

**AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**  
6425 Main Street,  
Georgetown, California 95634  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Irrigation Committee**

Ray Griffiths, Chairman  
Bill Threlkel, Vice Chair  
Carla Sutton, Secretary

Alexandra Duarte  
Kristy McKay  
Fran Todd

**Board of Directors Liaison**

Donna Seaman  
Mike Thornbrough

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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**NOTICE:** This meeting will be held in accordance with Resolution 2021-50 of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District which allows the committee to meet with the provisions of the Brown Act as described in Assembly Bill 361, Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public also have the option to participate in the meeting via video conference at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81129039058?pwd=c2t4d3NnUXZZb1dNVjczQzQzS21JUT09>

Meeting ID: **811 2903 9058** and Password: **800609** or via teleconference by calling 1-669-900-6833, meeting id: **811 2903 9058** and password: **800609** and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment. please note that any person attending via teleconference will be sharing the phone number from which they call in with the committee and the public.

The Irrigation Committee Chairperson is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC FORUM** - Any member of the public may address the Irrigation Committee on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the Irrigation Committee. Public members desiring to provide comments, must be recognized by the Committee Chairman, and speak from the podium. Comments must be directed only to the Irrigation Committee. The public should address the Irrigation Committee members during the public meetings as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Member, followed by the Committee member's individual last name. The Irrigation Committee will hear communications on matters not on the agenda, but no action will be taken. No disruptive conduct shall be permitted at any Irrigation Committee meeting. Persistence in disruptive conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the Chairman, of that person's privilege of address.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 20, 2023**

5. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

A. Water Resources Update

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Review of Current and Future Water Seasons**

**Possible Action:** Identify season concerns and possible action referrals to the Board.

B. **Review Historic Irrigation Ordinance**

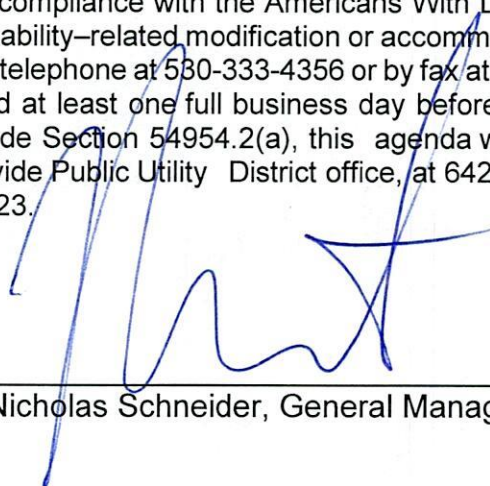
**Possible Action:** Submit Final Recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

7. **IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

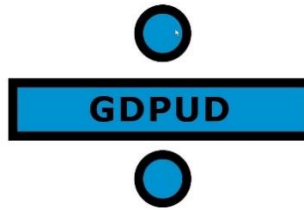
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The Irrigation Committee set the 3rd Thursday for regular committee meetings during the Irrigation season, and as needed or directed by the Board. The next regular Irrigation Committee meeting is October 19, 2023.

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, contact the District Office by telephone at 530-333-4356 or by fax at 530-333-9442. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), this agenda was posted on the District's bulletin board at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District office, at 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on September 12, 2023.

  
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Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

9-12-23  
Date

Public documents related to an item on the open session portion of this agenda, which are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634, and at the time of the meeting.



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
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2:00 P.M.**

**Irrigation Committee**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Griffiths called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken.

**Present:** Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, and Griffiths

**Absent:** Duarte, McKay, and Mead

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Member Todd motioned to adopt the agenda. Member Sutton seconded the motion.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Bonnie Neeley, I am curious that the agenda doesn't appear to talk about the fact that irrigation season apparently was late this year quite a bit, and a lot of people still don't have irrigation. Why they don't call, I have no idea, but a lot of people in Garden Valley are without it. Some in Kelsey still don't have it. One happens to be an AT&T tech who was repairing my phone. I said something about GDPUD and he goes into this whole thing about the water coming out late. Then it came out and just squashed his strawberries. His crop is ruined. He didn't want to tell me where he lived. There are a

number of people without irrigation. So, the man who came to the last meeting and sat in the corner and was going to speak and then he decided he was nervous. I was talking to him outside. He hasn't gotten water and he called and asked for his money back and they said no you signed a contract. So, he came to talk to you all, but it was finance or something and he didn't find a place to speak, so he just went back outside.

Stephen Dowd, my wife, and I went to Stumpy Meadows a couple of nights ago. The water is perfect, but it is about 6 inches below the spillway top. There are many logs and debris on the side you can't walk anywhere. Normally you can go over where the booms are and sit, but you can't get to them. There is too much debris. I told my wife in the kayak to go over there, and she couldn't make it because there was so much stuff, unbelievable. It is up against the booms. I have never seen it like that.

Chris Campbell, I have general questions. What is the status of the water use survey? Several months ago, there was mention of some form of a survey to landowners regarding the type of crops they are growing and stuff like that. What is the status of the development of that land use, water use summary? Is that something that is intended to be a questionnaire that will be distributed before the beginning of the next irrigation season? Somewhat related to that and the start of the irrigation season for next year, maybe something to explore, what is the possibility for say those landowners or water users that are lower down in elevation versus those that are higher up in elevation to potentially have the water turned on May 1? Then those landowners that are higher up or water users that are higher up in elevation and don't necessarily need that water to start May 1 have it start on June 1st. What's the possibility of having a tiered or staggered irrigation start schedule across your water users? The ground I am on is basically near the bottom of the system. Any excess dumps into Pilot Creek and then on to Folsom.

Bonnie Neeley asked excuse me do we have rights to Pilot Creek? I know I asked you before, but I can't remember.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2023**

Member Todd motioned to approve the minutes. Member Threlkel seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, and Griffiths

**Noyes:** None

#### **5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

##### **A. Water Resources Update**

Water Resources Manager Alexis Elliott reviewed the report. The seasonal outlook remains the same as last month. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is forecasting equal chances for both precipitation and temperature highs or lows. The reports have seen the inclusion of a five-year rainfall average. The measurements are gathered from the Sweetwater Water Treatment Plant location.

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Review Historic Irrigation Sales Data**

It was shared that there were questions regarding the history and the future of Irrigation water. Public and Committee interest levels surrounding this issue led to this item

coming before the committee. Data from the last 6 years was gathered regarding sales and revenue. In 2019 there was a rate increase since there has been a steady decrease of about \$30,000 in revenue. From 2018 to now the District lost approximately 60 inches in irrigation water sales. The questions are, how do we get back some of those inches? Is there a methodology to do this? There was a noticeable drop in irrigation customers when the rates went up. Last year the District lost approximately 13 inches in sales. There are about 500 acre-feet of water which are not being sold. There is a rate study planned to assist with understanding the Irrigation service. The service must be self-sustaining per Proposition 218.

**Committee Discussion:**

There was discussion and interest in surveying current past and potential irrigation customers. It was discussed that many existing customers have reduced their inches in recent years. Informing residents that sharing is an option if done correctly was pitched as a tactic to increase sales. Public perception is often that inches aren't available. It was suggested that a study around the idea of lower rates be conducted to learn if that would increase sales. System reliability and water delivery issues to the customers were examined as potential points of negativity impacting interest in continuing service. A new customer letter could be developed to send out when escrows and property sales occur. Targeted lettering was suggested to be sent out in areas with inches available. In terms of Outreach the mail, newspaper, and social media were identified by the Committee as the best vehicles for public outreach on the Divide. There was a discussion surrounding the possibility of longer season water availability. Certain legs of the ditches are being identified and examined for potential extended-season offerings.

**Public Comment:**

Stephen Dowd, the flaw was the 218-rate study that we had. That was flawed and it sent everybody in the wrong direction. We all knew that if the rates went up on the irrigation, we were going to lose customers. We told everybody right there. If you lower the rates now, you guys have some good ideas. You are doing good. Lower the rates then you will get customers back and more money in. It is like taxes; nobody wants to pay taxes, so they cut back on what they are doing so that they don't have a rate increase. We were for the treated water increase, but not as much. We thought yeah, we will pay more, but not like what it ended up being. That to irrigation we knew it was a killer, and it did it. If you lower it you will get money and customers back. You will be happy.

Bonnie Neeley, in terms of announcing that you might have more water, you might know how to increase sales. The irrigation water does not flow down the same waterways as the ditch water. It is all always running because it goes to the two treatment plants. The irrigation water comes down like five little tributaries. You know Cool, Pilot Hill all the way around, each one only has a certain depth or width. Some of them maybe you can only sell to three customers and another one you may have fifteen customers and then if part of the fifteen customers leave that water is available only in that tributary. You can't assume that Joe Schmo over here can get more. Whenever you talk about selling more inches be careful that the customer understands that each tributary can only afford so many inches. If you say decide that you are not going to pay it or pay less, it changes the level of the water. So, the ditch guys are always out there checking the levels of the water. That's why they want you to take water 24 hours a day. So, if you don't that means more water is going and maybe the next guy gets flooded. Then they correct it and you, it's a very antiquated system. It is hands-on most of the time.

Chris Campbell, in order to be self-sustaining is there an annual revenue threshold that

must be targeted? At present is there enough buffer between what that is and where we are at right now with the revenue? It was shared that the buffer is very limited there is no buffer it is neck and neck. Mr. Campbell asked if it was possible to go from five months to six months. Can another month of irrigation be squeezed out and probably generate considerable revenue? The land that I am leasing is close to Pilot Creek Ranch in Pilot Hill. I spoke with the landowner out there. I know that it requires an upgrade in the pipe system in order for them to take tens of inches of water. That is a significant ranch down here at the bottom of the system that would require delivery upgrades to the antiquated system. Pilot Creek Ranch is a sizeable operation down there.

Cherie Carlyon, the half inch is probably from Garden Valley because you can get an inch and a half or a half inch in Garden Valley because of being on pipes. Nick does not have the expense budget for irrigation currently based on the expense that was put in the last 218. It was shared that there is an expense for the raw water budget though some of that crosses over into other categories as well. Looking at account 5200, that would be a general idea of what expenses are for irrigation. Based on the previous 218, they get a certain amount, of percentages from each ditch. Have you not calculated that out at the current rate, expenses by the formula from 218? They did a certain percent of each ditch were irrigation and a certain percent was treated. They had a calculation because they had a separate irrigation budget in the 218 separate from treated. At the time when they were selling over 617 inches, they just broke even with the expenses and income. Now we are actually below 116 inches, not 60 inches because of the rate increases. It's not 60, it's 116 because you have to go by the 2017 irrigation season. So, I am assuming you don't have a current full irrigation budget.

Stephen Dowd wondered if the amount of revenue from irrigation in 2018 before the rate increase and before the customers were lost how much money would we have made if we had not lost those customers? How much money would we have maintained? Would it be in the positive? It was shared that there is more revenue coming in currently than when the rate increase initially took effect by approximately \$37,000 annually.

## **B. Review of Resolution, Irrigation Committee Roles, and Responsibilities.**

This item was tabled for return at the next meeting.

## **C. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons**

The Committee inquired about customer complaints regarding the irrigation season start date this year. The comments received by the District from customers were regarding communication. The District followed up on those complaints and found that the customers were contacted using four different modes of delivery. The discussion surrounding the season start date had been ongoing for three months before the Committee recommendation was sent to the Board of Directors.

### **Public Comment:**

Chris Campbell, I was late to the conversation regarding the delay in the irrigation season. I lease land for cattle and the landowner has irrigation service, which is within the utility district, Pilot Hill. Can those who live lower in the system start in May versus those who live higher up in the system? Can the five-month season be extended to six months? My irrigated pasture was in a moisture deficit after the first week of May. By June I was making up for lost time as the soil and the grass were stressed at that point in time. Hopefully, the survey will yield some benefit in terms of identifying those who would benefit from earlier and later season start dates. Could a tiered schedule be implemented?

Bonnie Neeley, with respect to whether you start in May, or end in October when I was on the Board and checking with people like Norm Kriszle, who has had grapes forever, or the Duarte. The grape people need to have water early. They need it May 1, because the water has to be down ten inches before their grape plants will grow. On the other end, you get people who need it. I know when there were discussions before, how do you sort? Each person will either gain or lose depending on what the month is. Staff shared that for the record the Duarte were one of the voices asking for a June first start date.

#### **D. Review the Proposed Ordinance**

The changes to the Irrigation Ordinance were reviewed. The length of irrigation service interruption during which water delivery has been unavailable before District responsibility and customer refunds are issued was examined. The Committee agreed and compromised over 3 days on the issue. The antiquated infrastructure has been a challenge. This paired with weekend staffing were reasons for the need to give the District 3 days to remedy water delivery issues.

Section six was added to the end of the Ordinance titled additional irrigation sales. This addition will allow flexibility in irrigation season length and water sales possibilities and exploration.

#### **Public Comment:**

Cherie Carlyon inquired about the definitions appendix at the end and shared that it was not included. It was shared that the definitions are now located at the beginning of the Ordinance comprising section one.

Member Threlkel motioned to approve the referral of the Ordinance 2005-01 to the Board of Directors for approval and adoption. Member Todd seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, and Griffiths

**Noyes:** None

#### **E. Recommend Removal of Eric Mead to The Board of Directors:**

It was shared that Mr. Mead has not been in attendance at committee meetings. There has also been a lack of communication. Within District by laws, it is stated that once a committee member has missed three meetings they may be removed.

Member Sutton motioned to refer the recommendation for the removal of Member Eric Mead to the Board of Directors. Member Todd seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, and Griffiths

**Noyes:** None

### **7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

There were no reports to deliver.

### **8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

It was requested to bring back the officer selection item for the next meeting.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The Irrigation Committee set the 3rd Thursday for regular committee meetings during the Irrigation season, and as needed or directed by the Board. The next regular Irrigation Committee meeting is August 17, 2023.

Member Sutton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Threlkel seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

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Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

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Date



# GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

## Operations Report for August 2023

Presented to the Irrigation Committee by  
Operations Manager: Adam Brown

Informational Item 5.A.  
September 19, 2023

### Stumpy Meadows Historical Capacity Chart



Note: Full Pool – 21,206 acre feet | September 1, 2023 – 19,668 acre feet

## Treatment Operations

### Walton Lake Treatment Plant

32.962 mg | 1,063,290 average gpd

- ✓ No operational shutdowns

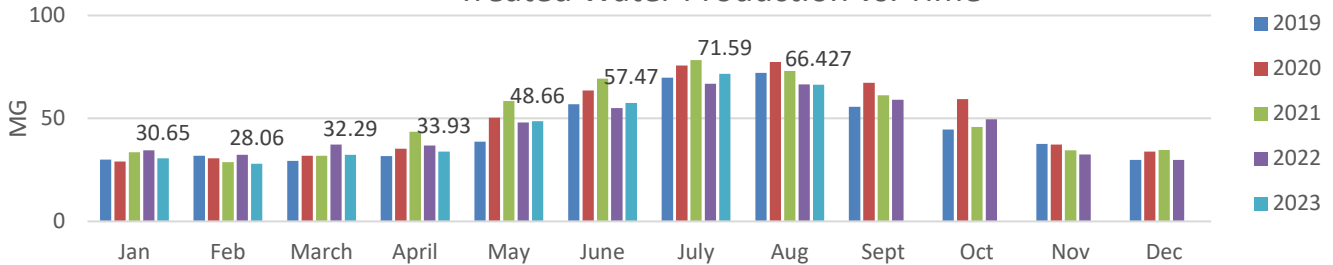
### Sweetwater Treatment Plant

33.465 mg | 1,079,516 average gpd

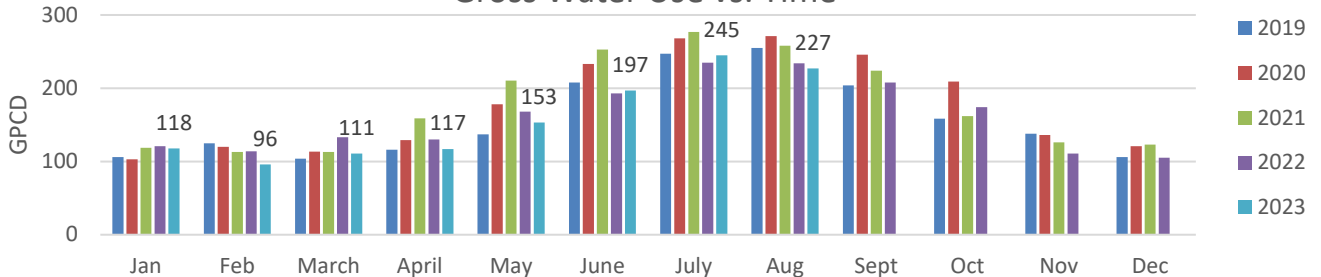
### Water Quality Monitoring:

- ✓ All finished water was in compliance with drinking water standards.
- ✓ Collected routine bacteria distribution and quarterly disinfection by products samples.
- ✓ Distribution monitoring samples were absent of bacteriological contamination indicating adequate disinfection.

### Treated Water Production vs. Time



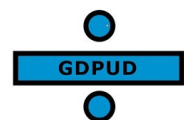
### Gross Water Use vs. Time



**Notes:**

GPCD – Gallons per Capita per Day

MG – millions gallons



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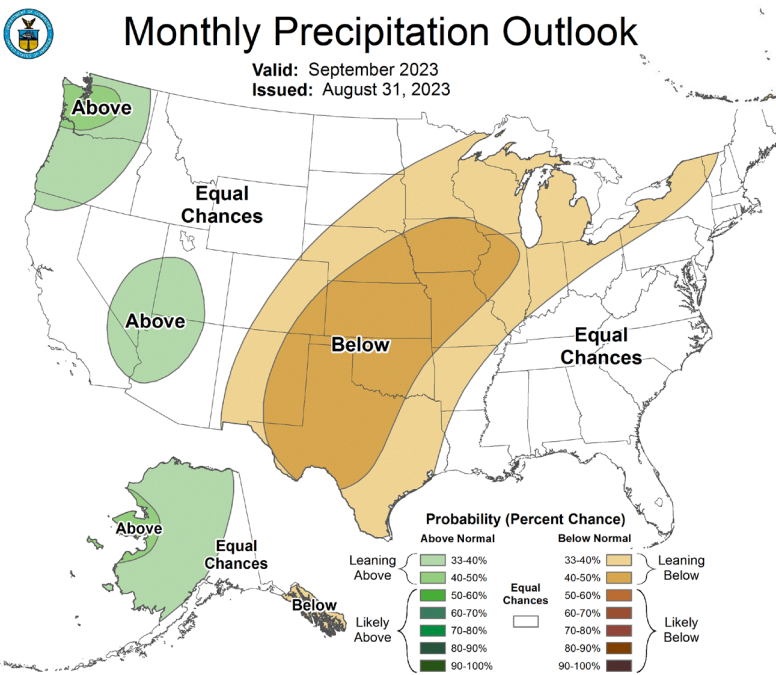
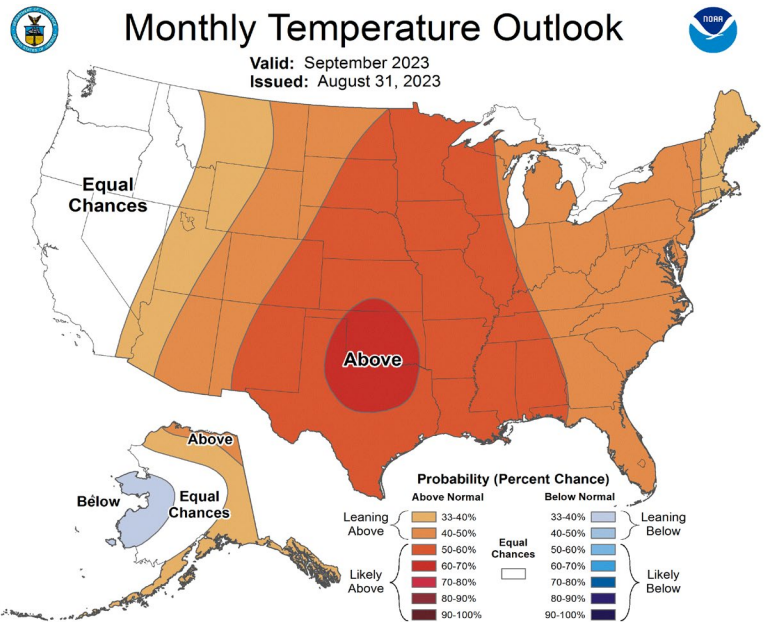
## Auburn Lake Trails Wastewater Management Zone Report for August 2023

5A Presented to the Irrigation Committee by: Alexis Elliott

September 19, 2023

Again, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has us under the “equal chances” category for temperature and rain. I ran into quite a challenge as far as locating snow packs from our 97-98 winter. However, I was able to find some information on the winter of 16-17 from NOAA archives.

“El Niño conditions in 2015–16 brought substantial rain and snowfall back to the mountains, but snow cover still fell short of long-term averages. Then a steady stream of atmospheric river events brought double the long-term average of rain and snow to the Sierra Nevada between October 2016 and April 2017”.



5 Year Rainfall

Rainfall	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	14.66	8.05	15	0.33	1.23	0.07	0	0.17					39.51
2022	0.69	0.17	1.6	7.54	0.41	0.99	0	0	1.2	0.07	4.45	24.12	41.24
2021	9.10	4.72	4.30	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.93	14.29	2.84	16.59	52.94
2020	5.26	0.00	10.15	5.49	2.84	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.64	3.51	31.95
2019	10.00	18.09	6.89	2.02	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.40	1.88	11.13	58.21

## ORDINANCE 2005-01

### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR IRRIGATION SERVICE IN THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Directors of the GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, County of El Dorado, State of California, as follows:

The rules and regulations for irrigation service within the GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ("District") are adopted by the Board of Directors of said District as hereinafter set forth.

#### SECTION 1. Definitions:

- a) Acres Managed: Area served by irrigation service.
- b) Acres Irrigated: Area served that directly receives or utilizes irrigation supply.
- c) Alternate Boxes: Irrigation service connection point that does not allow for measuring of water supplied.
- d) Backflow Assembly: Testable device that does not allow reverse flow used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.
- e) Ditch Tenders: District staff tasked to operating and maintaining the District's raw water conveyance system.
- e)f) Unadjudicated Prescriptive Easement (Referred throughout as Easement): Defined as a continuous 25-foot area centered along the centerline of raw water conveyance system
- f)g) Ingress/Egress: Legal term referring to entering, leaving and returning to a property.
- g)h) Irrigation Service Account: A contract with the District that is processed by District staff and approved by the Board of Directors in association with the required annual application. Account established by annual application, processed by District staff and approved by Board of Directors.
- h)i) Irrigation Water: Non-potable seasonal water service supplied by the District.

~~h~~j) Livestock: Domesticated animals raised in an agricultural setting to provide labor and produce diversified products for consumption.

~~j~~k) Out-of-District: Parcel not with the District service area.

~~k~~l) Right of Entry: The right of District Ditch Tender to Ingress/Egress onto a real property without committing trespass to operate and maintain the District's raw water conveyance system.

~~h~~m) Turbulent Water: Chaotic changes in pressure and flow velocity.

## SECTION 2. General Conditions:

- a) Control of System: District Works shall be under exclusive control and management of District personnel duly appointed by the Board of Directors.
- b) The District shall not be liable for interruption, shortage, or insufficiency of irrigation water supply, or for any loss or damage occasioned thereby. This would include loss of plant material or other loss related to a lack of water.
- c) The District shall not be liable for damage to person or property resulting directly or indirectly from privately owned conduits, meters or measuring devices.
- d) Irrigation water is used at the customer's own risk and the customer agrees to hold the District, its officers, and employees free and harmless from liability and damages that may occur as the result of defective water quality, shortages, fluctuation in flow or pressure, interruptions in service or for failure to deliver water.
- e) Pumping of water by the customer is done at the customer's risk. The District assumes no liability for damage to pumping equipment or other damages as a result of turbulent water, shortages, excess of water or other causes.
- f) No purchaser of water from the District acquires a proprietary or vested right by reason of use. No purchaser acquires a right to resell water or to use for a purpose other than that for which it was applied nor to use it on premises other than indicated on the application. The terms, conditions, priorities, and allocation of irrigation service may be altered and amended by the Board of

Directors. The District does not guarantee irrigation service customers the right to future service.

- g) The District expressly asserts the right to recapture, reuse and resell all waters originating from any point within District Works.
- h) Ditch tenders and other agents of the District shall have access and right of entry to the easement and all lands irrigated from its water system and to all conduits for the purpose of inspection, examination, measurements, surveys, or other necessary purposes of the District with the right of installation, maintenance, control and regulation of all meters and other measuring devices, gates, turnouts, and other structures necessary or proper for the measurement and distribution of water. ~~This includes a 12.5 foot easement from the centerline of the canal to either side, to include a total of 25 feet.~~ No unauthorized people are allowed on district facilities on private property.
- i) No bridges, crossing, pipe, or other structures shall be placed in or over a canal without written permission of the District. Maintenance of the canal crossings shall not be the District's responsibility but shall rest with the owner of the crossing. Where the owner fails to maintain the crossing, the District may perform the necessary repairs or removal at the expense of the owner. Notice of the District's intent will be given, if possible, to the owner prior to the work commencing.
- j) No rubbish, garbage, refuse, chemicals, or animal matter from any source may be placed within the easement or allowed to be emptied into any ditch, canal, or reservoir of the District. This does not include the application of herbicides by the District that have been approved to be applied adjacent to drinking water conveyance systems. Any chemical treatments performed within the easement by property owners must be approved by District staff.
- k) District canals or reservoirs shall not be used for human or animal swimming or bathing. Greenwood Lake, Sweetwater Lake, and Walton Lake may be utilized as storm water capture reservoirs and thus would not be acceptable for swimming.
- l) Livestock or any domesticated animal shall not be permitted to contaminate the water supply nor destroy or damage the canal system or use thereof. Property owners are liable for any damage due to livestock or domesticated animals.

- m) No conveyance system shall cause a cross connection with the District's water system with any other source of water.
- n) Any irrigation customer that is connected to the District's potable water system, a backflow assembly is required to be installed and certified annually by an American Water Work Association (AWWA) backflow prevention assembly tester.
- o) No buildings, corrals or other structures, fences, trees, lines or bushes shall be permitted upon rights-of-way or use thereof be made in any way except by written authority of the District. Construction of fences and/or gates is not permitted without written approval of the specifications by the General Manager.
- p) All District improvements to the canal shall follow Federal, State and local regulations.
- q) Violation of Rules and Regulations: Failure to comply with rules and regulations of the District shall be sufficient cause for terminating irrigation service as determined by the Board of Directors.
- r) Any person dissatisfied with any determination of the District management shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.
- s) Amendments: The Board of Directors of the District may at their discretion alter, amend, or add to these rules and regulations. The Board of Directors will follow applicable laws during this process.

SECTION 3. Application for an Irrigation Service Account:

- a) No irrigation service will be rendered until a complete application for an Irrigation Service Account has been approved and is on file at the office of the District. Applications will be accepted between January 1st and March 1st for the impending irrigation season. The application for service shall state that the customer agrees to abide by the terms and conditions for service as established in the Irrigation Ordinance.
- b) Applications will be approved where the District Works have sufficient capacity to meet service requested. Applications will be considered for approval utilizing the following priority system:

Priority 1. Applications for Irrigation Service to parcels that received irrigation service during the immediate past irrigation season.

Priority 2. Applications for Irrigation Service to parcels with the most recent active Irrigation Service Account during the previous ~~fiveten~~ (105) irrigation seasons determined by earliest consecutive season which applied.

Priority 3. New applications for irrigation service to parcels that have been made after the 2003 irrigation season with priority established by the earliest consecutive seasons which applied.

c) Competing applications within the same priority level, will be determined by public lottery.

~~f) All Irrigation Service Accounts must have an the earliest season applied for.~~

~~e)d)~~ Applications and priority are specific to the section of ditch the parcel is located near.

~~d)e)~~ Delinquent accounts will be deferred to Priority 3 for upcoming irrigation season

~~e)f)~~ Applications for an increase to service will receive Priority 3 status for the requested increase.

~~f)g)~~ Applications must in all cases be signed by the holder of title to the property requesting irrigation service. If the property requesting irrigation service is leased, two months of charges must be paid in advance. The landowner of leased property shall be responsible for all charges or assessments.

~~g)h)~~ Applications for an Irrigation Service Account to benefit a parcel of land that is not adjacent to the District Works must be accompanied by a legally recorded easement that allows the conveyance of water to the parcel requesting irrigation service. The easement shall grant the District the right of ingress and egress for inspection, installation and maintenance purposes.

~~h)i)~~ New applications for Out-of-District Irrigation Service Accounts will not be approved by the Board of Directors. An existing Out-of-District Irrigation Service Account that is inactive

for two or more years will be deleted from the District's accounts and the service will be permanently removed.

SECTION 4. Distribution of Water:

- a) Historically Tthe irrigation season has been considered shall generally be from May 1 through September 30~~October~~ of each year. This constitutes a five month time period in which irrigation water is delivered. However, Tthe Board of Directors shall consider changes to the irrigation season to respond to climactic conditions and may implement such changes by a majority vote. This can include extending, shortening or adjusting the irrigation season for any reason. District must respond and comply with any state mandates that arise in regard to water use efficiency.
- b) The District does not guarantee irrigation water under pressure from the District Works. Pressure requirements of the customer are the sole responsibility of the customer, and the District shall not be liable for any damage to equipment used to provide pressure to the customer.
- c) Water is distributed under continuous flow. Water shall be used continuously during all days and nights including holidays and Sundays and no allowances shall be made for failure to use water when it is made available. Failure to use water on schedule shall not entitle the customer to any rebate. The District will make all reasonable attempts to notify customers of any outages for both emergency and non-emergency purposes.
- d) Irrigation service is provided for the entire irrigation season. Customers shall pay for irrigation service for the entire irrigation season regardless of their interest or ability to use water.
- e) When interruptions to irrigation service due to failure of the District Works extend beyond three (3) consecutive business five (5) days, proportionate adjustments for such water loss will be made; (1) Customer notification is received and verified by the District or (2) Interruptions known by District staff.
- f) Irrigation customers shall pay a proportionate amount for irrigation service when the irrigation season is extended or shortened by the Board of Directors.
- g) Unauthorized connections or the taking of water in an amount greater than applied and paid for, by any means, is a misdemeanor under California Penal Code Section 498 and shall



be subject to criminal prosecution under Section 498 and any other applicable laws. In addition, the District may bring a civil action for damages and may refuse future service to the parcel.

- h) Irrigation customers shall prevent any unnecessary or wasteful use of water. Should a customer permit wasteful use of water, the District may discontinue service if such condition is not corrected within five (5) days after giving the parcel owner written notice of intention to terminate service.
- i) No more than one parcel shall be served through each Irrigation Service Account. However, consent will be given with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors to allow for multiple properties to utilize one diversion point. Any such approval shall be recorded against each parcel with the caveat that the agreement expires upon any change of ownership. Each Irrigation Service Account shall have independent service lines and sumps. Any legal issues that arise between authorized parties as a result of these agreements will be the sole responsibility of the irrigation account holder.
- j) The minimum irrigation service for each Irrigation Service Account shall be one miner's inch, from the open ditch system, and one-half miner's inch from the irrigation pipeline system. ~~In the future, the District may consider reducing the minimum irrigation service to one-half miner's inch from the open ditch system and one-quarter miner's inch from the irrigation pipeline system.~~
- k) All pumped services shall utilize a sump provided by the customer and acceptable to the District.
- l) All Irrigation Service Accounts must have an appropriate measuring device which shall be installed by the District. The customer shall pay the cost thereof including the costs of installation. The District shall approve the location of the measuring device.
- m) Customers receiving irrigation service who request a change in flow rate during the season shall be charged a fee set by the Board of Directors for the adjustment.
- n) Replacement of measuring devices shall be at the expense of the customer if the replacement is necessary due to tampering or abuse.
- o) Alternate Boxes -The Board of Directors shall not approve any new applications for Alternate Boxes.

- p) Unusual costs incurred by the District to provide irrigation service shall be paid in full by the applicant or customer. An estimate of the expense shall be approved by the property owner prior to work commencing.

#### SECTION 5. Charges, Rates and Billings:

- a) The District will maintain a uniform rate schedule which may be changed from time to time upon action of the Board of Directors. The rate schedule, by reference, is attached hereto and made a part of these rules and regulations.
- b) Irrigation billings are made bi-monthly (every two months) in advance.
- c) All penalties shall be charged as outlined on the billings
- d) Disconnected irrigation service accounts shall pay a fee to re-establish service
- e) Irrigation service accounts requesting verification of flow will pay a fee if the delivered flow is within 10% of the contracted amount.
- f) The District will actively market available water and develop a waitlist to grow Irrigation Service Accounts. Current contractual customers will be given priority over new and waitlisted customers.

#### SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE SALES~~repeal~~

- a) The District reserves the right to pursue additional revenue through additional irrigation water sales. This can be done through an extended delivery ~~increased~~-time frames or by other means. These sales may be limited in availability, service areas, and duration.

#### SECTION 7. REPEAL

- (a) Upon the effective date of this Ordinance 2005-\_\_ all previously adopted Ordinances pertinent to the Rules and Regulations for Irrigation Service will be ~~supereeded~~ superseded and repealed, including, but not limited to, Ordinance 79-2, 79-8, 87-1, and 04-01.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regularly held meeting of the Board of Directors of the GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT this tenth day of May, 2005.

AYES: Bob Diekon, Norman Krizl, Doug Pickell, JoAnn Shepherd and Hy Vitcov

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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, President  
Board of Directors  
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

ATTEST:

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[Henry N. White](#), Clerk, and ex officio  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Ordinance 2005-01 duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, El Dorado County, California, at a meeting duly held on the tenth day of May, 2005.

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| [Henry N. White](#), Clerk and ex officio Secretary of the  
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

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[Appendix of Definations.](#)