

## RESOLUTION 2022-55

### OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF WATER DEMAND ASSESSMENT, AND DETERMINING WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTIONS

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2022, the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Board of Directors (Board) adopted Resolution 2022-38 in compliance with the State of California water conservation regulation requiring the District to implement Level 2 water restrictions outlined in the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2022, Staff was directed to monitor water usage with a target of "up to 20%" with regular reporting to the Board to determine whether additional action necessary to achieve the reduction in water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2022, the Board received a monthly Water Demand Assessment report that reflected a 15% reduction in usage for a July, with an average of 18% since May 2022, and declared that the irrigation season should end on September 7, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board held a special meeting on September 6, 2022, to discuss the need to maintain irrigation services for fire mitigation and considered the following during their deliberation:

- a. The current irrigation service fills ponds which are used by firefighting helicopters to take water from these ponds to fight fires within the District.
- b. The District has limited firefighting capacity using treated water and their current tanks, so fighting fires requires a combination of treated and raw water to be successful.
- c. In the past three years, the District has seen large fires at this time of the year, including:
  - September 3, 2019 – County fire in Cool (75 acres) during which buckets from ponds were used to help stop the fire.
  - August 14, 2022 – Caldor Fire (221,835 acres) affected nearby districts: the El Dorado Irrigation District (\$50 million in flume damage); and Grizzly Flats (two-thirds of the District burned down).
  - Currently, the Mountain Fire is burning in Siskiyou County.
- d. The District is currently meeting the State requirements for conservation on the potable side averaging 15%-18% conservation.
- e. Stumpy Meadows Reservoir is at a level currently above average for this year, in part due to all of the District's conservation measures. The reservoir is not spilling and no changes in our delivery will impact downstream water delivery or our year-plus-one dry projection.
- f. The capacity at the Stumpy Meadows Reservoir is currently over 4000 AF above where the District was last year.

**WHEREAS**, District staff provided projections for storage capacity at Stumpy Meadows Reservoir for September, and reported the average usage for irrigation services is 250 acre feet (AF) per week, or an additional 750 AF of usage if the irrigation season was allowed to continue until September 30, 2022 (an additional three weeks); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT THAT** the Water Shortage Response Action is modified to allow the continuation of the irrigation season to September 30, 2022, as planned, with no reduction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs Staff to conduct an inventory of ponds within the District and its acre-feet capacity for a metric for fire mitigation impact.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District at a special meeting of said Board held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, by the following vote:

**AYES: MACDONALD, THORNBROUGH, SEAMAN, STEWART, SAUNDERS**

**NOES: None**

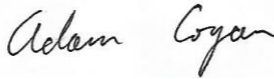
**ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None**



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Michael Saunders, President, Board of Directors  
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Attest:

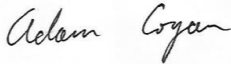


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Adam Coyan, Clerk and ex officio  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution 2022-55 duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, County of El Dorado, State of California, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



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