



**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OF
THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**
6425 Main Street,
Georgetown, California 95634
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
2:00 P.M.

Irrigation Committee

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

Alexandra Duarte
Kristy McKay
Fran Todd

Board of Directors Liaison

Donna Seaman
Mike Thornbrough

MISSION STATEMENT

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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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81129039058?pwd=c2t4d3NnUXZZb1dNVjczQzQzS21JUT09>

Meeting ID: **811 2903 9058** and Password: **800609** or via teleconference by calling 1-669-900-6833 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 – September 19, 2023

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Water Resources Update

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons

- **Possible Action:** Identify season concerns and possible action referrals to the Board.

B. Discuss Annual Customer Communications and Forms

- **Possible Action:** Discuss reformatting annual customer communication forms for irrigation service.

C. Develop Customer Irrigation Survey

- **Possible Action:** Develop recommendations for survey outreach material.

D. Approve the rescheduling of Regular November Irrigation Committee to a Special Meeting

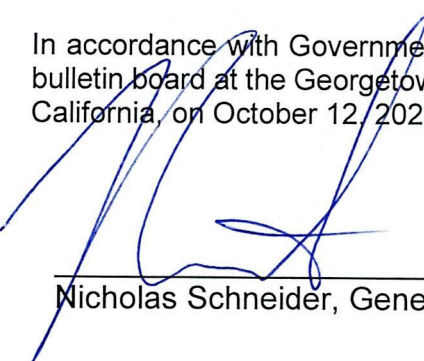
- **Possible Action:** Approve the Special Irrigation Committee meeting date.

7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

9. 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 will be determined at this meeting.

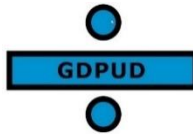
In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), this agenda was posted on the District's bulletin board at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District office, at 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on October 12, 2023.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

10-12-23
Date

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Presenting Staff

General Manager, Nicholas Schneider Operations Manager Adam Brown
Resource Manager Alexis Elliot

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A record of the complete proceedings is available on the District's YouTube channel;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y9AQsWYR7c>

1. CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Griffiths called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Absent: None

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Todd motioned to adopt the agenda. Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the **vote**.

Ayes: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nays: None

The motion passed **unanimously**.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 20, 2023

Member Sutton motioned to approve the minutes with the amendment of the correction of the two typos, “noyes”. Member Todd seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the **vote**.

Ayes: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nays: None

The motion passed **unanimously**.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Water Resources Update

Operations Manager Adam Brown and Water Resource Manager Alexis Elliot delivered the report. Canal clearing continues as a focus. Stumpy Meadows Reservoir level is at 92%, which is 120% of capacity for this time of year. This is one of the highest volume storage levels recorded entering this period of the water year. It was highlighted that the region has received the same amount of precipitation as last year's total and four potential collection months remain. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is projecting a precipitation-heavy winter.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons

General Manager Nicholas Schneider shared that at the moment there are no changes to the current water season. The 2024 Irrigation season will be reassessed and most likely have a May start. This is dependent on precipitation received through the approaching wet season. It was reported that this year's growing season was 2-3 weeks behind and the decision for a later start worked out well from an agricultural perspective.

B. Review Historic Irrigation Ordinance

The changes to the Ordinance were reviewed. The Committee offered their edits.

Public Comment:

Cherie Carlyon

Member Sutton motioned to approve the Ordinance and recommend it to the Board of Directors for approval. Member Duarte seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the **vote**.

Ayes: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nays: None

7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

It was shared that advertisement to fill the vacant Committee seat continues.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Development of a customer survey.

Review of irrigation customer applications and forms.

Development of a notification regarding regulations for property owners with ditch attached.

Development of a policy for longer irrigation seasons in areas where permissible.

Sale of water overflows.

9. 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 October 17, 2023.

Member Threlkel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

Date

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT Resources Report for October 2023

Presented to the GDPUD Irrigation Committee
by Operations Manager: Adam Brown

Informational Item
October 17, 2023

Stumpy Meadows Historical Capacity Chart



Note: Full Pool – 21,206 acre feet | October 1, 2023 – 19,668 acre feet

Treatment Operations

Walton Lake Treatment Plant

26.921 mg | 897,366 average gpd

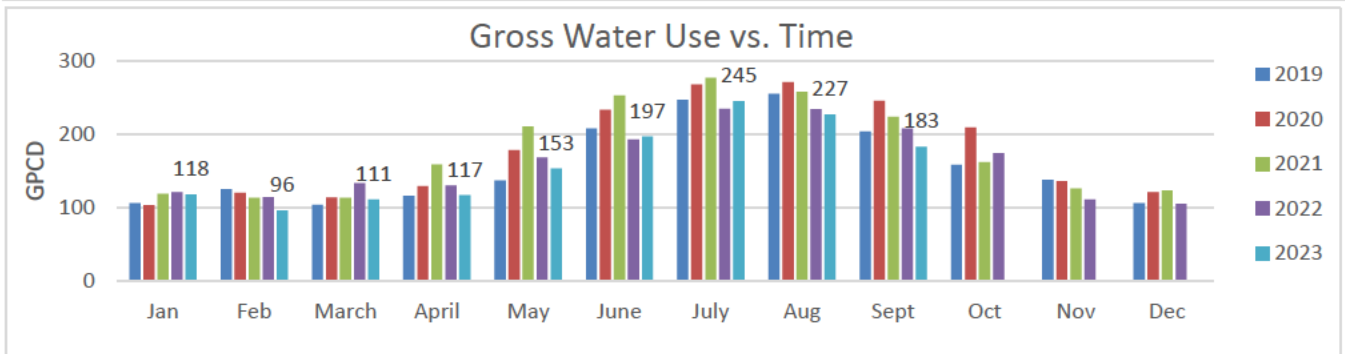
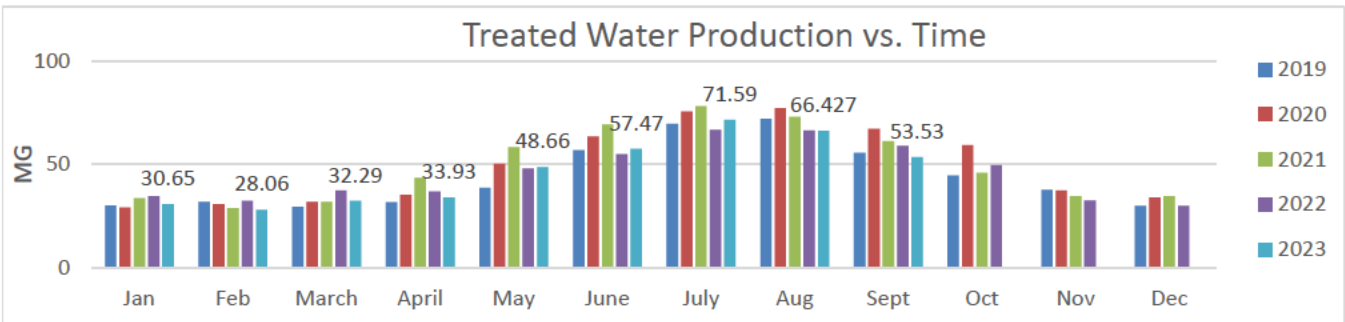
- ✓ No operational shutdowns

Water Quality Monitoring:

- ✓ All finished water was in compliance with drinking water standards.
- ✓ Collected routine bacteria distribution and quarterly disinfection by products samples.
- ✓ Distribution monitoring samples were absent of bacteriological contamination indicating adequate disinfection.

Sweetwater Treatment Plant

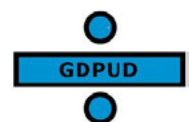
26.609 mg | 886,966 average gpd



Notes:

GPCD – Gallons per Capita per Day

MG – millions gallons



GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Water Resources Update for October 2023

Presented to the GDPUD Irrigation Committee
by Water Resource Manager: Alexis Elliott

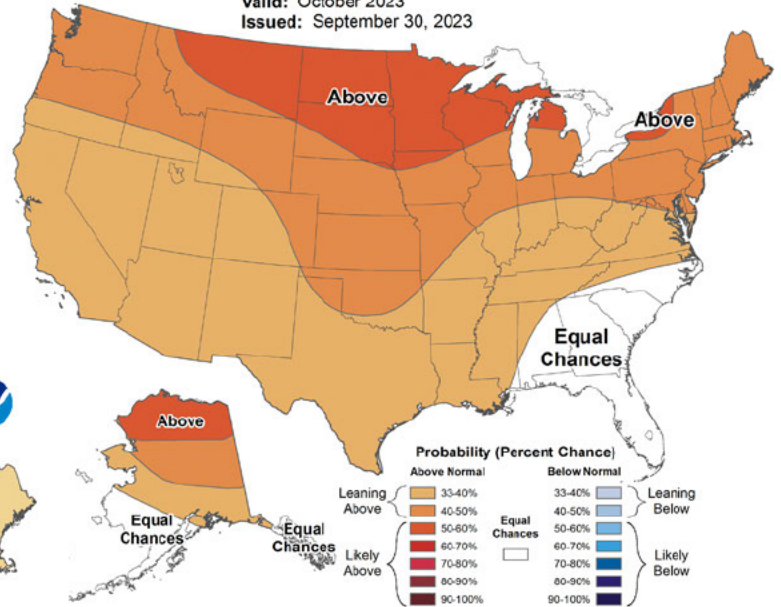
Our monthly forecast shows above average temperatures, and is leaning towards above average precipitation by 33-44%. NOAA's summary from their website continues to state that the El Niño is anticipated to continue through the Northern Hemisphere this winter with greater than 95% chance through January - March 2024.



Monthly Temperature Outlook



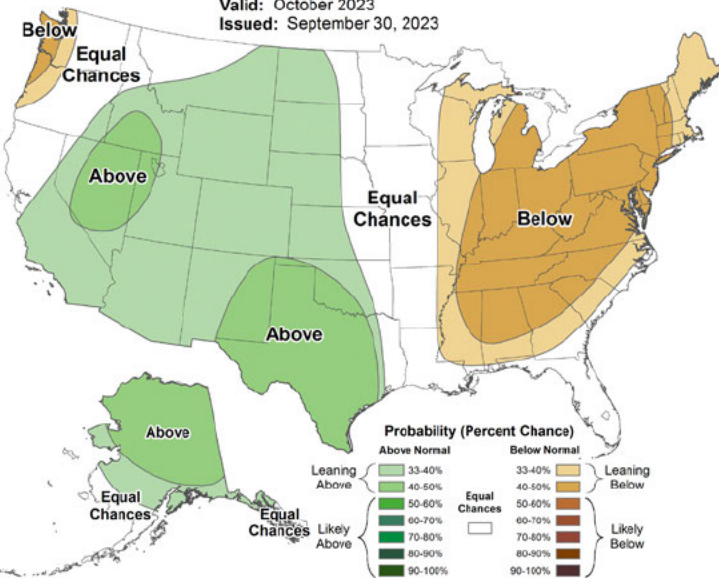
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Monthly Precipitation Outlook



Valid: October 2023
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5 Year Rainfall History Per District Records

Rainfall	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	14.66	8.05	15	0.33	1.23	0.07	0	0.17	0.68				40.19
2022	0.69	0.17	1.6	7.54	0.41	0.99	0	0	1.2	0.07	4.45	24.12	41.24
2021	9.10	4.72	4.30	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.93	14.29	2.84	16.59	52.94
2020	5.26	0.00	10.15	5.49	2.84	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.64	3.51	31.95
2019	10.00	18.09	6.89	2.02	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.40	1.88	11.13	58.21

ORDINANCE 2023-XX

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 ("District"), County of El Dorado, State of California, as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions:

- a) Acres Managed: Area served by irrigation service.
- b) Acres Irrigated: Area served that directly receives or utilizes irrigation supply.
- c) Alternate Boxes: Irrigation service connection point that does not allow for measuring of water supplied.
- d) Backflow Assembly: Testable device that does not allow reverse flow used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.
- e) Ditch Tenders: District staff tasked to operating and maintaining the District's raw water conveyance system.
- f) Easement: A continuous ~~12.5 feet~~12.5-foot easement on either side of the centerline of a District canal or District raw water conveyance system, to include a total of 25 feet.
- g) Ingress/Egress: Legal term referring to entering, leaving and returning to a property.
- h) Irrigation Service Account: A contract with the District that is processed by District staff and approved by the Board of Directors in association with the required annual application.
- i) Irrigation Water: Non-potable seasonal water service supplied by the District.
- j) Livestock: Domesticated animals raised in an agricultural setting to provide labor and produce diversified products for consumption.
- k) Out-of-District: Parcel not within the District service area.

- l) Right of Entry: The right of District Ditch Tender to Ingress/Egress onto a real property without committing trespass to operate and maintain the District's raw water conveyance system.
- m) Turbulent Water: Chaotic changes in pressure and flow velocity.

SECTION 2. 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 any point within District Works.

- h) District staff and other agents of the District shall have access and right of entry to the Easement and 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. No unauthorized people are allowed on district facilities 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 within the Easement or allowed to be emptied into any ditch, canal, or reservoir of the District. This does not include the application of herbicides by the District that have been approved to be applied adjacent to drinking water conveyance systems. Any chemical treatments performed within the Easement by property owners must be approved by District staff.
- k) District canals or reservoirs shall not be used for human or animal swimming or bathing. Greenwood Lake, Sweetwater Lake, and Walton Lake may be utilized as stormwater capture reservoirs and thus would not be acceptable for swimming.
- l) Livestock or any domesticated animal 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 any livestock or domesticated animals.
- m) No conveyance system shall cause a cross connection with the District's water system with any other source of water.
- n) Any irrigation customer that is connected to the District's potable water system, a backflow assembly is required to be installed and certified annually by an American Water Work Association (AWWA) backflow prevention assembly tester.

- o) 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.
- p) All District repairs, maintenance, and improvements to the canal shall follow Federal, State, and local regulations.
- q) 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.
- r) Any person dissatisfied with any determination of the District management shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors.
- s) 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 3. 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 any parcels that received irrigation service during the immediate past irrigation season, irrespective of whether or not there is an increased or decreased request for water
 - Priority 2. Applications for Irrigation Service to parcels with the most recent active Irrigation Service Account during any of the previous five (5)

irrigation seasons, with further prioritization based on recent active Irrigation Service.

Priority 3. All other applications for Irrigation Service.

- c) Competing applications within the same priority level, will be determined by public lottery.
- d) Applications and priority are specific to the section of ditch the parcel is located near.
- e) Notwithstanding the above priority schedule, delinquent accounts will be deferred to Priority 3 for upcoming irrigation season.

~~f) Applications for an increase to service will receive Priority 3 status for the requested increase.~~

~~g)~~ f) 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.

~~h)~~ g) 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.

~~i)~~ h) 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 4. Distribution of Water:

- a) Historically the irrigation season has been considered from May 1 through September 30 of each year. This constitutes a five-month time period in which irrigation water is delivered. However, 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 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. Additionally, any service that does not comply with the continuous flow required could be penalized by the District up to, and including, termination of service. The District will make all reasonable attempts to notify customers of any outages for both emergency and non-emergency purposes.
- 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 infrastructure extend beyond three (3) consecutive business days, proportionate adjustments for such water loss will only be made if (ia) Customer notification to District is actually received and verified by the District; or (iib) District staff had actual knowledge of interruptions to Irrigation Service.
- 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. However, consent will be given 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.
- 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 the cost 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 tampering 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 5. 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 regularly -made bi-monthly (every two months) in advance in as much as is practicable.
- 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.
- f) The District will actively market available water and develop a waitlist to grow Irrigation Service Accounts.

SECTION 6. Additional Irrigation Service Sales

- a) The District reserves the right to pursue additional revenue through additional irrigation water sales. This can be done through an extended delivery time frame or by other means. These sales may be limited in availability, service areas, and duration.

SECTION 7. Repeal

- a) ~~(a)~~—Upon the effective date of this Ordinance 2023-__ all previously adopted Ordinances pertinent to the Rules and Regulations for Irrigation Service will be superseded and repealed, including, but not limited to, Ordinance 79-2, 79-8, 87-1, 04-01, and 2005-01.

SECTION 8. Effective Date

- a) ~~(a)~~ That this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after ~~is-its~~ adoption and shall be posted and published as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regularly held meeting of the Board of Directors of the GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT this _____ day of _____, 2023.

AYES:

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

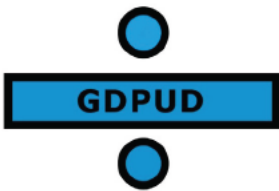
, President
Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

ATTEST:

, Clerk, and ex officio
Secretary, Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Ordinance 2023-XX 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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

, Clerk and ex officio Secretary of the
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District



GEORGETOWN DIVIDE Public Utility District

IC Meeting 10/17/2023
Agenda Item 6. B.

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December 31, 2023

Seasonal Irrigation Service Application

To request Irrigation Service for the 2024 season, this **COMPLETED APPLICATION** must be received at the District Office **NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024**

- Irrigation Service generally runs between May to October.
- Specific start/end dates are determined & announced in April of each year based upon water availability among other factors. Operating dates may also be adjusted at any time during the season with notice.
- Irrigation allotments are required to be used continuously.
- Irrigation Service Accounts are billed bi-monthly in advance.
- Billing will be adjusted accordingly if temporary shutoffs last more than 5 days or if the season is shortened or lengthened.
- Priority is given to accounts that were active in the immediate past season; then to parcels active within the past 10 years; then to new applications.

2024 Seasonal Irrigation Rates Schedule	
1/2 Miner's Inch (pipelines only)	\$77.00 per month
1 or more Miner's Inch	\$154.20 per Miner's Inch per month
1 Miner's Inch (M.I.) is EQUAL TO:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 11.22 gallons / minute ◆ 67.3 gallons / hour ◆ 16,157 gallons / day ◆ 494,000 gallons / month ◆ 2,500,000 gallons per 5 month season

Clip on dotted line and return bottom half



2024 SEASONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE APPLICATION - Return by 3/1/2024

Irrigation Water Use

Do you supply a pond with irrigation water? Yes No

Total # Acres Managed: _____ / Total # Acres Irrigated: _____

Type of Crop & Acreage: _____

Is your property served by treated water? Yes No

Type of Livestock: _____

TYPE OF SERVICE		<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW SERVICE	Please Check One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service Address				<input type="checkbox"/> NEW SERVICE: Inches Requested = _____" <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL: No Changes (Same as Last Year) <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL: Change Requested From: _____" to _____"
City & Zip				
Assessor's Parcel #				
Billing Name				
Billing Address				
City, State Zip				
Phone #	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell	<input type="checkbox"/> Home	()	
Email				

* By signing & returning this form, I am renewing my contract for Irrigation Water for the 2024 season in accordance with Ordinance 2005-01.

* Applicant Signature _____

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
P.O. Box 4240 - 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634
Phone: (530) 333-4356 ext.107 Fax: (530) 333-9442

December 31, 2022

To: Irrigation Service Customer,

In preparation for the 2023 irrigation season the *2023 Irrigation Service Application* **must** 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 are billed bi-monthly, in advance. Irrigation Season is May 1 st through September 30 th but subject to change.	
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 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.**

2023 SEASONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE APPLICATION
Complete and return this portion to G.D.P.U.D. by March 1, 2023

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 2023 season (May 1st through September 30th), in accordance with Ordinance 2005-01.

Owner Signature

Please check one

No changes – same as last year

Change in supply requested

From: _____ To: _____

Please provide the following information to assist us in keeping our records up to date.

Phone No. # _____

Email: _____

Property Address: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____



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December 31, 2022

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.

Table with 2 columns: Rate Category and Rate/Equivalent. Categories include 1/2 miner's inch, 1 or more miner's inches, and 1 Miner's Inch (m.i.) is equivalent to.

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.

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Complete and return this portion to G.D.P.U.D. by March 1, 2023

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:

I would like to receive _____ miner's inch (es). By signing and returning this form, I am requesting irrigation water, if available, for the 2023 season, in accordance with Ordinance 2005-01.

Applicant Signature

Please provide the following information to assist us in keeping our records up to date.

Phone No.:
Email:
Property Address:
Assessor's Parcel No.:



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Dear Irrigation Customer,

In accordance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986 and with the State of California local Cross Connection Control regulations, you are required to have your backflow preventer tested annually by a certified backflow specialist. Under these regulations, the District has the primary responsibility of protecting the public potable water from backflow and cross connection of dangerous substances which would endanger public health or physically damage the public water system.

If your backflow device has not have been certified within twelve months from the start of 2023 irrigation season (May 1, 2023) the device will need to be certified.

Backflow certifications are required to submitted to the District before May 1, 2023. Failure to do so will result in withholding of irrigation water.

By Mail/Dropoff: 6425 Main Street
Georgetown, CA 95634

By Email: abrown@gd-pud.org

For reference , the full text of the Districts cross connection ordinance 91-05 is available on the Districts website <http://www.gd-pud.org/ordinances> or at our office 6425 Main St. Georgetown, CA 95634.

The District has compiled a contractors list of certified testers, which is enclosed and is located on the District's website at <https://www.gd-pud.org/files/02f106d31/Backflow+Contractors.pdf> or at the District's office. The list has been provided for your convenience only; the District does not make recommendations. As the homeowner, you may hire the handyman or contractor of your choice but be sure to check for the appropriate licensing and qualifications.

A list of frequently asked questions can be found on the District's website at <https://www.gd-pud.org/cross-connection-control-program-faqs>. Please contact Adam Brown, Water Resources Manager with additional questions at (530) 333-4356, ext. 110.

Sincerely,

Adam Brown
Operations Manager



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Name
Address
City, State, Zip

Dear _____,

In accordance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986, with the State of California local Cross Connection Control regulations and as an irrigation customer you are required to install an approved reduced pressure principle backflow assembly on your treated water supply. Under these regulations, the District has the primary responsibility of protecting the public potable water from backflow and cross connection which would endanger public health or physically damage the public water system.

As an irrigation water supply customer, this alternative water source presents a potential backflow hazard to the public water supply. To correct this condition, the District requires the following:

- Installation of an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly on your potable water line immediately downstream from the treated water meter. All backflow assemblies shall be installed per District specifications as adopted from State of California guidelines and the latest edition of the University of Southern California's Foundation for Cross-connection and Hydraulic Research Manual of Cross-connection Control. A list of reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assemblies that have been approved by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research a division of the USC can be found at <https://fccchr.usc.edu/downloads/List/list.pdf>.

Common backflow devices include:

Manufacturer	Model	Size
Wilkins	975XL2	3/4"
Watts	LF009M3PCQT	3/4"
Apollo	RPLF4A	3/4"

The device will need to be installed and certified prior to the 2023 irrigation season. Irrigation water will be withheld until completion. All backflow assemblies are required to be inspected annually by a certified backflow specialist and results submitted to the District.

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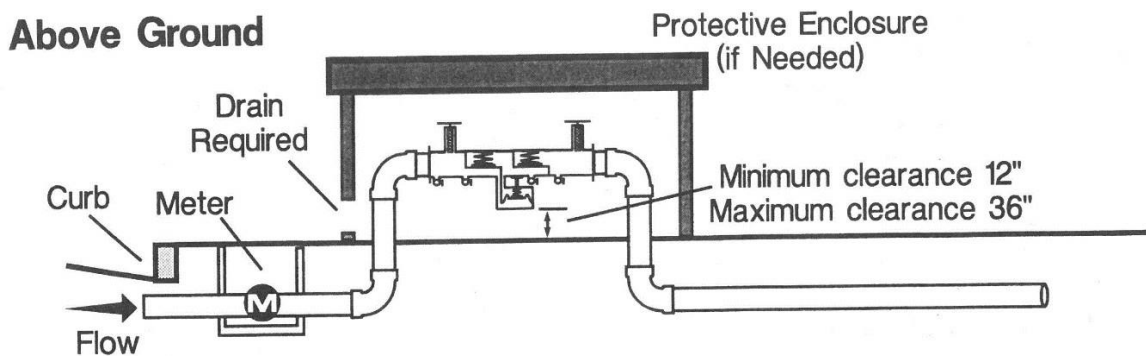
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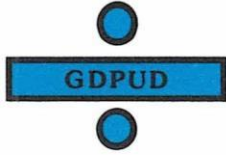
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Typical installation





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Backflow Prevention Contractors

DMI Pump Service

5030 Hotchkiss Hill Road
Georgetown, CA 95634

(530) 333-2849

www.dmipumpservice.com

C&M Backflow Testing & Repair, Inc.

Rocklin, CA

(916) 783-7176

www.cmbackflow.com

Bill's Backflow Services

9052 Seavey Land
Loomis, CA 95650

(916) 652-0345

All Pro Backflow, Inc.

5701 Lonetree Blvd., #208D
Rocklin, CA 95763

(916) 276-7162

www.allprobackflow.com

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PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE GDPUD IRRIGATION ORDINANCE
SURVEY

Please complete this survey and submit by **September 24, 2018**. Completed surveys can be emailed to _____, faxed to (530) 333-9442, mailed to GDPUD, P.O. Box 4240, Georgetown, CA 95634, or dropped off at the District office, located at 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634.

1. How long have you been an irrigation customer?
 - Not a current irrigation customer
 - Less than 6 months
 - 1 year to less than 3 years
 - 3 years to less than 5 years
 - 5 years or more

2. How much irrigation water are you currently allocated?
 - None.
 - ½ miner’s inch
 - 1 miner’s inch
 - 1.5 miner’s inch
 - 2 miner’s inch
 - 2.5 to 4 miner’s inch
 - 5 miner’s inch
 - 6 to 10 miner’s inch
 - More than 10 miner’s inch

3. For what purpose do you (or would you) use your irrigation service?
 - Pasture
 - Animals/Stock
 - Orchard, Garden, Other

4. How satisfied are you overall with your service?
 - Do not have irrigation service
 - Very satisfied
 - Satisfied
 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 - Dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied

5. Do you have any suggestions for improving the irrigation service?



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1. How long have you been an irrigation customer?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not a current irrigation customer | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years to less than 5 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 6 months | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 years or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year to less than 3 years | |

2. How much irrigation water are you currently allocated?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None. | <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 to 4 miner's inch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ½ miner's inch | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 miner's inch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 miner's inch | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 10 miner's inch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 miner's inch | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 miner's inch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 miner's inch | |

3. For what purpose do you use your irrigation service?

- Pasture
- Animals/Stock
- Orchard, Garden, Other

4. How satisfied are you overall with your service?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not have irrigation service | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Very dissatisfied |

5. Do you have any suggestions for improving the irrigation service?

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%
			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		For what purpose do you (or would you) use your service? (Total responses 52)	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%
			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.		
		Maintain water 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 Facilities by using additional settling pods, and other methods that will controlling the silt and sedimentation from impacting 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 rather 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 dolars 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%
						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 remembe 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 Watr Act and/or NEPA and CEQA California Environmental Quality Act. notice of intent and additional relevant CEQA guidelines. The current Irrigation Ordinance must e 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 ones				
		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.					
	Answer Choices	Strongly agree			4	9.76%
		Agree			9	21.95%
		Neither agree nor disagree			9	21.95%
		Disagree			6	14.63%
		Strongly disagree			4	9.76%
		Skipped question			9	21.95%
					41	100.00%
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).
	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 mainenance and repairs to ct down on those ongoing expenses. Perhaps investigate drone use--seems to work well for other government agencies.

		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.
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 ove 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.

SURVEY ANSWERS SUBMITTED OFF-LINE (12 received)

1	How long have you been an irrigation customer	Responses	%
	Answer Choices		
	Not a current irrigation customer	0	0.00%
	Less than 6 months	0	0.00%
	1 year to less than 3 years	3	25.00%
	3 years to less than 5 years	1	8.00%
	5 years or more	8	66.00%
	Skipped question	0	0.00%
2	How much irrigation water are you currently allocated?	Responses	%
	Answer Choices		
	None	0	0.00%
	1/2 miner's inch	3	25.00%
	1 miner's inch	6	50.00%
	1.5 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	2 miner's inch	3	25.00%
	2.5 to 4 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	5 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	6 to 10 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	More than 10 miner's inch	0	0.00%
	Skipped question	0	0.00%
3	For what purpose do you (or would you) use your service? (23 responses since respondents provided more than one answer)	Responses	%
	Answer Choices		
	Pasture	7	30.43%
	Animals/Stock	5	21.74%
	Orchard, Garden, Other	11	47.83%
	Skipped question	0	0.00%
4	How satisfied are you overall with your service?	Responses	%
	Answer Choices		
	Do not have irrigation Service	0	0.00%
	Very satisfied	1	8.33%
	Satisfied	6	50.00%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2	16.67%
	Dissatisfied	1	8.33%
	Very dissatisfied	1	8.00%
	Skipped question	1	8.00%
5	Do you have any suggestions for improving the irrigation service?		
	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.		

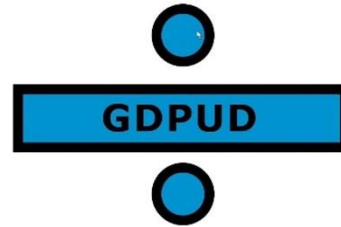
		Improve customer service, clean the ditches and extend season. Lower the rates!! Why aren't true costs posted on the website?		
		Extend season thru Oct (6 month season) when water is available.		
		Yes. Spread the prop 218 increase over 10 years rather than 5 years. The project costs presented last 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	2	
6		The application process was simple, and the form was easy to complete.		
	Answer Choices	Strongly agree	0	0.00%
		Agree	1	8.33%
		Neither agree nor disagree	3	25.00%
		Disagree	1	8.33%
		Strongly disagree	0	0.00%
		Skipped question	7	58.33%
7		How would you improve the application process?		
		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.		
	Answer Choices	Strongly agree	0	0.00%
		Agree	1	8.33%
		Neither agree nor disagree	2	16.67%
		Disagree	3	25.00%
		Strongly disagree	0	0.00%
		Skipped question	6	50.00%
9		What changes would you make to the Ordinance?		
		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 profit by customer; Section 3(l) - Costs for measuring device is paid by customer initially upgraded devices are expense 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).
	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 mainenance and repairs to ct down on those ongoing expenses. Perhaps investigate drone use-- seems to work well for other government agencies.
	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.
	Skipped question
10	How do you think this change will improve the irrigation service?
	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 = accellerated 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.

REPORT TO THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 17, 2023

Agenda Item No. 6. D.



AGENDA SECTION: ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: Rescheduling November Regular Meeting to Special Meeting

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of rescheduling meetings is to ensure that the date and time are sufficient to ensure a quorum of Committee members in attendance and staff support.

DISCUSSION

Due to scheduling conflicts, the November Regular meeting is best rescheduled to a Special Meeting. The potential dates for the meeting change are Tuesday the 7th or Thursday the 9th of November.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action has no fiscal impact.

CEQA ASSESSMENT

Not a CEQA Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Irrigation Committee of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District discuss and vote to approve a date for the November Irrigation Special Committee Meeting.

Alternatives

Alternative actions available to the committee; consider alternate dates.

ATTACHMENTS

None