

# Georgetown Divide Public Utility District



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GDPUD Newsletter

May-June 2022

## **DROUGHT UPDATE - EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION REGULATION**

On May 24, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a water conservation regulation in response to the Governor's Executive Order N-7-22, dated March 28, 2022.

The regulation requires Urban Water Suppliers, the District, to implement Level 2 water conservation measures established in the District's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The 2020 UWMP and WSCP can be found on the District's website at the following address [www.gd-pud.org/2020-urban-water-management-plan](http://www.gd-pud.org/2020-urban-water-management-plan). Level 2 water conservation measures target 20% reduction in overall water use. The District has previously urged customers to voluntarily conserve water.

The GDPUD Board of Directors joined a statewide coalition of urban water suppliers to offer comments on the emergency regulation. The coalition requested that the SWRCB amend the regulation to allow water suppliers discretion to implement the appropriate WSCP actions based on results of the Annual Water Supply and Demand assessment. While this amendment was not accepted, the Coalition was able to have some language in the regulation modified that could offer some flexibility.

The Board of Directors will further discuss this emergency water conservation regulation at the next regular meeting scheduled for June 14, 2022. Additional drought information updates will be distributed and posted on the District's website as they become available.

## **SUMMARY OF RECENT ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Reviewed Proposed FY 2022-23 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.** General Manager Adam Coyan presented the proposed budget which was updated with input from the Joint Board and Finance Committee Budget Workshop held on April 26th. The final adoption of the budget will be on the agenda for the June 14th Board meeting. The adoption of the Budget and CIP will conclude the three-month budget review process established by the Board. This proposed FY 2022-2023 budget includes a total estimated revenue of \$7,213,628 when including the Proposition 2018 charge of \$15.08 on treated water accounts to fund the new Sweet Water Treatment Plant. The proposed budget and Capital Improvement Plan can be viewed on the GDPUD website, at [tinyurl.com/43mujpny](http://tinyurl.com/43mujpny)

**Discussed GDPUD's Request to the El Dorado Board of Supervisors for Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).** In a presentation to the Board, President Michael Saunders reported California counties received \$7.67 billion in total direct allocations from the Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund. The counties have specific authority to transfer a portion of their allocation to special districts. This resource is intended to aid districts fund critical infrastructure and other essential services. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors allocated \$1,190,000 to the El Dorado Irrigation District and \$2,830,000 to the Grizzly Flats Community Services District, while GDPUD received an allocation of \$50,000. The Board discussed flaws in the funding distribution process and the staffing challenges faced by the District at the time. A request will be submitted to the County for an allocation should additional ARPA funding become available. The amount of funding requested is \$800,000 out of project costs totaling \$2,352,290. The projects include the automated meter project, the canal lining/treated water line project, and the Community Disposal Service Wastewater Lift Station Upgrade.

**Adopted a Resolution Declaring a Consolidated Election.** Every two years, GDPUD utilizes the services of the El Dorado County Elections Department to conduct District elections. The Board approved the Notice of Elective Offices to be Filled, and approved budgeting of \$8,000 - \$10,000 for the District's share of the General Election. Three seats on the GDPUD Board will be on the November ballot.

**Held Public Hearing on CalFire Grant Application.** The Board received testimony and public comments on the District's grant application to the CalFire's Fire Prevention Grants Program to fund a project that would create defensible space around the Walton Lake Water Treatment Plant. The plant is located in an area classified with a Fire Hazard Severity that range from moderate to very high.

**Fire Mitigation and Wildfire Preparedness.** Among the goals/objectives included in the District's Strategic Plan, is the scheduling of a series of workshops to provide information and determine strategies for the District to increase fire mitigation and identify the need and efficient use of critical water infrastructure to protect our community, including wildfire preparedness. There has been initial discussion about scheduling these workshops in August and September.



**June 30th**

### **Deadline to Apply for Rate Assistance**

The Board of Directors set June 30, 2022, as the deadline to renew or apply for the **Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) Program**. The LIRA Program, established by the Board of Directors on December 13, 2018, has awarded \$12,186 to eligible customers, and expects to close out the fiscal year with a total award amount of \$15,702. Renewal information was mailed to customers with the May 1, 2022, billing. To be eligible for the program, customers must be a residential customer and receive treated water service from the district; have the bill in their name; and show proof of enrollment in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program. In addition, customers must inform the District if their household no longer qualifies for the CARE program. For information, contact the District Office at (530) 333-4356, or go to the GDPUD website at [www.gd-pud.org](http://www.gd-pud.org) to apply.

For additional information and questions about this newsletter,  
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#### Georgetown Divide Public Utility District MISSION STATEMENT

It is the purpose of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District to:

- Provide reliable water supplies.
- Ensure high quality drinking water.
- Promote stewardship to protect community resources, public health, and quality of life.
- Provide excellent and responsive customer services through dedicated and valued staff.
- Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability are observed by balancing immediate and long-term needs.

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**Register for the WaterSmart  
Portal Today!**



#### Three steps to **START SAVING**

- 1 Log on**  
to [www.gd-pud.org/watersmart-customer-portal](http://www.gd-pud.org/watersmart-customer-portal)
- 2 Register**  
Use your account number listed on your water bill as your registration code (example: 010-1172-001).
- 3 Personalize**  
Answer our simple profile survey to provide accurate comparisons to similar households.

#### **THE WATERSMART PORTAL**

WaterSmart helps you track your home's water use and spending with an easy-to-use web and mobile portal.

- Ways to save.** Get personalized step-by-step actions.
- How you compare.** See how your water use compares to similar homes.
- Alerts and notifications.** Timely, targeted, and current.

