



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

**GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
6425 MAIN STREET, GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA 95634**

**Thursday, March 14, 2023  
2:00 P.M.**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mitch MacDonald, President  
Donna Seaman, Vice President  
Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer  
Michael Saunders, Director  
Robert Stovall, Director

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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It is the purpose of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District to:

- Provide reliable water supplies
  - Ensure high quality drinking water
  - Promote stewardship to protect community resources, public health, and quality of life
  - Provide excellent and responsive customer services through dedicated and valued staff
  - Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability are observed by balancing immediate and long-term needs.
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#### **1) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*President MacDonald called the Board Meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.*

*Pursuant to the AB 2449 Amendment to the Brown Act (District Policy No. 4240, Board Member Teleconferencing Policy), President Macdonald asked for a legitimate reason for Director Thornbrough's absence and participation via teleconferencing. Director Thornbrough shared concerns his illness could be contagious and thus his remote participation.*

**Director Saunders motioned to accept Director Thornbrough's remote participation pursuant to The AB 2449 Amendment to the Brown Act. Director Seaman seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call vote was taken;**

**Present: Directors Stovall, Saunders, Seaman, and MacDonald**

**Aye:4**

**Nay: 0**

**The motion CARRIED.**

*Legal Counsel Christina Pritchard shared the AB 2449 process and asked Director Thornbrough to announce whether there was anyone present in the room with him and if so, are they were under the age of 18. Thornbrough stated that no one was present. A roll call was then made to account for all participating Board Members.*

**Roll Call:**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT: MACDONALD, SEAMAN, SAUNDERS, AND STOVALL**

**Director PRESENT VIA ZOOM: DIRECTOR THORNBROUGH**

*Director Seaman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Director Stovall motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. Director Thornbrough seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion Carried.**

## **3) PUBLIC FORUM (ONLY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

**Larry Brown**, a property owner in Morgan Ranch Loop for the last five years, inquired about his bill, specifically the Supplemental Fee of \$30.16 for Auburn Lake Trails, an area he stated he has no access to; and his water consumption bill totaling \$100. He referred to the Save Water flyer and asked what the District was doing to reduce costs for the customers. He also inquired whether the recently installed water meters, FTE savings, and deferred maintenance savings would reduce his water bill.

*The General Manager Nicholas Schneider clarified that the supplemental charge is for the construction cost of the new Sweetwater Treatment Plan which supplies water to customers beyond Auburn Lake Trails, including Mr. Brown. Regarding realizing savings, the District intends to conduct a full rate study per California Proposition 218 law.*

**Cherie Carlyon** submitted the attached written comments. She also submitted a Public Records Act request.

**Ms. Pritchard** provided the following clarification on the legal questions posed in Ms. Carlyon's public statements:

1. Informational requests do not fall under the Public Records Act.
2. Pursuant to the District's Employment Agreement with the General Manager, a performance evaluable can occur six months after the General Manager's start date allowing this evaluation. The General Manager's start date was 9/19/2022.
3. The Special Meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> was properly posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 which provides for interviews to be conducted in closed session for positions such as General Counsel.

Ms. Carlyon commented that the agenda was not properly posted since the Government Code justifying the closed session was not included.

**Director Saunders** called for a point of order as comments under Public Forum should not be discussion since these matters are not on the agenda.

**Karen on Zoom** clarified for Larry Brown that the bill is for two months.

**Steven Dowd** stated the increased water supply this year makes the District's water conservation efforts, such as the flyer with water saving tips, unnecessary. He stated the District should fight harder to oppose water conservation requirements.

#### 4) CONSENT CALENDAR

**Director Stovall** requested a correction to the minutes (Page \_\_, Paragraph \_\_) attributing a reference to the DC trip as a "junket" to the General Manager as the reference was made by a member of the public, not the General Manager.

**Ms. Carlyon** noted that Director Saunders' Board Report for March was placed in the February meeting minutes and was supposed to go on website as it was not in the digital March packet. She added that her comments for the record were shoved clear to the bottom and needed to be included in the minutes. Ms. Carlyon's comments were noted and will be reviewed.

**Director Saunders** Motioned to approve the minutes as they will be amended and corrected. **Director Seaman** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Thornbrough, Seaman, Stovall**  
**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nay: None.**

**The motion CARRIED.**

#### 5) FINANCIAL REPORTS - Up to January 31, 2023.

**Director Saunders** commented that grant proceeds currently show up in the Water Fund and then are subtracted for balance purposes reflecting a deficit in the Water fund. These are projected grants and not guaranteed so should not be subtracted from the budget to avoid erroneously showing an end-of-year negative balance based on grants. The budget with grants do not normally include grants in CIP, but should be included in the total budget to more accurately show the percentage breakdown.

**Mr. Schneider** stated that proposed projects for the fiscal year that are dependent on grant proceeds would be approved in the CIP budget, but only if grant proceeds are received as expected. There is a way of accepting grant proceeds into CIP as opposed to General Fund so you can see where you are spending money.

**Director Saunders** noted that interest income is currently posted in several places and asked if interest income will be placed in one line item since the District is now investing all at once.

The General Manager explained interest income income is separated because of the type of accounts. He indicated Staff will consolidate where possible, however, some specific accounts for specific projects or loans must remain separate.

**Public Comments:**

**Ms. Carlyon** asked if Check #3425 was included in the February Board meeting packet. Asking if it should have been included in February financials as Check # 24250.

**Office Manager Jessica Buckle** responded that the check was for a December invoice paid in January. She added the high amount was due to increased work hours due to the audit. She noted the report reflects checks through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Ms. Carlyon** then asked if the Check #34321 payment to Costco is different from the US Bank. Ms. Buckle explained this was the membership fee and Staff is looking to change that process. Costco is occasionally used for board meetings and office supplies.

- A. Budget to Actuals Report**
- B. Pooled Cash Report**
- C. Monthly Check Report**
- D. Year to Date Vendor Report**
- E. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget Review-**

Mr. Schneider presented the proposed FY 2023-2024 CIP Budget Preliminary Budget highlighting the following points:

- Some projects in FY 2022-2023 CIP projects were not completed due to the Mosquito Fire.
- A section was added for the few outstanding grants that the District intends to apply to the FY 23-24 CIP Budget.
- The proposed FY 23-24 CIP Budget is for \$1.45 million in CIP projects, which will be reduced if grants are not received.

Each of the CIP Projects were then discussed, and clarification provided as needed:

- The Angel Camp Tank Recoating can be retitled General Tank Recoating as this is on a 10-year cycle. Only the Deer Ravine tank remains to be coated and then the cycle will restart.

- *The benefits of solar were examined. The NIM 3 concept reduces the ability to sell and buy back electricity. With this off the table the consideration is in relation to cost offset when weighing savings. It is also a good resource to have available, for instance, when the grid goes down.*
- *The Clean Fleet state vehicle regulations will apply to all new vehicle purchases and 50% must be zero emission. The District is currently working with the Regional Water Agencies Association and other northern and mountainous regions with cold and adverse weather that impacts vehicle power, grid access, and electric battery performance.*
- *The Sweetwater Treatment Plant Tank project, a two-million-gallon tank project, that was included in the previous CIP Plan has been officially renamed the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Sweetwater Treatment Plant Tank for Water Supply Reliability and Fire Flow Requirements, which will serve as a backup to maintain water supply in case of a plant shutdown.*
- *The AMI meters costing \$100,000 last year has now been split with ALT testing. Moving forward, the District will pursue grant opportunities.*
- *The five to ten-year CIP project list which captures hydroelectric and diversions will be on a future project considerations list.*

### **Public Comments:**

**Larry Brown** inquired about the Hurdle rates for the electric and water wheels, which was clarified to reference return on investment (ROI). He also asked about solar cost returns.

**Mr. Schneider** stated the project cost \$20,000 per wheel. The ROI is three to seven years through a contract which includes maintenance. The District will also pursue greenhouse gas grants which would further reduce costs and increase ROI.

**Director Saunders** stated it is more about having a diversified portfolio. We will not see any ROI from the solar investment, but when the grid goes down it is important to have a backup power source.

**Mr. Dowd** referred to the pursuit of new water sources, such as Onion Creek and Otter Creek, and asked if both flows into Stumpy Meadows. Mr. Schneider clarified that both sources would flow into the Stumpy Reservoir.

Mr. Dowd inquired about the District's rights to the North Fork of the American River, and Mr. Schneider responded the District has access to a pipe, however, the Placer County Water Agency is using that source. The District is exploring "in-lieu-of" options and possible trades.

**Mr. Dowd** asked if the District has considered renting dump trucks instead of purchasing them as purchased equipment requires replacement every five to ten years. The General Manager responded that the District is considering newer models to avoid maintenance costs. The current dump truck is from 1993.

*Ms. Bartholomew* asked if the State will be mandating ¾-and ½- ton trucks to be electric and whether these vehicles have the power needed in the snow. *Mr. Schneider* responded that 50% of new purchases must be electric. It is a fluid matter so better answers are not available at this time.

*Mae Harms* expressed appreciation to the District for placing a water hydrant near her property assisting her with ease in finding home insurance.

## **6) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Board Reports**

*Director Thornbrough* reported he attended the meeting of the El Dorado Water Agency, during which a county-wide cost share program related to a Cameron Park drainage project was discussed. EDWA is chartered to deal with storm water drainage issues in the county.

*Director Saunders* reported that the California Natural Resources Agency focuses on high precipitation events with the big issue being that normally 60% of CA water is the April snowpack and that is no longer relevant as the new peak is now between January through March. The challenge moving forward is storm water capture and making storage last longer.

*Director Seaman* shared that the Irrigation and Policy Committee had more information forthcoming in the meeting packet.

*Director MacDonald* reported that he had received his certification of completion for the California Special Districts Ethics Compliance Training. He will attend the ALT Townhall to the new General Manager and emphasized GDPUD's commitment to customer service in our mission statement. He will be speaking to the community, encouraging involvement on the committees and meeting participation, and holding a Public Q&A.

### **B. Legislative Liaison Report-**

*Director Saunders* reported that he met with Senator Gill who signed on to support the Sweetwater Tank Project.

### **C. General Manager's Report-**

*Mr. Schneider* summarized his written report.

### **D. Operation Manager's Report-**

*Operation's Manager Adam Brown* reported Stumpy Meadows Reservoir continues to spill. Water demand is lower than usual. Residential use currently meets state requirements for indoor use. The following points were made:

- *Moving forward, the Board requested that the Operations Report contain a forecasting component.*
- *While water saving amounts are difficult to capture, it is estimated to be 600-800 acre feet per year.*
- *The door hanger costs include labor and truck use.*
- *The negative percentage use is a change possibly from last year's drought restrictions.*

*Mr. Brown then invited Jack Scroggs of KASL Engineers to give a presentation on the current findings of the Reliability Study.*

#### **E. Water Resources Manger's Report-**

*Resources Manager Alexis Elliott summarized her written report. She pointed out necessary corrections to the CDS Wastewater Discharge Report.*

*As an update to the permitting study, Ms. Elliott reported that WDR (Waste Discharge Requirement) is about to turn in the draft work plan to the county's Environmental Management Department to review which could open the possibility that they will take over conventional on-site wastewater systems.*

#### **7) COMMITTEES**

##### **A. Finance Committee (Steve Miller, Chairman)-**

Chairman Miller was unable to be present. There are three candidates for membership they will be interviewed with selection during the April Regular Board Meeting. There was a review of the budget. Election of officers was tabled for the next meeting with potentially more committee members to update to positions. There was a brief grant update.

Public Comment: None

##### **B. Irrigation Committee (Ray Griffiths, Chairman)-**

The next meeting is Thursday. There will be discussion of the ordinance and hopefully it will be finalized and ready to bring before the board in April.

Public Comments:

**Steve Dowd-** Will the irrigation season start date be discussed?

**Director Seaman-** Yes that is something which will discussed, and a recommendation will be made to the Board at the April meeting. The KASL report will also be referenced.

**Cherie-**Was there a policy discussion?

**Director Seaman-** Yes that will occur. The ordinance is being finalized.

##### **C. Ad Hoc Grant Writing Committee (Board Liaisons, Saunders, and Stovall)-**

Director Saunders shared that there was no meeting. The grants put forward for the Fire Safe Council were being worked with.

**GM-** The next meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup>. At the moment there are no prospective grants save for appropriation earmarking paperwork to put forward.

Public Comment: None

**D. Ad Hoc Committee for Policy Manual (Board Liaisons, Saunders, and Seaman)-**

Director Saunders reported the committee is working to ensure there is a standard process and labeling system to provide ease in searching and standardization. The committee is currently working on the personnel manual, continuing with the special district leadership foundation to go through a check list to be labeled a district of distinction and receive the district transparency certificate. The committee is also working on the procurement policy, water transfer policy, CEQUA, sexual harassment prevention and asset management. The personnel manual and procurement policy are both coming back from legal.

The General Manager Nicholas Schneider shared that when renegotiations for labor occur, we are aware some items may change by specific negotiation points, though anything which is law will not be able to change.

Public Comment: None.

**E. Ad Hoc Committee for the Audit Committee (Board Liaisons, Saunders and Thornbrough)- No Meeting Scheduled**

Public Comment: None.

**F. Ad Hoc Labor Negotiation Committee (Board Liaisons, MacDonald and Thornbrough)- No Meeting Scheduled**

Public Comment-

**Ms. Carlyon-** asked if the agenda could reference the meeting that is being reported on.

**8) ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consider California Special District Association Board (CSDA) Nominations.**

Public Comment: None.

***Director Saunders motioned to adopt the resolution nominating Nicholas Schneider to the CSDA Board. Director Seamen seconded the motion.***



**Roll call vote was taken:**

**Aye: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nay: None.**

**The motion CARRIED.**

## **B. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Nomination**

Director Saunders stated LAFCO is a watch dog organization for special districts covering cities, special districts, annexing, dissolution and new formation of cities. It also covers inclusion into districts and helps prevent sprawl. He has been an alternate for the last four years and is hoping to become a commissioner or alternate again. He would like to stay on and continue their current work. This includes helping 13 fire districts to coordinate together meeting financial struggles while facing wildfires, and continued advocacy for Grizzly Flats to continue their services.

Public Comment: None.

**Director Thornbrough motioned to adopt the Resolution nominating Director Saunders nomination to the LAFCO Board. Director Stovall seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nay: None**

**The motion CARRIED.**

## **C. Concurring Nomination to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA)**

Mr. Schneider reported that the Calaveras County Water Authority has requested the Board's support of their Board member, (first name) Ratterman, as a nominee to the JPIA Executive Board.

Public Comment: None.

**Director Saunders motioned to Support Mr. Ratterman's nomination. Director Seaman seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nay: None.**

**The motion CARRIED.**

## **D. Consider Legislation Positions for Various Assembly and Senate Bills.**

Mr. Schneider and Director Saunders, as the Legislative Liaison, provided information on a list of legislation and the potential impact on the interests of the District. The report highlighted water rights implications and the need to protect the district's water rights from negation or limitation.

It was clarified that AB 338 had no union conflicts as its provisions only apply to independent contractors.

AB 62 - Statewide Water Storage Expansion could provide for the expansion of the District's storage infrastructure by including the District in the federally approved Sacramento regional water rights which could allow for water transfers through the Loon Lake and DeFazio rights.

Public Comment:

Ms. Carlyon commented on the DeFazio water rights and her understanding that the water must be in the Stumpy Meadows Reservoir in order to trade as a limitation was verified as correct.

***Director Saunders motioned to approve the District's positions on legislation outlined in the Resolution. Director Seaman seconded the motion.***

**Roll call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Aye: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nay: None.**

**The motion CARRIED.**

**E. Consider Adopting the Following Policies and Amendments,**

- **Policy 2315-Annual Update of the IIPP Manual**
- **Policy 4240- Teleconferencing Policy**

Director Saunders shared information regarding the policies to be adopted. The teleconference policy kept the language mirroring the government code so that should the government code change we automatically know which sections to remove or switch in. The two areas match AB361 was the emergency one which sunsets in 2024 and AB2449 sunsets in 2026, unless laws pass to extend them.

Board inquiries regarding the requirements of the teleconferencing remote participation requirements were answered via District Legal Counsel Christina Pritchard. It was clarified that only Ad Hoc committees were exempt from these requirements all others require a quorum in person even in inclement weather absent a declared state of emergency. Inclement weather as just cause only being applicable in a declared situation from an agency. In true emergency circumstances there is more leeway.

Public Comment:

**Cherie Carlyon-** There is a district which includes days without work injuries in the operations report. Should that be included? Does that help with insurance costs?

The General Manager offered that could potentially be included. We have received insurance leadership awards.

**Cherie Carlyon**- With the teleconferencing when will that take effect? Once it is adopted when will it take effect? Does it apply to the committees? At the last Finance committee meeting recently only one was in the room the other two were participating digitally.

**Legal Counsel Christina Pritchard**- Clarified that AB2449 applies to all legislative bodies across the state unless they adopt a policy specifically opting out of it prohibiting participation. This policy is not implementing it, because it already exists and is available, but rather puts it into lay man's terms and spells out what exactly is required because the government code is not an easy read.

**Director Stovall motioned to approve the resolutions updating the IIPP manual and the Teleconference policies. Director Saunders seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nay: None.**

**The motion CARRIED.**

#### **F. Consider accepting Vectus DC as our Federal Advocate**

Don Polese, Founder and Managing Partner of Vectus DC described the firm's structure, success with clients, and their commitment to the district. He addressed some of the possible funding opportunities available and their readiness given the current enacted legislation.

Mr. Schneider shared the benefits of working with a federal advocate as an extension of the district in Washington D.C. There are Senate Appropriations, US Bureau of ??? grant. Bureau money is currently available, and Vectus could advocate for those funds.

#### Public Comment:

**Ms. Carlyon** asked if the costs would remain at \$48,000, how often Vectus will be following up and how many employees are in the firm.

Mr. Schneider responded that it will be at a rate of \$4000 a month. Staff have already been working with Mr. Polese who helped put together the Senate Appropriation forms prior to the contract. Vectus DC will be available at the Board's discretion. There are 15 employees in D.C. firm; two are full-time and two are bi-coastal.

**Director Stovall motioned to approve the professional services agreement with Vectus DC for federal advocacy services. Director Saunders seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**  
**Nay: None.**  
**The motion CARRIED.**

**9) PUBLIC HEARING-**

**A. Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)**

Operations Manager Adam Brown reported that the UWMP has been posted for 60 days and no comments have been received.

The public hearing was opened for public comments at 6:22 p.m.

No comments were received.

The public hearing was closed at 6:22 pm.

**Director Saunders** shared the following points:

- Acknowledged the new storage capacity of 21,206-acre feet at Stumpy Reservoir.
- Noted the section on the impacts of wildfires only mentions the King Fire and not the Mosquito Fire.
- Noted that in Chapter 6, Page 4, storm water capture listed no plans for capture.
- Asked whether the ADU one line for demand should reflect the possibility of increased demand without an increase in household or parcels.
- Noted that the water shortage contingency plan is based on shortening the irrigation season.

The General Manager shared that we are going to pull a lot of the raw water out of the Urban Water Management Plan so irrigation will not be in there.

**Director Saunders** motioned to approve the revisions to the Urban Water Management Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan for submittal to the Department of Water Resources. **Director Stovall** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**  
**MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**  
**Nays: None.**  
**The motion CARRIED.**

**B. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) General Fees**

The public hearing was opened at 7:27 p.m.

No public comments were received.

The public hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

**Director Stovall-** Confirming Article 2 Sec 1 says the connection fee for the meter for the same parcel will be less than 50% for the value identified to do with so many square feet of the auxiliary livable space is that us or county? Confirming with connection the additional connection would be accountable to pay the base charge and supplemental fee?

Response that this is based off the county standards. The base charge and supplemental fees are applied per connection, thus only applicable if there is a second connection.

**Director Saunders motioned to accept the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 allowing for a change in connection fees for ADU's. The motion was seconded by Director Stovall.**

**Roll Call vote was taken: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough  
MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Ayes: MacDonald, Saunders, Seaman, Stovall, Thornbrough**

**Nays: None.**

**The motion CARRIED.**

Director Saunders thanked the public for their attendance and comments. He shared that since they are public comments, The Board can't really discuss those items, but let Steve Dowd know that we will update Larry Brown on his inquiries as well as continue checking on the budget items.

#### **10) BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

**Director Saunders-** Place asset management on the policy committee to get that as it is being put on the new program.

#### **\*\*ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION\*\***

#### **11) ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION-7:32 p.m.**

Public Comment:

**Cherie Carlyon-** He didn't start on a date which would meet the 6-month mark.

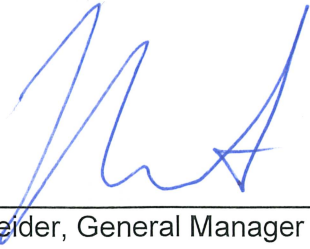
- A. **GOV. Code § 54956.9(a)** – Pending Litigation regarding Mosquito Fire.
- B. **GOV. Code § 54956.9(a)** – Pending Litigation Craig v. GDPUD
- C. **GOV, Code § 54967, Subd. (b)(1)** – Personnel Matters - General Manager evaluation 6-month review

#### **\*\*ADJOURN CLOSED SESSSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION\*\***

**Return from closed session: 8:00 p.m. with no report out.**

**12) NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT-**The next Regular Meeting will be April 11, at 2:00 PM at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634.

**Director Seaman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**



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Nicholas Schneider, General Manager



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Date

Attachments:

1. Public Comment of Cherie Carlyon

# Amendments Log

Times reflected in the minutes were amended from military time, a 24 hour-based clock to a twelve-hour clock time convention.

Clarification that there was no report out of the closed session was offered.

~~Report out of closed session: 20:00PM~~

**Changed to:**

**Return from closed session: 8:00 p.m. with no report out.**

GDPUD Board Meeting March 14, 2023 2pm  
Cherie Carlyon Public Comments

I would expect the Board to pay attention to the following issues:

1. \$288,000 discrepancy: As of this date I have not received any comment or correction to the apparent \$288,000 discrepancy between the GM's 12-31-22 and the 12-31-22 Tyler Budget Summary as noted at the February 14, 2023 meeting. I hope it is not your intent to try to sweep this under the rug, as I am now formally requesting a clarification to this item. I am submitting a PRA for this information
2. It appears that there is a problem with the Zoom system cutting calls off. Please address this issue as not everybody has a backup. It is your duty to assure that all those interested in making comments at meetings, have the ability to do so. I make this note for the record as I was cut off at the start of the 03-06-23 meeting.
3. I was also threatened with being cut off by the GM which I find to be quite rude. The Board may need to look at how the current GM treats the District's Customers. I make this comment and observation for the Record and I am referring to the 2-23-23 Finance and the 2-16-23 Irrigation committee meetings.
4. Please show us the Policy Section that allows a Staff Person to conduct a formal meeting. If the Board President is incapacitated, the Vice President assumes that duty. I am now formally requesting this information and I am submitting a PRA for this information.
5. It appears that you did not properly notice the March 6, 2023 Closed Meeting and the topic for which it was held may not have fit within the parameters of what can be discussed in a Closed Session. Having interviews of potential Legal Service Providers does not appear on the approved list of Closed Session topics. I am requesting copies of the source that allows you to have such a meeting in apparent violation of the Brown Act's Closed Session rules. I am submitting a PRA for this information.
6. On today's Closed Session agenda, Personnel Matters—General Manager evaluation 6-month review, at the February 14, 2023 regular board meeting, the District's Attorney, Christina Pritchard stated, per the GM's employment contract, that the review could not take place prior to the actual 6 months of employment and therefore, would need to be done at the April 11, 2023 regular board meeting. Please provide in writing the Authority and circumstance under which her direction has been bypassed. I am submitting a PRA for this information.

I am submitting these written comments for the record and the minutes of this meeting, March 14, 2023.

Cherie Carlyon