

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
WATER TRANSFER TOWNHALL
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

Pilot Hill Grange
1701 CA-193,
Cool, California 95614

**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024
6:00 P. M.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mitch MacDonald, President

Donna Seaman, Vice President

Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer

Michael Saunders, Director

Robert Stovall, Director

PRESENTING STAFF

General Manager Nicholas Schneider Operations Manager Adam Brown

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

A full record of this meeting is available on the District channel:

<https://youtube.com/live/hwp0qYe0lwg>

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Saunders, Stovall, Seaman, Thornbrough, and MacDonald

Absent: None

Director Stovall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPENING PRESENTATION

- The District's Water Supply- Presented by General Manager Nicholas Schneider

General Manager Nicholas Schneider delivered a presentation regarding the District, its water supply, and the water transfer process. Information utilized to determine transfer feasibility and the factors impacting the process were examined. The staff has worked to procure grant revenue acquisitions as an alternate funding source.

The Grant Tracking Sheet was reviewed. These acquisitions assist the District in pursuing Capital Improvements to ensure a viable water system serving the community. These outside funding sources also assist with rate stabilization.

3. PUBLIC FORUM, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Public Inquiry examined the criteria of potential water transfer agreements, the mechanics and timing of the agreement's components, contract terms, and impacts on available water supply to residents within the District. The discussion involved the analysis of the elements of the proposition as impacted by available water supply and wet versus dry years.

Public inquiry also involved subjects and concerns regarding;

State-mandated water budgets and available variances to ease the constraints of prescriptions. This is a piece that the District and Directors are working actively to carve out to gain greater allowances and variances working in conjunction with coalitions and partner agencies. These variances grant increased water budget allocations. This included an examination of impacts on livestock and agricultural operations.

District work on water efficiency projects to manage the supply and address system losses were shared. Grant funding acquisition assists with these projects which include canal lining, piping, and master meter installation.

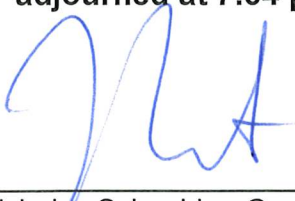
The mechanics of the refill agreement as it is impacted by the Central Valley Project (CVP), the State Water Project (SWP), and the Bureau of Reclamation requirements were dissected. Criteria in place based upon the Folsom Lake reservoir and Delta conditions that impact the process were detailed for the group.

Availability of water for firefighting efforts was raised as a concern. It was shared that there is plenty of supply should the need arise. The Mosquito Fire efforts utilized approximately an acre and a half of water.

The Directors expressed their gratitude to those in attendance and extended invitations to contact them with any inquiries or concerns, the door is open for dialogue. Direct communications with the District and its Directors were offered as solutions to gain understanding and avoid misunderstandings. The Directors shared their pleasure in serving and working with their community members.

4. CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

Director Thornbrough motioned to adjourn the special meeting. Director Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager



Date