

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District



GDPUD operators work to ensure flows for firefighting efforts during the Mosquito Fire.

Domestic Water

Irrigation Service

On-Site Waste Disposal

Direct Charges-Tax Lien Collection of Fees and Assessments

June 30 Deadline—The District has been notified by the El Dorado County Auditor-Controller that the deadline for submitting the required documents to place District-related charges on the county's secured property tax bills is August 10, 2023. This serves the purpose of adding to and making levies upon the land for which water service was used and charges were unpaid. All customers with an overdue balance as of June 30, 2023, will be included on a preliminary list of delinquent customers in the July Board of Directors packet which is published online. Following the first reading, a legal notice will be published in the newspaper with an updated list of delinquent accounts.

Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRA)

Program Renewal— The program provides a 25% discount on the base service charge for qualified customers. Program renewal is required annually in June. All customers who do not submit an updated application with the required low-income status documentation by June 30th will be removed from the program July 1st, 2023.

The General Manager's Report

Nicholas Schneider

2023 has been an eventful year for the Divide and there has been a great deal of progress around the District. Last September, the Mosquito Fire burned through our communities, forests, and watershed just as I was assuming the General Manager's Position. Since my onboarding, the forefront of my efforts has been working to procure the funds necessary for rebuilding and improvement of District infrastructure. Through connecting with state and federal legislators GDPUD has been submitted for both Federal and State appropriations funding. Congressman Kevin Kiley selected GDPUD for his short list of community funding projects which will be considered for the federal appropriations bill. This would award \$1,500,000 for the construction of a two-million-gallon fire-resilient storage tank at the Sweetwater Treatment Facility aiding in fire suppression efforts and building redundancy within the water system assuring availability of water to customers. Senator Feinstein has also accepted the project putting the District on a dual track which is favorable during negotiations. The District has also submitted applications for CalFIRE and FEMA grants. These grants offer financial assistance both with repairs and fire mitigation work for the community. District staff has been working to

procure grant funding and is on track to set acquisition records.

While building relationships with legislators through advocacy on the local, state, and federal levels, space has been created to share the District's unique needs with our lawmakers. Working with water agencies and Plenary groups has allowed GDPUD to build arrangements of benefit regarding water rights, water transfers, and potential funding. Through my funding and relational work, GDPUD is meeting the moment at a time when water rights and management are faced with new and unique challenges.

Through the hard work of staff, this past month saw the acceptance and passage of the fiscal year 2023-24 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Projects list. This provides the marching orders needed to continue meeting the needs of the community while building for a more resilient tomorrow.

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