

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

## **IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY, July 27, 2022**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**NOTE:** This meeting replaces the previously scheduled meeting of July 21, 2022, which could not proceed due to a lack of quorum.

### **Irrigation Committee**

John Duarte  
Ray Griffiths  
Kristy McKay

Eric Mead  
Carla Sutton  
Bill Threkel

### **Board of Directors Liaison**

Donna Seaman  
Gerry Stewart

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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  - Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability are observed by balancing immediate and long-term needs.
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**NOTICE:** This meeting will take place in the Board Room of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, located at 6425 Main Street in Georgetown, and will be open to the public.

Further, it will be held in accordance with Resolution 2022-35 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 Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Code Section 54950, et seq.), and the Federal Americans and Disabilities Act.

Members of the public may attend in person or may opt to participate in the meeting via video conference at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84326773254?pwd=aGF6L1hQK2RaaExrSXZOdWUrZlY5QT09>

Meeting ID: **843 2677 3254** and Password: **791523** or via teleconference by calling **1-669-900-6833**, Meeting ID: **843 2677 3254** and Password **791523**: and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment. Note: 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 Chairman 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 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**
  - A. **Minutes of June 16, 2022, Meeting**
5. **ORIENTATION ON COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Review of Irrigation Correspondence to New and Returning Customers**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Review District Irrigation Ordinance Timeline  
2021 Irrigation Ordinance Workshops with Suggested Changes**
8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING**
9. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The Irrigation Committee set the third Thursday of the month for regular meetings during the irrigation season. The next regular meeting is August 18, 2022, at 2 PM

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 July 22, 2022

Adam Coyan,  
Adam Coyan, General Manager

*signed by  
Buckle on behalf of*

*A. Coyan*

7/22/22  
Date

## IRRIGATION COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

### GDPUD MISSION STATEMENT

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- ❖ 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.

The Irrigation Committee was established by the Board of Directors to advise them on matters related to irrigation services.

July 21, 2022

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## Summary of Board Actions to Establish the Irrigation Committee

### January 12, 2021

- The Board of Directors established the Irrigation Committee to advise them on matters related to irrigation service.

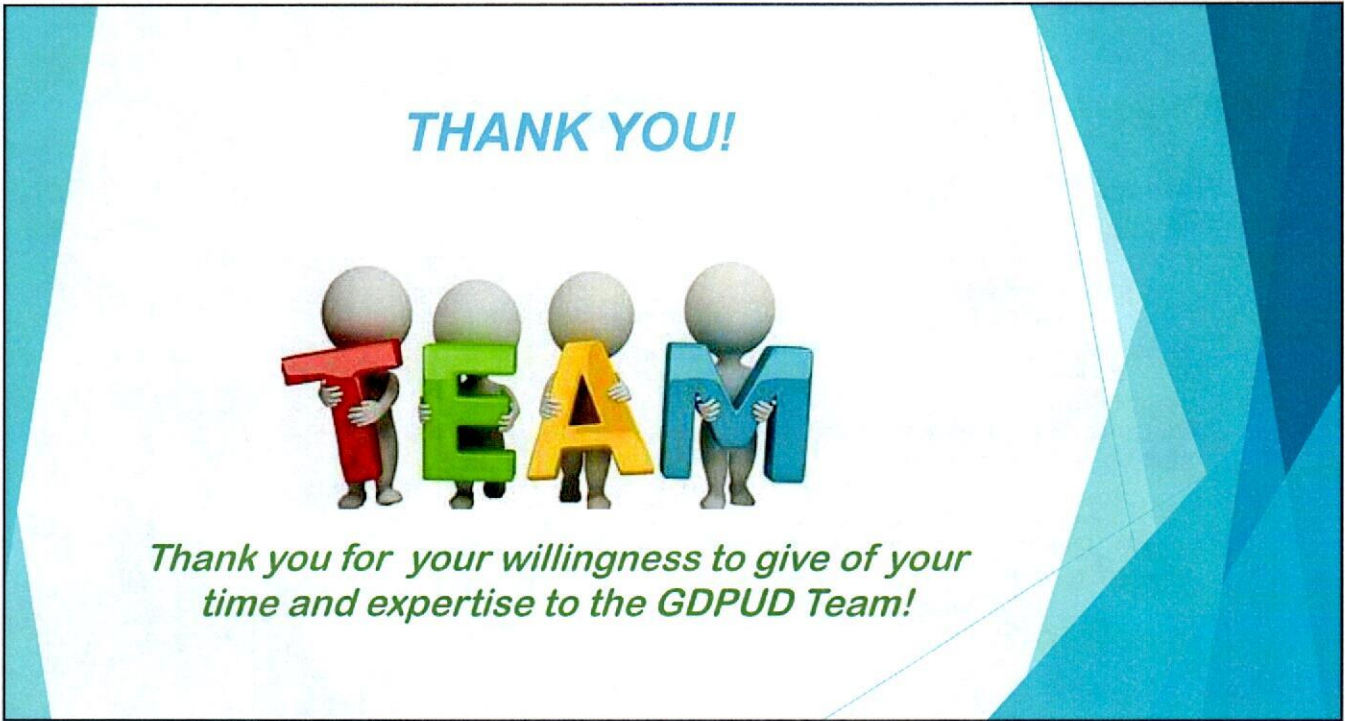
### February 8, 2022

- The Board introduced the draft policy on the role and responsibilities of the Irrigation Committee.
- Appointed John Duarte, Kristy McKay, Eric Mead, Bill Threkel.
- Appointed Director Seaman and Director Stewart as Board Liaison.
- The Board requested a review of the draft policy by the committee.

### March 8, 2022

- Board amended the draft policy to increase the number of public members from five to seven.
- Appointed Carla Sutton and Ray Griffiths.

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## TEAM GDPUD

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## Working Together for Quality Irrigation Service



**BOARD LIAISON** members serve as the bridge between the Board and Committee.

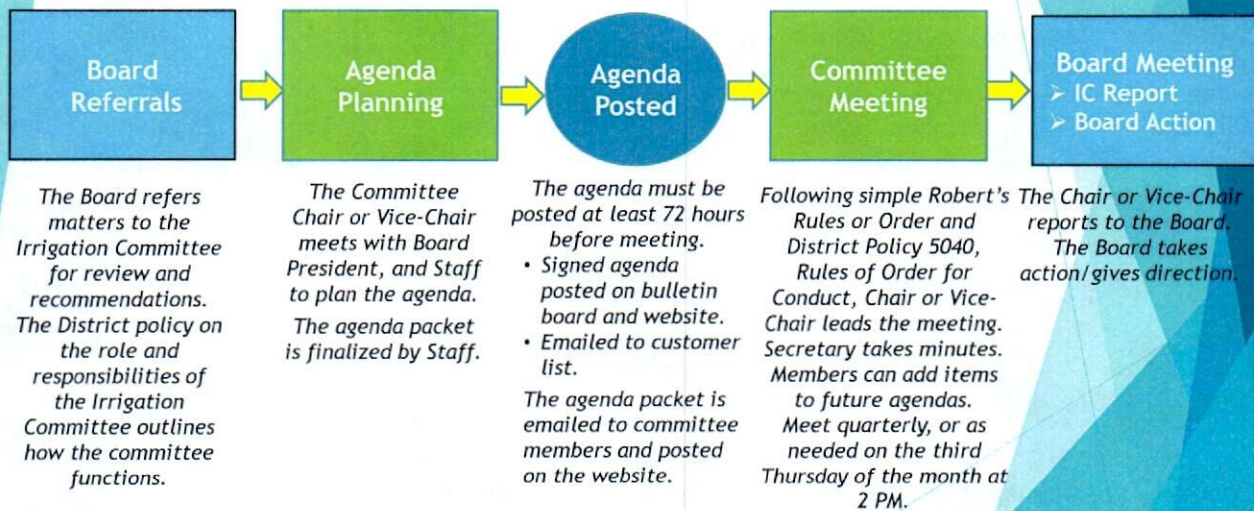
**STAFF** provides support and is a resource for information. Other resource: Website.

**PUBLIC** - Brown Act (Open Meeting Law) = Public Participation and Transparency

The role and responsibilities of the Irrigation Committee is delineated in a District policy.

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### Process Flowchart for Developing Irrigation Committee Recommendations for the Board of Directors



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## Summary of Irrigation Committee Meetings

### May 19, 2022 - First Meeting

- Elected Officers - Ray Griffiths as Chairman, Bill Threkel as Vice-Chairman, and Carla Sutton as Secretary
- Reviewed Draft Irrigation Committee Role and Responsibilities Policy (continued to June meeting)
- Established Regular Meeting Time - Third Thursday of the month at a time to be determined.

### June 16, 2022, Meeting

- Reviewed Draft Irrigation Committee Role and Responsibilities Policy
- Established regular meeting time - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2 PM.
- Discussed possible adjustment to irrigation season.
- Reviewed materials customers receive.
- Developed recommendations for outreach material.
- Reviewed Letter from Legal Counsel on Brown Act Committees

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## An Overview of the GDPUD Irrigation System

➤ Over 70 miles of canals/ditches and pipes

➤ 385 irrigation customers

➤ 18 service routes

➤ Each route has a finite capacity

➤ 632 Miner's Inch total capacity

➤ 516 Miner's Inch allocated in 2021

➤ 512 Miner's Inch allocated in 2022

➤ Due to state-mandated conservation measures, the irrigation season will end Sept 1.

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## Irrigation Service Schedule

Late December - Applications mailed to active and inactive customers

January 1 - March 1 - Application Period

February - Additional outreach to irrigation customers (broadcast phone calls, personal calls)

April - Declaration of Projected Water Year

April - Consideration of Irrigation Applications

Applications approved where there is sufficient capacity based on the following priority system:

Priority 1 – Parcels that received irrigation service during the immediate past season.

Priority 2 – Parcels with the most recent active irrigation service account during the previous ten irrigation seasons

Priority 3 – Applications for new irrigation service

May 1 - September 30 - Irrigation Season (normal year)

October - December - Scheduled maintenance and CIP projects.

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## STAFF ROSTER

Barbour, Chris	Distribution Operator II
Beck, Stephanie	HR/IT Specialist
Brown, Adam	Operations Manager
Buckle, Jessica	Office/Financial Manager
Cann, Brian	Distribution Operator II
Ceirante, Marty	Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator
Chaidez, Mike	Maintenance Worker II
Coyan, Adam	General Manager
Dorosh, Lindsay	Administrative Aide II
Elliott, Alexis	Water Resources Manager
Harp, Tyler	Maintenance Worker I
Klahn, Christian	Distribution Operator II
Klahn, Jeff	Canal Operator I
Liddicoat, Lisa	Administrative Aide I
Madison, Kyle	Field Superintendent
McBride, Jeff	Maintenance Worker I
Pulfer, Jeff	Water Treatment Plant Operator III
Rule, Brian	Wastewater Technician II
Seitzinger, Jake	Maintenance Worker I
Smith, Jason	Distribution Operator II
Stiles, Bryan	Canal Operator I
Tyler, Eric	Distribution Operator I
Walsh, Jacob	Canal Operator II
<i>Vacant</i>	Administrative Aide
Arquette, Carol	Part-time temp, Blue Ribbon
Omania, Gloria	Retired Annuitant

**POLICY TITLE: Rules of Order for Conduct of Board and Committee Meetings**

**POLICY NUMBER: 5040**

5040.1 General:

5040.1.1 Action items shall be brought before and considered by the Board by motion in accordance with this policy. These rules of order are intended to be informal and applied flexibly. The Board prefers a flexible form of meeting and, therefore, does not conduct its meetings under formalized rules - Robert's Rules of Order.

5040.1.1.1 If a Director believes order is not being maintained or procedures are not adequate, then he/she should raise a point of order - not requiring a second - to the President. If the ruling of the President is not satisfactory to the Director, then it may be appealed to the Board. A majority of the Board will govern and determine the point of order.

5040.2 Obtaining the Floor:

5040.2.1 Any Director desiring to speak should address the President and, upon recognition by the President, may address the subject under discussion.

5040.3 Motions:

5040.3.1 Any Director, excluding the President, may make or second a motion. A motion shall be brought and considered as follows:

5040.3.1.1 The Board President opens discussion of the matter, the matter is then discussed and debated by the Board, the public is provided an opportunity to comment, then a Director makes a motion; another Director seconds the motion; and the President states the motion.

5040.3.2 Once the motion has been stated by the President, it is open to further clarification by the Board members,, the President will then call for the vote.

5040.3.2.1 If the public in attendance has had an opportunity to comment on the proposed action, any Director may move to immediately bring the question being debated to a vote, suspending any further debate. The motion must be made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote of the Board.

5040.4 Secondary Motions: Ordinarily, only one motion can be considered at a time and a motion must be disposed of before any other motions or business are considered. There are a few

exceptions to this general rule, though, where a secondary motion concerning the main motion may be made and considered before voting on the main motion.

5040.4.1 Motion to Amend: A main motion may be amended before it is voted on, either by the consent of the Directors who moved and seconded, or by a new motion and second.

5040.4.2 Motion to Table: A main motion may be indefinitely tabled before it is voted on by motion made to table, which is then seconded and approved by a majority vote of the Board.

5040.4.3 Motion to Postpone: A main motion may be postponed to a certain time by a motion to postpone, which is then seconded and approved by a majority vote of the Board.

5040.4.4 Motion to Refer to Committee: A main motion may be referred to a Board committee for further study and recommendation by a motion to refer to committee, which is then seconded and approved by a majority vote of the Board.

5040.4.5 Motion to Close Debate and Vote Immediately: As provided above, any Director may move to close debate and immediately vote on a main motion, which move to close is then seconded and approved by a majority vote of the Board..

5040.4.6 Motion to Adjourn: A meeting may be adjourned by motion made, seconded, and approved by a majority vote of the Board before voting on a main motion.

5040.5 Decorum:

5040.5.1 The President shall take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to preserve order and decorum during Board meetings, including public hearings. The President may eject any person or persons making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, refusing to abide by a request from the President, or otherwise disrupting the meeting or hearing.

5040.5.2 The President may also declare a short recess during any meeting.

5040.6 Amendment of Rules of Order:

5040.6.1 By motion made, seconded and approved by a majority vote, the Board may, at its discretion and at any meeting: a) temporarily suspend these rules in whole or in part; b) amend these rules in whole or in part; or, c) both.



December 31, 2021

To: Irrigation Service Customer,

In preparation for the 2022 irrigation season the *2022 Irrigation Service Application* **must** be submitted to the District office prior to **March 1, 2022**, to continue irrigation service.

Failure to complete and submit this form by **March 1, 2022**, will result in the District discontinuing your service and allocating demand elsewhere.

2022 Seasonal Irrigation Rate Schedule	
1/2 miner's inch	\$84.80 per month (pipelines only)
1 or more miner's inches	\$169.60 per miner's inch per month
1 Miner's Inch (m.i.) is equivalent to:	= 11.22 gallons per minute = 673 gal. per hour = 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 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 2022 Irrigation Service Application**



**2022 SEASONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE APPLICATION**  
**Complete and return this portion to G.D.P.U.D. by March 1, 2022**

Do you supply a pond with irrigation water?  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 renewing my contract for irrigation water for the 2021 season (May 1st through September 30th), in accordance with Ordinance 2005-01.

Applicant Signature

ARD0003	800050	S1
NICHOLAS/AMY ARDITO		
P.O. BOX 1168		
GEORGETOWN, CA 95634-1168		

**Please check one**

No changes – same as last year

Change in supply requested

From: \_\_\_\_\_ ” to \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Please provide the following information to keep your account up to date:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
APPLICATION & AGREEMENT FOR SEASONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE**

CUST #: XXX RT/SERVICE: XXX ASSESSOR'S PARCEL #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: XX/XX/XX

**(Customer Name Here)**, hereinafter called Applicant, has requested Georgetown Divide P.U.D., hereinafter called District, to furnish and deliver to Applicant during each irrigation season this agreement is in effect, \_\_\_\_\_ miner's inches of untreated water from District's **Name Ditch** water conduit for use by Applicant for irrigation of: Pasture: (# of acres). Animals/Stock: \_\_\_\_\_ (type of stock). Orchard, Garden, Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (# of acres and types of crops or trees) on Applicant's premises located, as hereinafter set forth, in the County of El Dorado, State of California, District is willing to do so subject to the following agreement:

1. Applicant shall comply with, and all water delivered hereunder shall be supplied in accordance with District's Ordinance 2005-01 and all applicable rates, rules and regulations established from time to time and which by reference are made a part hereof and shall be used by Applicant only for the purposes and on the premises herein described.
2. Applicant hereby acknowledges notification that all water delivered hereunder is untreated water from open ditches, canals, conduits and flumes and is not delivered for human consumption. The water is not potable or of a quality suitable for human consumption. Applicant shall not use the water or offer it to others for human consumption and shall assume all risks and liabilities in connection with the use of the water for human consumption and shall indemnify and defend the District for damages resulting from human consumption of the water by Applicant or guests or residents of Applicant's property.
3. Deliveries of water hereunder shall be made at the point where water conduit owned, leased or under license by Applicant contacts the outlet of district's said conduit and measurements shall be made as near thereto as practicable. District shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to furnish water service to Applicant hereunder, but shall not be liable for any damage resulting from curtailment, interruption, or apportionment of said service occasioned by necessary repairs or maintenance of District's Water conduit system, threatened or actual water shortage, or other causes beyond District's control. District reserves the right to curtail or cease service in response to emergencies or water shortages within the District.
4. During the irrigation season, May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, deliveries of water to Applicant hereunder shall be made at a maximum rate of flow, hereinafter called "seasonal requirement" of \_\_\_\_\_ miner's inches. The District may extend, reduce, or alter the dates and length of the irrigation season. If the irrigation season is extended by the District, Applicant agrees to pay for the water provided during the extended season, whether or not Applicant uses such water. If the District reduces the season, the rate shall be proportionately reduced. For each year during the term hereof, to the extent provided for herein, this agreement shall be deemed to constitute an application made on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> for said seasonal requirement; provided, however, Applicant shall have the right to change said seasonal requirement for any ensuing season, after initial season hereunder, by notifying District in writing on or before the April 15<sup>th</sup>. prior to the commencement of such ensuing season. If the Applicant shall notify District in writing of Applicant's desire for a reduction of his seasonal requirement, this agreement shall thereupon be modified and the rate of flow specified in Applicant's notice shall be the requirement for every season thereafter until again changed as herein provided. If Applicant shall notify District in writing of Applicant's desire to increase his seasonal requirement, this agreement shall thereupon be deemed modified only in the event and to the extent that District shall designate in writing to Applicant that it will have water available to furnish such increased rate of flow.

5. The charge each year for Applicants said seasonal requirement and said shall be computed at the rates of District's Irrigation Rate Schedule, which is made a part hereof, or such other applicable schedule in lieu thereof as may be provided by the Board of Directors of District and Applicant shall pay the full amount thereof whether or not all of said requirement is actually used. Applicant shall pay said charge each year to District at its office in Georgetown upon presentation to Applicant of a bill therefore.
6. All necessary miner's inch measuring boxes for the service herein provided for will be installed by District but Applicant shall pay the cost thereof, including cost of installation, and Water Development Charge, upon receiving statements therefore from District.
7. This contract shall remain in force for the term of one (1) year from and after the date hereof, and thereafter from year to year, provided, however, either party shall have the right to terminate this agreement at the expiration of either the initial year or any subsequent year by giving the other thirty (30) days written notice of a desire for such termination. Payment of fees or charges by applicant shall not preclude cancellation of this agreement by District.
8. This application will be accompanied by an advance payment of one month at the basic rate of ----per month. This agreement shall be subject to such changes and modifications by said Board of Directors as said Board of Directors may, from time to time, direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

1. Right to Premises: **Owner**

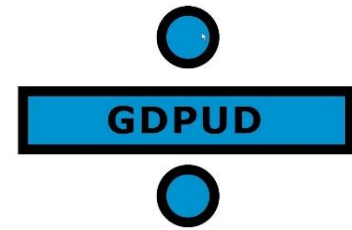
\_\_\_\_\_ **Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Owner(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service Address:** Same

**\*\*\* PRIORITY 3; PLEASE READ ATTACHED ORDINANCE \*\*\***

**PROOF OF EASEMENT AND \$2300 WATER DEVELOPMENT FEE DUE WITH APPLICATION**

**REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2021**  
**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.**



**AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS**

**SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING ON THE 2018 PUBLIC REVIEW OF IRRIGATION ORDINANCE 2005-01 AND REQUEST FOR BOARD DIRECTION**

**PREPARED BY:** Gloria Omania, Interim Board Clerk

**APPROVED BY:** Jeff Nelson, PE, Interim General Manager

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**BACKGROUND**

The Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (District) provides irrigation service to customers under rules and regulations adopted by Ordinance 2005-01 (**Attachment 1**). During the Board meeting on February 13, 2018, the Board expressed their desire to review and update the irrigation ordinance and directed the General Manager to bring back a plan for a process that would provide for customer input and staff analysis.

At the Board meeting of March 13, 2018, the Board approved the General Manager recommendation that Staff conduct a series of public workshops to gather input from the community, analyze their suggestions, and make recommendations to the Board on potential updates and changes to the Ordinance. The Board requested that Staff notice and facilitate the workshops according to the Brown Act to allow for full participation by the Board Members.

On August 14, 2018, the Board approved Staff's Irrigation Ordinance Update Plan which included two public workshops. The purpose of the first workshop was to educate and inform the participants about the Irrigation Ordinance, and to gather suggestions on changes for consideration by the Board.

Over 50 people participated in the first workshop held on September 20, 2018. Participants in the public process were offered three opportunities to provide input: (1) online survey; (2) public comments during workshop; (3) written comments submitted during Workshop #1 and to the District office. Staff presented the suggestions together with the corresponding Staff analysis during the second workshop. The goal of the Workshop #2 was to get direction from the Board on which suggestions to implement or analyze in more detail with the expectation that Staff would be able to draft an updated Irrigation Ordinance for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

Included with this report are **Attachment 2** showing the responses to the survey and **Attachment 3** listing the verbal and written comments received during the 2018 public review process. **Attachment 4** is a summary of suggested changes to the Irrigation Ordinance.

**DISCUSSION**

The current Board requested a Staff briefing of the 2018 review of the Irrigation Ordinance through a public review process and to provide an update to determine what direction to give staff to complete the process or initiate a new one. **Attachment 5** of this report is a copy of the Power Point Staff presentation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no costs associated with this process at this time.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors receive the information presented regarding the 2018 Public Review of the Irrigation Ordinance and provide direction to Staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Ordinance 2005-01
2. 2018 Survey Responses
3. Summary of 2018 Public Comments
4. Summary of Suggested Changes to the Irrigation Ordinances
5. Power Point Presentation, including Staff Analysis of Suggested Changes to Irrigation Ordinance 2005-01



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.

(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 District Works.

(h) Ditchtenders and other agents of the District shall have access 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.

(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.

(k) District canals or reservoirs shall not be used for swimming or bathing.

(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 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

(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 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.

(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 except with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors. 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.

(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 abnormal 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 re-establish 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

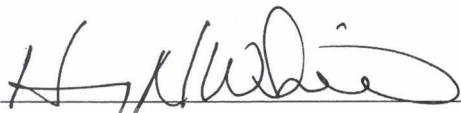
NOES: None

ABSENT: None



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Bob Diekon, President  
Board of Directors  
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

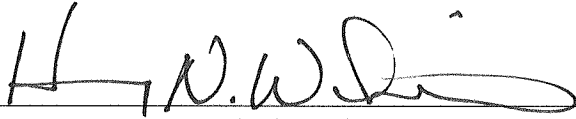
ATTEST:



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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



# Public Input on the Irrigation Ordinance

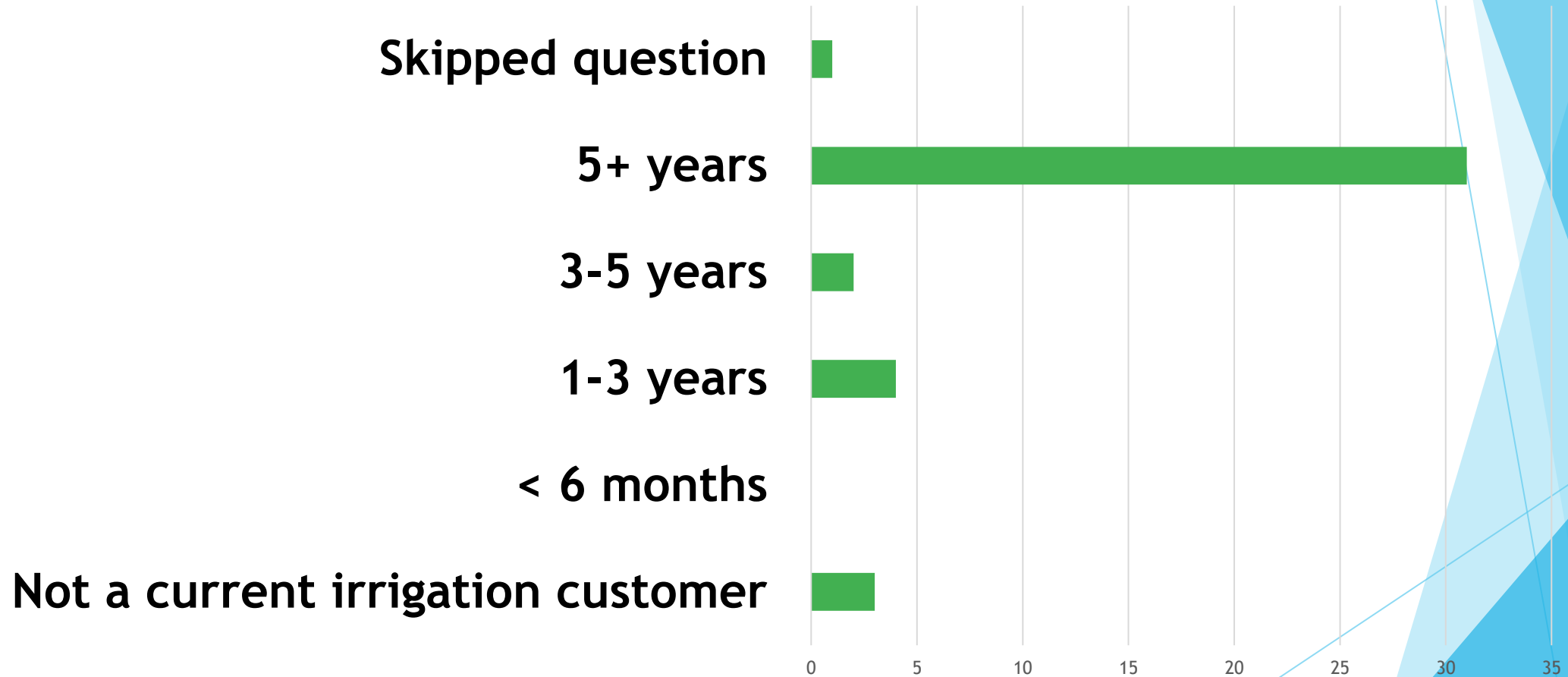
Public Input  
Survey & Written  
Comments  
Sept. 13-24, 2018

There were three opportunities for public input:

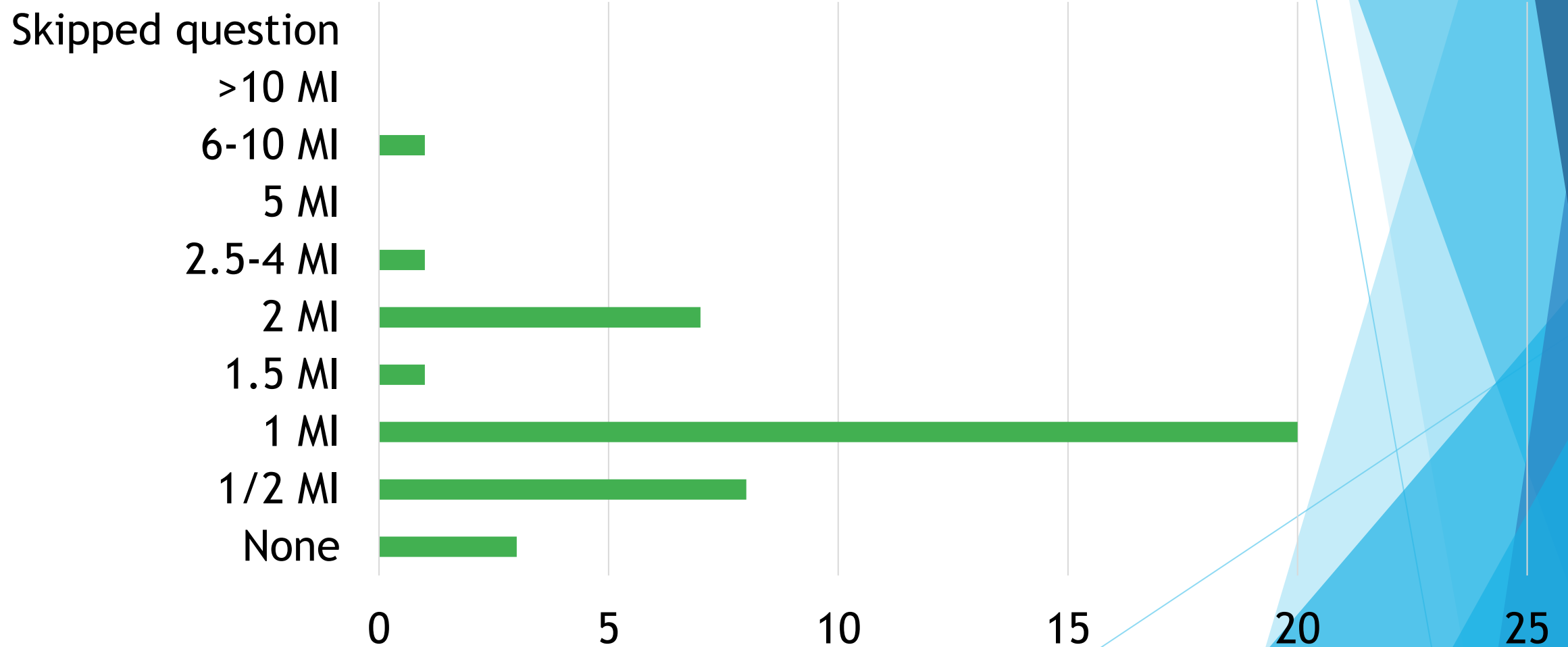
1. Online survey - Sept. 13 - 24.
2. Verbal comments at Workshop #1
3. Written comments at Workshop #1, District Office, Email

- Over 50 people attended Workshop #1
- 41 responses to survey were received
- Staff sorted and summarized comments

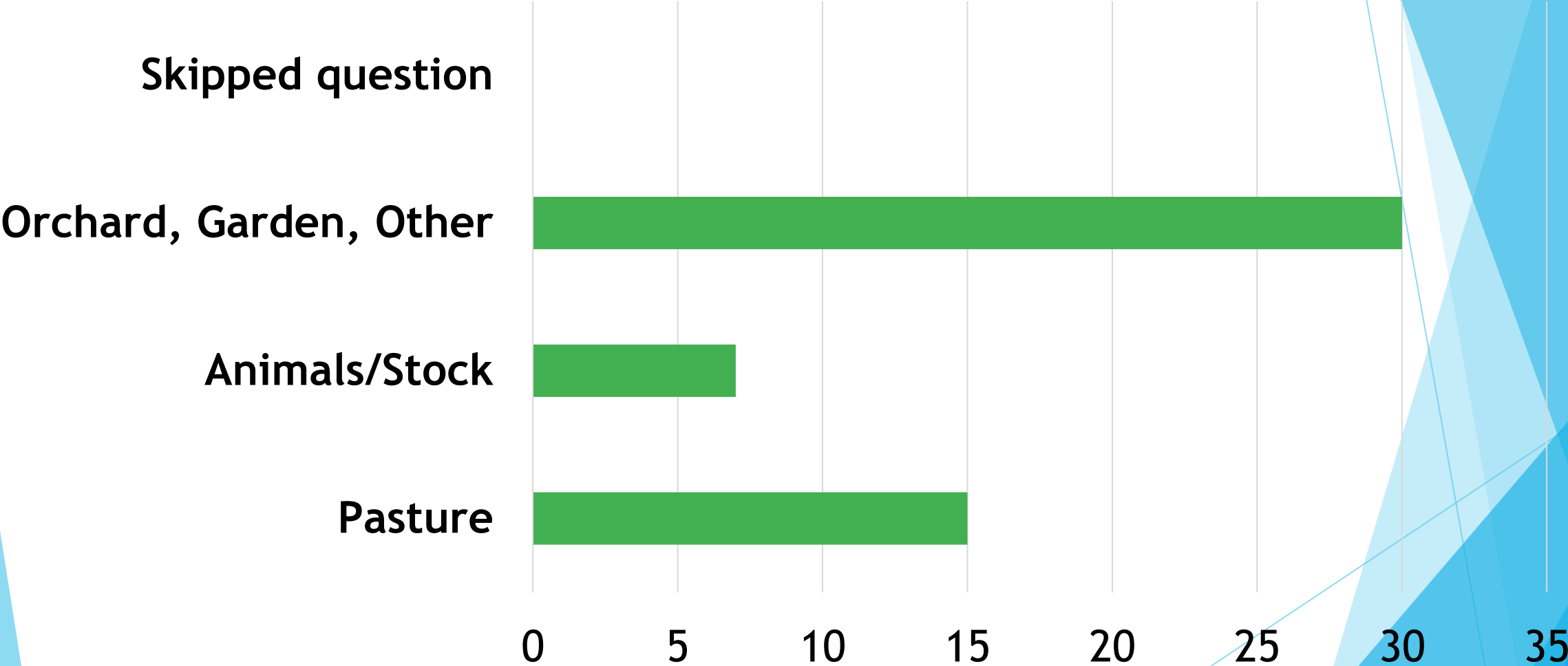
# How long have you been an irrigation customer?



# How much irrigation water are you currently allocated?

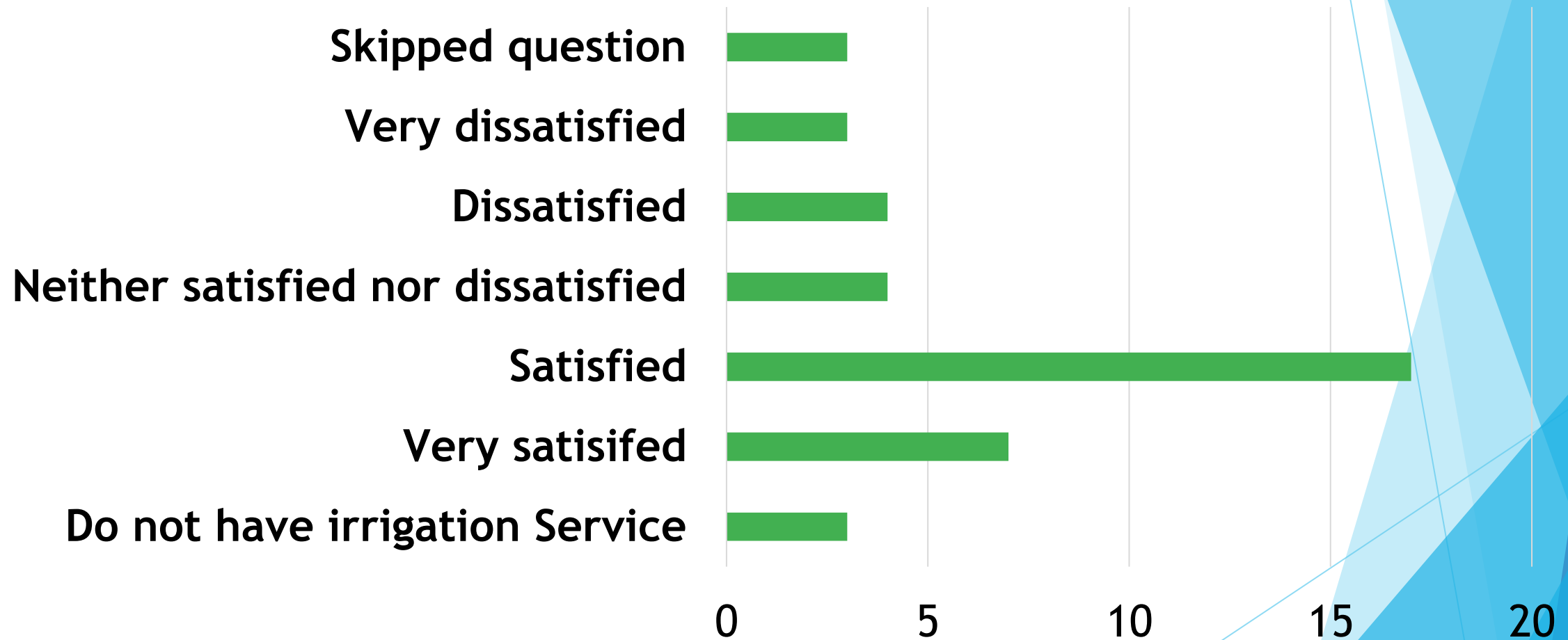


# For what purpose do you (or would you) use your service

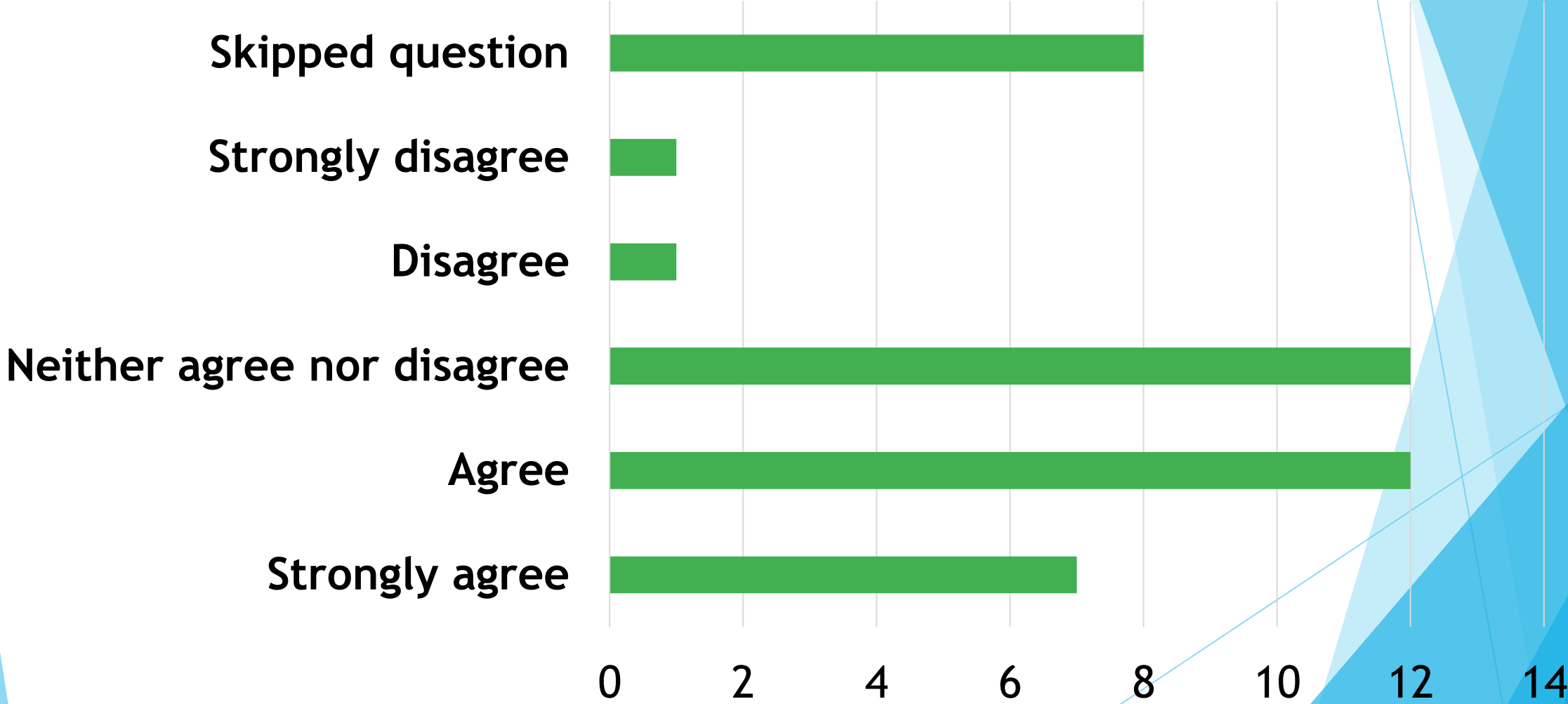


Note: Due to multiple answers selected, a total of 52 responses were received for this question.

# How satisfied are you overall with your service?

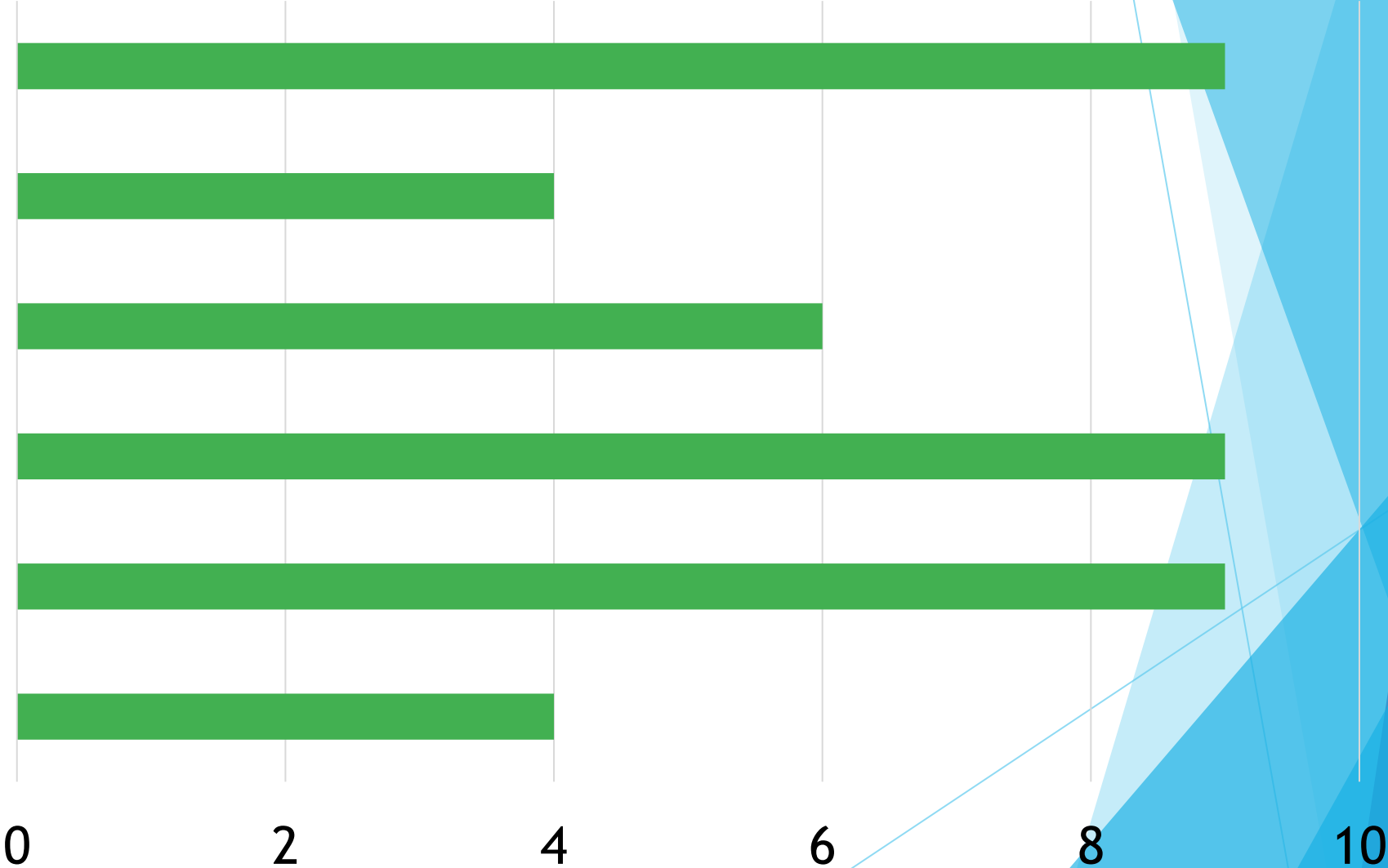


# The application process was simple and easy to complete.



# The current Irrigation Ordinance is fair and reasonable.

- Skipped question
- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree



## 2018 SURVEY ON IRRIGATION ORDINANCE

### SURVEY RESPONSES (41 total responses received)

1	How long have you been an irrigation customer	Responses	%
Answer Choices	Not a current irrigation customer	3	7.32%
	Less than 6 months	0	0.00%
	1 year to less than 3 years	4	9.76%
	3 years to less than 5 years	2	4.88%
	5 years or more	31	75.61%
	Skipped question	1	2.44%
	Total	41	100.00%
2	How much irrigation water are you currently allocated?	Responses	%
Answer Choices	None	3	7.32%
	1/2 miner's inch	8	19.51%
	1 miner's inch	20	48.78%
	1.5 miner's inch	1	2.44%
	2 miner's inch	7	17.07%
	2.5 to 4 miner's inch	1	2.44%
	5 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	6 to 10 miner's inch	1	2.44%
	More than 10 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	Skipped question	0	0.00%
	Total	41	100.00%
3		Responses	%
Answer Choices	Pasture	15	28.85%
	Animals/Stock	7	13.46%
	Orchard, Garden, Other	30	57.69%
	Skipped question	0	0.00%
Total	52	100.00%	
4	How satisfied are you overall with your service?	Responses	%
Answer Choices	Do not have irrigation Service	3	7.32%
	Very satisfied	7	17.07%
	Satisfied	17	41.46%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4	9.76%
	Dissatisfied	4	9.76%
	Very dissatisfied	3	7.32%
	Skipped question	3	7.32%
Total	41	100.01%	
5	Do you have any suggestions for improving the irrigation service? (18 responses)		
	my issue is the cost of irrigation water		
	Allow for half inch rates for current customers. The water flows good and the ditch levels are pretty consistent.		
	Yes, repair leaks, install pipes and secure water. Make sure that users bear the cost of the service.		
	Maybe fix the leaks and stop people from getting free irrigation.		
	Maintainwater level high enough in ditch so that it is always available. This year has been great.		
	I am satisfied with the service but extremely disappointed in the board decision to increase the rates so high without being able to present a plan of what they are going to do with the additional funds. There was talk of what they are thinking of doing but no actual plan.		
	Spread the payments out across the year		



	Stop people from taking water illegally
	No.
	Obviously wish we could figure out a way to pipe it. Then I'd only need 1/2 inch.
	Lower the monthly rates
	This response is for both potable and irrigation waters, the district must have a way to stop the overflowing of the ditches especially during storm related times and times of repairs to the ditches and adjacent lands. You have demonstrated that this is possible as demonstrated by your Emergency Ditch work at the beginning and of the previous month gunite work of this month, the depositing of the many discharges to adjacent customer lands impacts must be controlled to prevent these discharges from impacting public state and federal properties including District Facilitiles by using additional settling pods, and other methods that will controlling the silt and sedimentation from mpacting downstream properties and waterways of the state and federal lands.
	Stop the leaks on my property...it is doing damage.
	GDPUD should be responsible for making sure that the water is not blocked by debris in the ditch.
	Clean the ditches out on a regular basis, like they did years ago by hand. You now have equipment to help, use it!
	Mid-May to Mid-October as service timeframe?
	My ag water was put in long before ALT was even constructed. I feel like I am now subsidizing the expanded public water system. Isn't fair.
	No
	Have flexibility on start/end date of irrigation season depending on late rainy season, Stumpy's levels, etc.
	Yes - pipe as much as possible/practical. 1) If gunnite is only solution use welded wire or rebar reinforcement --Fibermesh is not reinforcement. Unreinforced gunnite is ruined by livestock and tree roots and equipment. 2) Newsletter (quarterly) - show costs and revenues; honor "Employee of the Quarter"; tips for customers (i.e. settig up a holding/sediment tank) - customer ranch photos; surplus equipment for sale... 3) Roll Back - hold at \$154/mi. for 3 years then at \$308/m.i. if necessary) 4) Hydro generation - Goals
	Pipe the canals. Filter some portion of irrigation water.
	Maybe filter the piped water? Adjust the time period of irrigation according to the season. Reduce the rates to reduce fire danger so more customrs can afford irrigaiton water. As you can see-- subscribers are down from 2017.
	Send renewal notice to each customer to get a yes or no for the same service as the previous year.
	Improve customer service, clean the ditches and extend season. Lower the rates!! Why aren't true costs posted on the website?
	Extend season thru Oct (6 month season) when water is available.
	Yes. Spread the prop 218 increase over 10 years rathern than 5 years. The project costs presented last year were "WAG's" and not supported by actual engineering and construction estimates.
	Section 3, item g is useless if you won't enforce it. My property was on wait list 10+ years waiting for water to be available before I got water. May enforcement of 3g would be a benefit.
	Spread billing over 12 months. Extend season through October.

		Use drones to check ditches for damage, repairs, and water theft; could eliminate some payroll, benefits & CalPERS. Allow paid for water to be used off parcel to help protect against wildfires. Give payment options to users with the 100% extreme fee increase. Irrigation service dollars used only to maintain canals not treatment plants treated water user dollars to be used for both. We receive no benefits of treated water still must use wells.		
		Skipped question	4	
6		The application process was simple, and the form was easy to complete.		
	Answer Choices	Strongly agree	7	17.07%
		Agree	12	29.27%
		Neither agree nor disagree	12	29.27%
		Disagree	1	2.44%
		Strongly disagree	1	2.44%
		Skipped question	8	19.51%
			Total	41
7		How would you improve the application process?		
		Don't understand this question - application process for what?		
		Doesn't apply. I have no idea what this question is for? Application for wat??		
		Have my parcel # prefilled as I give it to you every year. I have more than one parcel and need to look it up each time.		
		haven't had to apply, just renew each year, seems fine. Online would be nice.		
		so long ago I really do not remember but I think it was easy.		
		computerize the applications		
		I've been a customer so long I don't remember a process.		
		Wouldn't		
		Provide a way to give input by the public on each and every question including files and pictures, not just what the District puts down. How can you separate the Ditch water that is a mutual use facility/ There is not any reasoning, or project description for this survey given by the District, a Nexis on the way or who requested this survey is required as a possible decision that may be controlled by the Clean Water Act and/or NEPA and CEQA California Environmental Quality Act. notice of intent and additional relevant CEQA guidelines. The current Irrigation Ordinance must be at the beginning of the survey so the public can reference this document. There must be a clear understanding and definition of the Present Rules and Regulations as different methods have been used by the District as it chooses on any particular day/season.		
		Make it online and not needed if the service doesn't change.		
		Not sure-ben a customer since the later 1970's.		
		NA I applied over 30 years ago		
		Na		
		We rent from the account holder, so did not participate in the application process, but we are the		
		Communicate to new customer - costs for installation of "weir" or other measuring device is their 1 time expense.		
		Roll over year to year customers.		
		Not applicable. System was installed and entirely paid for by neighborhood and hundreds of hours of labor by neighbors. One year later turned over to GDPUD - one plus mile of pipe and two reducing stations - Rt 86.		
		Skipped question		
8		The current Irrigation Ordinance is fair and reasonable.		
	oices	Strongly agree	4	9.76%
		Agree	9	21.95%

	Answer Ch	Neither agree nor disagree	9	21.95%
		Disagree	6	14.63%
		Strongly disagree	4	9.76%
		Skipped question	9	21.95%
			Total	41
9		What changes would you make to the Ordinance?		
		Extend the irrigation season through October. Provide an option to spread the payments over a full year.		
		Need to see the ordinance.		
		Current and proposed rates are extremely high. Evaluate a rate reduction. Allow small low use customers the option of 1/2 inch of water service.		
		None		
		I don't know what the ordinance is. I have received notices about changes but nothing that states the ordinance		
		How would I know...I don't see the Ordinance!		
		I have to Strongly Disagree because you have not explained what the "irrigation Ordinance" is.		
		Not sure what the ordinance is???		
		new water rate is too high and is slated to go much higher. Keep rate the same ow or lower which I know will not happen.		
		none		
		lower cost		
		Would help to have had the ordinance published prior to this.		
		Lower monthly rates		
		A copy of the Ordinance must be included in this Survey, before truly meaningfl tatements can be made to enable survey participants to respond to this statement.		
		A lien should be applied 90 days after a bill was due. Not based on a government fiscal year.		
		Give other options to pay. Lower the prices.		
		Haven't seen current ordinance.		
		Cost of ag water is way too much. Seasonal limitations put into place 15 years ago were bad enough. Cost increases are ridiculous.		
		None		
		1) Have protocol in place for dealing with stolen water. 2) Clarify who is allowed to walk on GDPUD easements through Private Property (so homeowners/residents have something to refer to when people (general public) use the ditch easement as a walking path). 3) Please ban the use of pesticides/herbicides on the GDPUD easement -- by workers or the people who maintain personal property. There are people who try to garden as organically as possible, and use it for livestock (we use it for gardening, and would consider doing it for livestock, except for possibility of pesticide/herbicide contamination.		
		Section 1(f) - Allow sharing with neighbors - not for profit/one parcel # billing/paying. Section 1(g) - District not to resell off Divide; Section 1(l) No livestock allowed (cattle, horses, llamas, alpacas); Section 1(?) - 1st written notice by Board - then "failure to comply" termination; Section 3(c) - change "must be" to "may be used...) 24/7; Section 3(i) - Allow sharing w/neighbors (similar to 1(f) - not for rofit by customer; Section 3(l) - Costs for measuring devide is paid by customer initially upgraded devices are exense of GDPUD; Section 4(b) - voluntary pre pay year round is acceptable.		
		Ordinance is old and need to simplify as necessary.		
		Allow adjoining parcels owned by one customer to be irrigated with owner's existing allocation, even though the water may be assigned to only one of the parcels (without apply for Board permission).		

	<p>Somewhere in it there should be some guidelines as to the pay structure and expenses of the district personnel, its benefits, CalPERS, etc. Perhaps something about outsourcing some of the canal maintenance and repairs to cut down on those ongoing expenses. Perhaps investigate drone use-- seems to work well for other government agencies.</p>
	<p>It would be helpful to specify what happens when a property is sold which has irrigation water, does the same right to the water transfer from the old owner to the new owner automatically? Hank White told me several years ago the right to the water did indeed transfer to the new owner and I assume that is demonstrated by the priority system for approval of applications - Priority 1 Application for irrigation service to parcels that received irrigation service during the immediate past irrigation season. The assume the key word is parcel not property owner.</p>
10	How do you think this change will improve the irrigation services?
	The hot summer weather is lasting well into the fall. Some customers might find alternate payment options easier to budget.
	reducing cost will allow more people to utilize irrigation water.
	Revenue will be gained. Revenues were lost this year because the new higher charges for irrigation water forced many customers to reduce or stop their irrigation water purchases.
	N/A
	?
	we will be able to afford the water.
	I don't know what the change being proposed is.
	Haven't yet seen the proposed ordinance.
	Lower monthly rates
	Unknown without the additional information that should be in this survey. Purpose of this study must be given and the potential impacts that may occur.
	It won't. It will just piss off more customers.
	Not sure which "change" you are referring to here. If it's regarding my suggestion to move the service dates, I would say that this will help bridge the water a little later into the Fire season.
	Great already.
	1) There will be a mechanism in place that will make it easier to address theft of water, so ongoing issues can be curtailed more promptly and we (people who live next to the ditch) don't have to maintain as high a level of vigilance because of people cutting through this property to access the GDPD ditch to steal water. 2) This would give residents greater credibility where general public use of the ditch trail has caused privacy or safety concerns. 3) This would reduce the likelihood of pesticide/herbicides making it into the ag water that people use for food and livestock.
	- Sharing will promote more green hence reduce wildfire potential (Section 1(f) & 3(i); --Livestock (i.e. cattle & horses, llama, alpaca = accelerated erosion; Measuring device - should only be initial expense to new customers; Prepay - allows budgeting new rates - year round.P70
	Added money for new customers to system.
	It will help to level out fluctuations in flow at various points. It will help the property owner with fire protection. It would eliminate the Board approval step. Some Board members have acted in a punitive or negative way to some requests...depending on who submitted it.
	At some point in time GDPUD must look at ways to control ongoing expenses for the costs and retirements of all employees past and future.

**2018 REVIEW OF IRRIGATION ORDINANCE  
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Pertains to</b>
Use irrigation service dollars only to maintain canals not treatment plants. Use treated water dollars for both.	Budget
Outsource some of the canal maintenance and repairs to cut down on those ongoing expenses. Perhaps investigate drone use--seems to work well for other government agencies.	Budget/Maintenance
Pipe as much as possible	CIP
Pipe the canals. Filter some portion of irrigation water.	CIP
Improve customer service.	Customer Service
Hydro generation - Goals	Hydro
Stop the overflowing of the ditches especially during storms and during repairs to the ditches and adjacent lands to prevent impacts to public state and federal properties by using additional settling ponds, and other methods that control the silt and sedimentation from impacting downstream properties and waterways of state and federal lands.	Maintenance
Stop the leaks on my property...it is doing damage.	Maintenance
GDPUD should be responsible for making sure that the water is not blocked by debris in the ditch.	Maintenance
Clean the ditches out on a regular basis, like they did years ago by hand. You now have equipment to help, use it!	Maintenance
If gunnite is only solution, use welded sere or rebar reinforcement. Fibermesh is not reimbursement.	Maintenance
Clean ditches	Maintenance
Use drones to check ditches for damage, repairs, and water theft (could eliminate some payroll, benefits & CalPers).	Maintenance
Obviously wish we could figure out a way to pipe it. Then I'd only need 1/2 inch.	Pipe Ditches
Quarterly Newsletter -- show costs and revenues; honor "Employee of the Quarter;" tips for customers (i.e. setting up a holding/sediment tank); customer ranch photos; surplus equipment for sale...	Public Information
Post costs on website.	Public Information
Repair leaks, install pipes and secure water. Make sure that users bear the cost of the service.	Repairs
Fix the leaks.	Repairs
Allow sharing with neighbors, not for profit/one parcel # billing/paying.	Section 1(f)
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District not to resell off Divide.	Section 1(g)
Clarify who is allowed to walk on GDPUD easements through private property so homeowners/residents have something to refer to when people (general public) use the ditch easement as a walking path)	Section 1(h)
Ban the use of pesticides/herbicides on the GDPUD easement -- by workers or the people who maintain personal property. There are people who try to garden as organically as possible, and use it for livestock (we use it for gardening, and would consider doing it for livestock, except for possibility of pesticide/herbicide contamination.	Section 1(j)
No livestock allowed (cattle, horses, llamas, alpacas)	Section 1(l)

1st written notice by Board, then "failure to comply" termination.	Section 1(o)
Send renewal notice to each customer to get a yes or no for the same service as the previous year.	Section 2
Fill in parcel # on renewal applications.	Section 2
Online applications would be nice.	Section 2
Computerize applications	Section 2
Make it online and not needed if the service doesn't change.	Section 2
Roll over year to year customers.	Section 2
Clarify that when property is sold, irrigation service transfers from the old property owner to the new property owner automatically. The Ordinance indicates application for irrigation service is to parcel, not property owner.	Section 2(b)
Mid-May to Mid-October as service timeframe?	Section 3(a)
Have flexibility on start/end date of irrigation season depending on late rainy season, Stumpy's levels, etc.	Section 3(a)
Adjust the time period of irrigation according to the season.	Section 3(a)
Extend season	Section 3(a)
Extend season thru Oct (6 month season) when water is available.	Section 3(a)
Extend the irrigation season through October. Provide an option to spread the payments over a full year.	Section 3(a)
Stop people from getting free irrigation.	Section 3(g)
Stop people from taking water illegally	Section 3(g)
Section 3, item g is useless if you won't enforce it. My property was on wait list 10+ years waiting for water to be available before I got water. May enforcement of 3g would be a benefit.	Section 3(g)
Have protocol in place for dealing with stolen water.	Section 3(g)
Allow paid for water to be used off parcel to help protect against wildfires.	Section 3(i)
Allow adjoining parcels owned by one customer to be irrigated with owner's existing allocation, even though the water may be assigned to only one of the parcels (without having to apply for Board permission).	Section 3(i)
Allow for half inch rates for current customers. The water flows good and the ditch levels are pretty consistent.	Section 3(j)
Cost for measuring device paid by customer initially, upgraded devices are expense of GDPUD	Section 3(l)
Communicate to new customer - costs for installation of "weir" or other measuring device is their one-time expense.	Section 3(n)
Change "must be" to "may be used"	Section 3c
My issue is the cost of irrigation water	Section 4(a)
I am satisfied with the service but extremely disappointed in the board decision to increase the rates so high without being able to present a plan of what they are going to do with the additional funds. There was talk of what they are thinking of doing but no actual plan.	Section 4(a)
Lower the monthly rates	Section 4(a)
My ag water was put in long before ALT was even constructed. I feel like I am now subsidizing the expanded public water system. Isn't fair.	Section 4(a)
Roll back. Hold at \$154/MI for 3 years, then at \$308/MI if necessary.	Section 4(a)
Reduce rates to reduce fire danger so more customers can afford irrigation water. As you can see, subscribers are down from 2017.	Section 4(a)

Yes. Spread the prop 218 increase over 10 years rather than 5 years. The project costs presented last year were "WAG's" and not supported by actual engineering and construction estimates.	Section 4(a)
Current and proposed rates are extremely high. Evaluate a rate reduction. Allow small low use customers the option of 1/2 inch of water service.	Section 4(a)
new water rate is too high and is slated to go much higher. Keep rate the same ow or lower which I know will not happen.	Section 4(a)
Lower cost	Section 4(a)
Lower monthly rates	Section 4(a)
Cost of ag water is way too much. Seasonal limitations put into place 15 years ago were bad enough. Cost increases are ridiculous.	Section 4(a)
Spread the payments out across the year	Section 4(b)
Spread billing over 12 months. Extend season through October.	Section 4(b)
Give payment options to users with 100% extreme fee increase.	Section 4(b)
A lien should be applied 90 days after a bill was due. Not based on a government fiscal year.	Section 4(b)
Give other options to pay. Lower the prices.	Section 4(b)
Allow for pre-pay year round.	Section 4(b)
Filter the piped water.	Treatment Process
Maintain water level high enough in ditch so that it is always available. This year has been great.	Water Level

**Suggested Changes  
to Irrigation Ordinance 2005-01  
and Suggestions for Improving the  
Irrigation Service were received  
from the 2018 Public Review Process**



## Extend/adjust irrigation season. [Section 3(a)]

(10 responses)

### Challenges

- ◆ Ensure adequate water supply
- ◆ Ensure adequate time for offseason maintenance

### Solutions

- ◆ Ordinance already allows Board to extend season
- ◆ Annual assessment of water supply risk
- ◆ Annual assessment of needed maintenance

## Spread billing over twelve months. [Section 4(b)]

(7 responses)

### Challenges

- ◆ Cash Flow - Payment delayed for months
- ◆ Timing of new applications (Jan 1- March 1)

### Solutions

- Multi-year service agreement
- Early invoice (May 1)
- Late invoice (October 31)

## Increase Enforcement of Theft [Section 3(i)]

(7 responses)

### Challenges

- Lack of reporting
- Lack of resources (i.e. time)
- Lack of enforcement mechanism

### Solutions

- Increase penalties
- Improve ordinances
- Increase Staff time

## Increase District Liability for Outages [Section 1(b)(d),Section 3(e)(f)]

(6 responses)

### Challenges:

- Reduced revenue
- Likely result in shifting cost from a group of customers to all customers

### Solutions

- Revise Ordinance

## Prevent District from Selling Water Outside the District [Section 1(g)]

(6 responses)

### Challenges:

- Self Imposed Limitation on Water Rights
- Legal Implications

### Solutions:

- Currently not allowed without Board approval

## Allow Sharing of Irrigation Service [Section 3(i)]

(4 responses)

### Challenges:

- Disputes between property owners
- Property Transfers
- Right to Service

### Solutions:

- Increased Enforcement
- Record owner agreements against property

## Clarify that Irrigation Service Runs with the Parcel [Section 2(b)]

(3 responses)

### Challenges:

None - Ordinance already addresses this.

### Solutions:

Revise Ordinance to clarify.

## Allow one-half (1/2) Miner's Inch Service for Ditch Customers [Section 3(j)]

(3 responses)

### Challenges:

- Increased clogging and maintenance

### Solutions:

- Increased maintenance and resources
- May require more staff

## District Pay for Upgraded Metering Device [Section 3 (l and n)] (2 responses)

### Challenges:

Shift costs from one customer to all customers

### Solutions:

Revise Ordinance

## Change “Must Be” to “May Be” Used Continuously (Section 3(c)) (2 responses)

### Challenges:

- Ditches run continuously
- Flow based on annual allocations

### Solutions:

- Replace gravity irrigation system with pressure system similar to treated water

## District Must Notify of Outages [Section 3(c)] (1 response)

### Challenges:

- Emergencies

### Solutions:

- Provide advance notice of planned outages
- Utilize phones for widespread notices
- Ordinance update not required

## Ban Pesticides/Herbicides by District or Property Owner [Section 1(j)] (1 response)

### Challenges:

- Keeping ditches clear
- Enforcement

### Solutions:

- Increase policing of ditches
- Increase manual ditch clearing
- Evaluate alternative herbicides

## Other Suggested Changes to Ordinance

<b>Suggestion</b>	<b>Solution</b>
Clarify Public is Not Allowed on Ditch on Private Property	Update Ordinance
Clarify No Livestock Allowed	Update Ordinance
Clarify No Swimming or Bathing	Update Ordinance

# SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO IRRIGATION SERVICE

## Suggested Improvements to Maintenance

- ◆ Outsource maintenance
- ◆ Drone inspections
- ◆ Stop overflowing of the ditches
- ◆ Repair leaks
- ◆ Clean out ditches more regularly
- ◆ Use welded wire or rebar reinforcement in gunite



## Suggested Improvements to Customer Service

- ◆ Issue quarterly newsletter
- ◆ Improve customer service
- ◆ Increase efficiency
- ◆ Review other agency irrigation ordinances
- ◆ Post costs on website
- ◆ Lower rates

## SUGGESTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- ◆ Pipe canals and ditches.
- ◆ Filter some portion of irrigation water system
- ◆ Install more hydroelectric power generation
- ◆ Construct ponds to control silt
- ◆ Shift unallocated water between ditches

## Suggested Changes Application Process

- Send renewal notice to customers
- Pre-fill as much information as possible
- On-line applications
- Post priority list of applications on website
- Simplify

## Budget Suggestion

Use irrigation service dollars only to maintain canals, not treatment plants. Use treated water dollars for both.