

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

6425 Main Street,
Georgetown, California 95634

**TUESDAY, March 6, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mitch MacDonald, President

Donna Seaman, Vice President

Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer

Michael Saunders, Director

Robert Stovall, Director

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.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**—The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Director Saunders.

3. **ROLL CALL:** The roll was taken with the following members present,

Director Stovall, Director Seaman, Director Thornbrough, Director Saunders, and President MacDonald.

General Manager, Nicholas Schneider introduced Elizabeth Olson as the new Executive Assistant.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Director Seaman motioned to adopt the agenda; Director Saunders seconded,

Public Comment: Cherie Carlyon commented as per the attached.

President MacDonald called for the vote:

Ayes: Director Seaman, Director Thornbrough, Director Saunders, and President MacDonald

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC FORUM

Pursuant to the Government Code Section 54954.3 (The Brown Act), members of the public shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on any agenda item. The Board President will call for

public comment on each agenda item. Those wishing to address the Board on a matter that is not on the agenda, and within the jurisdictional authority of the District, may do so during the Public Forum portion of the agenda. Follow the procedures below for speaking during Public Forum or public comment sessions:

- A. Public members desiring to provide comments, must raise their hand and wait to be recognized by the Board President, speak from the podium, and begin by stating their name.
- B. If participating via teleconference, please utilize the raise your hand feature. The President will call upon you by addressing you by the name or phone number indicated.
- C. Comments must be directed only to the Board.
- D. Disruptive conduct shall not be permitted at any Board meeting. Persistence in disruptive conduct shall be grounds for summary termination of the privilege to address the Board of Directors.
- E. There is a five (5)-minute time limit per speaker and/or 20 minutes in total.
- F. The Board is not permitted to take action on items addressed under the Public Forum.

The Board President is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:55 PM.

5. CLOSED SESSION – LEGAL SERVICES

- A. Craig A. Steele (Richards Watson Gershon Law) 3:30 PM
- B. Gary B. Bell (Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC) 4:15 PM
- C. Frank Splendorio (Best, Best & Krieger Law) 4:50 PM
- D. Barbara Brenner (White & Brenner LLP) 5:30 PM

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 7:09 PM. of the meeting.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: None

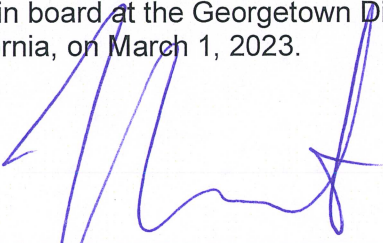
6. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be March 14, 2023, at 2:00 PM., at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634.

Motioned By Director Seaman to Adjourn. Seconded By Director Thornbrough. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

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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 March 1, 2023.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager



Date

Attachment

Public Comment: Cherie Carlyon

Written Public Comments submitted for the record 4:20 pm 3-6-2023.

The meeting agenda posted for Tuesday, March 6, 2023 has several Brown Act errors. Tuesday, March 7, 2023 is the actual correct date if the meeting was planned for Tuesday. This was posted with the required 72 hours ahead. If the meeting was supposed to be Monday, March 6, 2023, the meeting agenda was not posted with a 72 hour period.

No government code was listed under the closed session item "Legal Services".

Legal Services is not an allowed Closed Session topic.

No email notification was sent out to the district's email list.

Today's meeting was not posted 72 hours ahead.

This whole meeting is illegal under the Brown Act. I request that the board reschedule this meeting as an open session meeting and allow the public to have the chance to comment in person and on Zoom.

I gave my oral public comments at the beginning of the meeting and now I want these written comments to be made part of then meeting record and minutes.

Cherie Carlyon