



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Saunders, President
Mitch MacDonald, Vice President Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer
Donna Seaman, Director Gerry Stewart, 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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The Board President is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting.

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

President Saunders called the Board meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: MACDONALD, THORNBROUGH, SEAMAN, STEWART, SAUNDERS

Director Stewart led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

***MOTIONED BY DIRECTOR MACDONALD TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.
DIRECTOR STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION.***

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: MACDONALD, THORNBROUGH, SEAMAN, STEWART, SAUNDERS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: NONE

THE MOTION PASSED.

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

No public comments.

4. DISCUSS THE MOSQUITO FIRE EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION ORDERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

POSSIBLE ACTION: Receive update on District structure and operations.

Adam Brown, Operations Manager, reported that GDPUD crews are being escorted daily through checkpoints in order to access distribution infrastructure requiring work to restore water flow. The fire has impacted the tunnel area almost to the diversion, but a full assessment has yet to be done. Brown stated the emergency for the district will continue during the aftermath dealing with erosion, blocked ditches, clearing debris, and making repairs to the system.

Mr. Brown stated the crew jumped into action, despite having to evacuate their own families, knowing the importance of their work to keep the water flowing. He indicated district water is being used to fight fire through hydrants and from the ditches at 100 gallons per minute. It has been beneficial for the district to be able to work with the Cal Fire Incident Command, U.S. Forest Service, Sierra Pacific, the El Dorado Irrigation District, and state water agencies to scope out next steps to deal with this emergency.

Adam Coyan, commended the efforts of Adam Brown, the "#1 Boots on the ground" person, and the GDPUD field staff to keep water flowing and maintain quality under extreme conditions. Office activity—collections, billing, etc.— has been temporarily halted as the office is closed. Staff should be able to catch up on business functions if the does not last more than a week. Mr. Coyan further stated office staff is off work without pay and the fire has displaced a number of customers, and affected local businesses, which may result in a financial hardship situation.

Fran Todd asked how notices went out stating she was unable to contact anyone at GDPUD. It was suggested a better communication system be employed in emergency situations. Mr. Brown indicated a call out was released through WaterSmart to inform customers of the emergency.

5. CONSIDER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS

POSSIBLE ACTION: Take required Board action and provide directions to meet the District's emergency needs.

President Saunders shared the Governor's State of Emergency Order (Attachment 1) which will allow the District to access FEMA funding for reimbursement to the District for fire-related expense. Barbara Brenner, Legal Counsel, stated it is important that the District keep detailed record of expenses and a daily diary of fire-related activities.

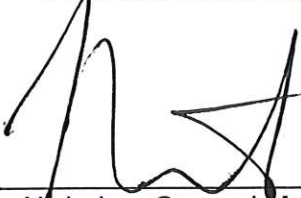
Mr. Brown indicated the District has already begun the disaster funding application process. He also indicated he is preparing photo documentation of the impact of the fire. The District also needs to tract water usage attributed to the fire.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be September 13, 2022, at 2:00 PM, by virtual meeting.

**MOTIONED BY DIRECTOR THORNBROUGH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR STEWART. THE MOTION PASSED BY
ACCLAMATION.**

President Saunders adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.



Nicholas, General Manager

10-18-22

Date