

# Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

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Irrigation Service

Waste Disposal

Fall 2024



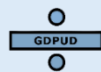
From Left: McCormick, CSDA CEO, GM Schneider, Executive Assistant Olson, and Water Resource Manager Elliott

## GDPUD Awarded CSDA's Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD) has been awarded the prestigious District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), recognizing its exemplary commitment to transparency and good governance.

“This award is a testament to our dedication to open governance,” offered Board Director, Saunders. “We believe that accountability and transparency are paramount in serving our community, the foundation was laid through creation of policy and implementation of industry best practices. This exemplifies our dedication to good governance.”

“Our team is committed to empowering our community with information and facilitating meaningful engagement,” shared Nicholas Schneider, General Manager. “This reflects the hard work and resolve of our Board and staff, who strive to foster a culture of openness and increased public access.”



## Operations Update

The 2024 irrigation season ended October 15<sup>th</sup> which delivered a total of 492 miners inches to a total of 379 customers. Following the season the District focuses on critical infrastructure improvements and/or repairs during favorable weather conditions to ensure future water reliability. A number of sections of open ditch are scheduled to be improved with concrete lining or pipe replacement. These efforts have reduced the total water demand resulting in more water available for potential District customer growth. The raw conveyance tunnel first used in the 1960s, which transports all water to the District for customer use, will undergo an assessment to evaluate overall condition and identify any needed repairs.

Improvements to the raw water conveyance system provides the District the ability to produce high-quality safe drinking water. The production and distribution infrastructure varying in age from early 1970s to 2000s require improvements and repairs to maintain continuous service. Short-term water treatment improvements include automation and water quality instruments that provide reliable water treatment process monitoring. Distribution operators routinely repair or replace aging service lines and/or mainlines. To help identify significant distribution network upgrades, distribution operators have been installing master supply meters in targeted locations throughout the system. A State grant has been utilized to install backup power generators at pump station facilities and equip recently installed customer meters with the capabilities for hourly usage monitoring.

-Adam Brown Operations Manager

## Board of Directors

GDPUD is an independent public agency governed by an elected Board of Directors to four-year terms.

## Your GDPUD Board of Directors

Mitch MacDonald  
Donna Seaman  
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## Public Meetings

The Board of Directors meets regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the GDPUD Office.



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Master Meter Installation



Meadowbrook Line Break Repair



Canal Lining Project

**From the Desk of General Manager Schneider**

As we welcome the cooler months of November, I want to take a moment to reflect on our commitment to you, the residents of the Georgetown Divide. This can be seen through investments the District continues to make to our infrastructure. The District can accomplish this through a Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) which guides the staff on which projects are most important to the community. This plan is developed utilizing input from experts and the community during the budgeting process and then approved by the Board of Directors.

At GDPUD, we believe that our mission extends beyond merely delivering water; it encompasses being an active and responsive part of this community. The District strives to engage members and was excited to be a participant in the Georgetown Safe and Sound Halloween event, you may have even seen our mascot the Drop there.

We all work tirelessly to maintain and improve your water system, the staff here at the District are dedicated to serving you and this community. As we look forward to the coming months, we remain focused on our mission to you. Thank you again for your continued trust and support and for allowing me to be a part of this amazing community.



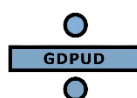
The Drop had a haunting good time at Georgetown's Safe and Sound Halloween!

**Reminder: Rainy Season Considerations**

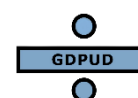
With rainy season upon us, the G.D.P.U.D. wastewater team would like to remind you to check the cleanouts, lids, and risers of your wastewater treatment system. It is important for all homes with onsite systems, as well as those on the Community Disposal System (CDS), to ensure their systems are watertight. This helps prevent inflow and infiltration (I&I), which can cause problems, possibly overloading the leach field and leading to wastewater backups in the septic tank. This can also reduce the system's ability to treat waste properly, and in some cases, may cause contamination of the groundwater as the soil becomes saturated.

If you live in ALT, have questions, need a copy of your system's as-built, or require assistance, please contact the Water Resources Manager today.

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