

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Board Of Directors 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634

IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Thursday, February 16, 2023 2:00 P.M.

Irrigation Committee

Alexandra Duarte Kristy McKay Eric Mede

Board of Directors Liaison

Donna Seaman Mike Thornbrough

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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- 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.
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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

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Meeting ID: **765 644 9744** and Password: **800609** or via teleconference by calling 1-669-900-6833, meeting id: **765 644 9744** 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 November 17, 2022
- 5. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS
 - · Chairman, Board Report
- 6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
 - A. Water Resources
 - B. Public Outreach On-line Video Update \
 - C. State Mandates for Water in 2023—Climate Conditions and Water Regulations (if available)
- 7. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Review Proposed Ordinance Changes
 - Possible Action: Submit Recommendations to the Board
 - B. Discuss Possible Adjustment To Irrigation Season —
 - C. Discuss Annual Customer Letters
- 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
- 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 March 16, 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 February 9, 2023.

Vicholas Schneider, General Manager

Date



MINUTES

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Regular Meeting Thursday, November 17, 2022 2:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Board of Directors Liaison

Ray Griffiths, Chairman Bill Threlkel, Vice Chairman Carla Sutton, Secretary Fran Todd Alexandra Duarte Kristy McKay Eric Mead Donna Seaman Gerry Stewart

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

Chairman Griffiths called the Board Meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Griffiths, Threlkel, Sutton, McKay, Duarte,

ABSENT: Mead, Todd

Chairman Griffiths led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Carla Sutton motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. Bill Threlkel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Threlkel, Sutton, Duarte, and Chairman Griffiths

Nay: NONE

Abstention: McKay Absent: Mead, Todd The motion CARRIED

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

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES—September 15, 2022

Carla Sutton motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. Bill Threlkel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Threlkel, Sutton, Duarte, and Chairman Griffiths

Nay: NONE

Abstention: McKay Absent: Mead, Todd The motion CARRIED

5) IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORS

A. Board Report - Chairman Ray Griffiths. No report.

6) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Water Resources: None
- B. Operations Report:

Adam Brown noted a recent survey measured Stumpy Meadows at 21,206 acre feet as opposed to 20,000 acre feet due to more accurate measuring technology. There was no irrigation in October. Production numbers for the treatment plants has been consistent with previous years.

C. November Water Assessment — Fire Statistics

Adam Brown reported that since the drought was declared in June, we have been monitoring our water use. Our Water Year Assessment shows treated water and raw water deliveries decreased between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 water year while the percent of water delivered that was put to beneficial use, treated and irrigation delivery, increased. The District saw an approximate 723 acre foot increase in water available for future use.

A water budget was prepared for water year 2022/2023. Utilizing current supply, projected demand, available climate forecast and the District's forecast tool, expected inflow into Stumpy Meadows is estimated to range between 7,799 and 116,028 acre feet (ac-ft). Results indicate there is an 80 percent chance 2022/2023 Stumpy Meadows inflow will meet District demands and therefore it is anticipated no water delivery restrictions for the 2023 water season. Currently, we are at 75% of capacity. Last year at this time, we were only at 50% of capacity.

Public Comment: A question from the public asked when a possible extension of the irrigation season due to the fire season would be discussed. General Manager Nicholas Schneider replied it would not be addressed until February or March when we know the water outlook and water usage.

7) ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Ordinance 2005-01 recommend Changes to Board See attached Ordinance with proposed changes.

Public Comment: Ray Paul expressed support for starting the season May 15th or June 1st in order to extend the use of water to cover the dry season and for fire season.

Alexandra Duarte asked how much choice does GDPUD have in determining the season and how much is mandated by the State. Nicholas Schneider replied it is not the season that

is mandated, it is the amount of water that is utilized. We must be as efficient with the water as possible.

Director Seaman asked about a notification system when the water needs to be shut off. Adam Brown indicated notifications are sent out through WaterSmart for major issues and perhaps should be sent out for smaller shutoffs. Customers need to sign up for WaterSmart.

Rena Devonne asked about notifications on shared accounts. Nicholas Schneider noted notifications are sent to account owners and without contact information, we cannot send a notification. Adam Brown stated we also post notifications on Facebook.

Carla Sutton suggested irrigation customers be allowed to share their water with their neighbors, stating full responsibility for the account remain with the irrigation customer. Nicholas Schneider noted sharing irrigation water is only done by written approval of the Board of Directors through a specific resolution of the Board.

Cherie Carlyon noted the amount of ditch water being sold is down since the rate increase four years ago.

Bill Threlkel motioned to continue the review of Ordnance 2005-01 and make recommendation to Board. Alexandra Duarte seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Threlkel, Duarte, McKay, and Chairman Griffiths

Nay: NONE

Abstention: Sutton Absent: Mead, Todd

The motion CARRIED

- 8) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
 - A. Final Review of Proposed Ordinance Changes for Board Approval
 - B. Review Water Resources and recommend Season Start/End dates.
 - C. State Mandates for Water in 2023—Climate Conditions and Water Regulations (if available)
 - D. Video RE: care; Outreach video
 - E. Review Application
- 9) NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT The Irrigation Committee set the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM for regular committee meetings. The next Irrigation Committee Meeting will be set for February 16, 2023.

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager	Date

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. 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 <u>any point within</u> District Works.
- (h) Ditch tenders and other agents of the District shall have access and right of entry to 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 feet 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. The public is not allowed on ditches 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 in or allowed to be emptied into any ditch, canal, or reservoir of the District. This does not include any pest control work done by the District utilizing environmental safe products. Any chemical treatments performed by property owners must be approved by District staff.
 - (k) District canals or reservoirs shall not be used for swimming or bathing. <u>Greenwood Lake, Sweatwater Lake, and Walton Lake may be utilized as storm water capture reservoirs and thus would not be acceptable for swimming.</u>

- (l) Livestock 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.
- (m) No conveyance system shall cause a cross connection with the District's water system with any other source of water.
- (n) 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.
- (o) 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.
- (p) Any person dissatisfied with any determination of the District management shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.
- (q) 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 2. 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 ten (10) irrigation seasons
- Priority 3. New applications for irrigation service to parcels that have been made after the 2003 irrigation season with priority established by
- (l) All Irrigation Service Accounts must have an the earliest season applied for. Applications and priority are specific to the section of ditch the parcel is located near.

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

- (c) Applications for an increase to service will receive Priority 3 status for the requested increase.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 3. Distribution of Water:

(a) The irrigation season shall generally be from May 1 through October 1 of each year. The 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 must 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. District will make all reasonable attempts to notify customers of any outages.
- (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 five (5) days, proportionate adjustments for such water loss will be made.
- (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. A provision will be given except 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 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 <u>tampering-abnormal</u> wear 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 4. 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 reestablish service
- (e) Irrigation service accounts requesting verification of flow will pay a fee if the delivered flow is within 10% of the contracted amount.

SECTION 5. 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 superceded 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

, President
Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

ATTEST:

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.

Henry N. White, Clerk and ex officio Secretary of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

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December 31, 2022

To: Irrigation Service Customer,

In preparation for the 2023 irrigation season the 2023 Irrigation Service Application <u>must</u> be submitted to the District office prior to **March 1, 2023,** to continue irrigation service.

Failure to complete and submit this form by March 1, 2023, will result in the District discontinuing your service and allocating demand elsewhere.

2023 Seasonal	Irrigation Rate Schedule				
1/2 miner's inch	\$77.00 per month (pipelines only)				
1 or more miner's inches	\$154.20 per miner's inch per month				
Note: Irrigation accounts	Note: Irrigation accounts are billed bi-monthly, in advance.				
Irrigation Season is May 1st thro	Irrigation Season is May 1st through September 30th but subject to change.				
1 Miner's Inch (m.i.)	= 11.22 gallons per minute = 673 gal. per hour				
is equivalent to:	= 16,157 gal. per day $= 494,000$ gal. per month				
*	= 2,500,000 gallons per 5 month season				

Notes: Irrigation is an advanced bi-monthly billing structure.

Irrigation season operates between May 1st and September 30th, but may be impacted by water supply conditions. Irrigation allotments are required to be used continuously.

Please return the bottom half of this letter as soon as possible for it serves as your 2023 Irrigation Service Application.

	GATION SERVICE APPLICATION portion to G.D.P.U.D. by March 1, 2023
Do you supply a pond with irrigation water?	P [] Yes [] No
Is your property served by treated water?	[] Yes [] No
Irrigation Water Use Details	
Total Acreage Managed:	
Total Acreage Irrigated:	
Specify Type of Crop and Acreage:	
Specify Type of Livestock:	
By signing and returning this form, I am reseason (May 1st through September 30th),	newing my contract for irrigation water for the 2023 in accordance with Ordinance 2005-01.
Owner Signature	Please check one [] No changes – same as last year [] Change in supply requested



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To: Former Irrigation Service Customer,

District records indicate your parcel formerly received irrigation water, but is no longer active. The 2023 season is scheduled to begin May 1st. If interested in renewing service, the 2023 Irrigation Service Application must be submitted to the District office prior to March 1, 2023. However, supply is limited and the District may not be able to honor your request.

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Specify Type of Livestock:					
I would like to receive miner's inch (es). By irrigation water, if available, for the 2023 season,					
Applicant Signature		Please provide the following information to assist us in keeping our records up to date.			
	Phone No.:				
	Email:				
	Propert	Property Address:			
	Assesso	or's Parcel No.:			