

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
RELATED A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF UP TO 2,000 ACRE-FEET OF WATER

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (“District”), has negotiated the terms of agreements that provide for a temporary water transfer with Westlands Water District (“WWD”) to allow WWD to supplement its water supply; and

WHEREAS, beginning on July 1, 2020, the District will make available a total of up to 2,000 acre-feet of water to WWD on a schedule mutually agreeable to the District and WWD; and

WHEREAS, the District will operate Stumpy Meadows Reservoir to allow for releases of water that will be delivered to Folsom Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the transferred water will be conveyed though the State Water Project by the Department of Water Resources under a Conveyance Agreement to WWD; and

WHEREAS, WWD, under the Water Purchase and Sale Agreement By and Between Westlands Water District and Georgetown Divide Public Utility District for 2020 Temporary Water Purchase will purchase water from the District at Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) per acre foot of water received and reimburse the District for its costs associated with the transfer;

WHEREAS, Revenue generated from the temporary water transfer will be exclusively appropriate to fund capitol improvement projects;

WHEREAS, Conduct public education outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that the agreement is in the best interest of the District, and is therefore willing to sell and temporarily transfer WWD, District water as provided in the temporary water sale agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT as follows:

1. The Interim General Manager is authorized to execute the agreements between: a) the Water Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Westlands Water District and Georgetown Divide Public Utility District for 2020 Temporary Water Purchase; b.) a Refill Agreement between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the District; c) a Conveyance Agreement with the Department of Water Resources; and d) a professional services agreement with Western Hydrologics Consulting.

2. The Interim General Manager or his or her designee is authorized to enter into minor amendments to the aforementioned agreements subject to approval as to form by the District General Counsel.
3. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Interim General Manager to submit a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board for the temporary transfer of water, and the Interim General Manager is authorized to take such other administrative actions as may be necessary to effectuate the transfer and sale of the water. This includes any minor administrative actions necessary to provide fair administration of the District's reimbursable administrative expenses.
4. The Board of Directors find that the temporary water transfer from the District to WWD is exempt from CEQA under California Water Code sections 1725 and 1729, the general exemption provided under the CEQA Guidelines section 15061, 15301 (class 1), 15304 (class 4), and the statutory exemption set forth in section 15282(u), and is not barred by any exceptions to CEQA exemptions. The transfer involves the operation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the proposed action, which is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Board of Directors authorizes the Interim General Manager to sign and file a Notice of Exemption if deemed appropriate or desirable, in his discretion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District at a meeting of said Board held on the Twelfth day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, WADLE, HALPIN

NOES: GARCIA

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

Dave Souza, President, Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Attest:

Jeff Nelson, Clerk and Ex officio
Secretary, Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 2020-25 duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, County of El Dorado, State of California, on this Twelfth day of May 2020.

Jeff Nelson, Clerk and Ex officio
Secretary, Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT