, and Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop. Comments from San Joaquin County are pending. Comments on the draft GSP chapter addressed multiple topics included managed wetlands and groundwater-dependent ecosystems, groundwater quality, and seawater intrusion.
- Mr. Shatz described the differences his team identified between the groundwater contours included in the draft Tracy Subbasin GSP and Final Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP. The contours suggest a difference in inter-basin flows between the two subbasins. The group decided to schedule a meeting with representatives of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to discuss further.
- Mr. Shatz also described the differences between the groundwater contours included in the draft Tracy Subbasin GSP and Final Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin GSP. The group decided that the differences were not significant enough to pursue a meeting with the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin.

E. Chapter 7 – Groundwater Monitoring Network.

- Chapter 7 of the Tracy Subbasin GSP will discuss the groundwater monitoring network. Mr. Shatz provided an overview of the purpose of representative monitoring wells.

F. Chapter 8 – Overview and Process for Setting Sustainable Management Goals, Criteria and Thresholds.

- Chapter 8 of the Tracy Subbasin GSP will discuss the sustainable management criteria (SMC) for the Subbasin. Mr. Shatz provided an overview of the content, purpose, and process for developing the SMC.
- The group discussed approaches for setting SMC for the portion of the Subbasin located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta), due to the region's unique hydrologic and geologic conditions. One approach is to define management areas and set different SMC for each management area. Another approach is to provide a clear explanation in the GSP of why the SMC for the Delta area is set differently. Any approach should take into account the input of the beneficial users and other stakeholders in the Delta area.

G. Discussion on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development Status and Schedule.

- Next steps to development the draft GSP include developing the SMC and identifying representative groundwater wells for the groundwater monitoring network.
- Development of the water budget is on hold due to the delay in release of the CV2SIM Fina Grid Model Version 1 from DWR. Mr. Shatz suggesting using the CV2Sim Beta Model. The group agreed with this approach.

III. Agency Updates

- Greg Gibson, City of Lathrop, noted that new Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook identifies the need for coordination between urban water management plans and groundwater sustainability plans. Mr. Gibson noted that the updated water demand factors for the City of Lathrop would not be available until July 2021. Mr. Shatz and Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County, suggested using the existing water demand factors and including the new factors in future GSP updates.

IV. Next Groundwater Sustainability Plan Technical Committee Coordination Meeting Date – October 15, 2020**V. Next Groundwater Sustainability Plan Coordination Meeting Date – November 19, 2020**