

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District



January 2024

Domestic Water

Irrigation Service

On-Site Waste Disposal

2023-2024 District Water Supply

Utilizing current supply, projected demand, and available climate forecast as inputs into the District's water supply model the expected inflow into Stumpy Meadows is estimated to range between 6,574 and 178,133-acre feet. Results indicate there is a greater than 95% chance Stumpy Meadows will reach capacity in 2024. No model scenarios project supply reduction, therefore, it is anticipated no water delivery restrictions for the 2024 water season. Currently, the Stumpy Meadows Reservoir level is at 1,8791 ac-ft which is 89% of capacity. The reservoir capacity to reach full pool is 21,206-acre feet.

The Board of Directors recently adopted a new meeting schedule.

GDPUD Meeting Schedule:

Board of Directors the 1st Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Irrigation Committee the 2nd Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Finance Committee the 4th Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the District Office and open to the public.

2024 Irrigation Season

Planning for the 2024 Irrigation Season is underway. Applications are due at the District Office no later than **March 1st, 2024.**

- 💧 New for the 2024 Season all digital backflow certifications must be submitted before May 1 to the newly established inbox: crossconnection@gd-pud.org
- 💧 The Board of Directors recently passed Ordinance 2023-04 Establishing Rules and Regulations for Irrigation Service. The Ordinance was updated through the work of the Irrigation Committee.
- 💧 Parties interested in establishing a new irrigation service are encouraged to submit a Water Request Form. New customers may find they must cross neighboring properties to reach GDPUD irrigation water supplies. In these cases, it is up to the customer to obtain the necessary easements and construct the conduit to obtain water. GDPUD personnel are available to answer questions, call 530-333-4356.
- 💧 The Irrigation Committee has a vacancy. Interested parties are encouraged to submit a letter of interest.

Scan the QRL code for information regarding Irrigation service including the recently adopted Ordinance 2023-04 Rules and Regulations for Irrigation Service.



PUBLIC MEMBER OPENINGS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

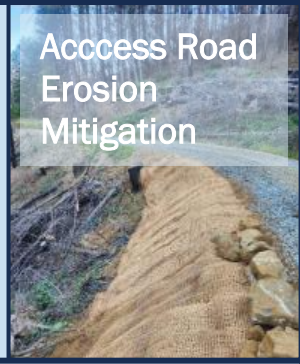


The District invites interested customers to apply for public member positions on the Finance Committee and the Irrigation Committee.

The **Finance Committee** The primary role of the Finance Committee is to assist the Board in the review of District financial information and to make recommendations to the Board on matters related to the District's finances and budget.

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

Persons interested in applying for an appointment are asked to submit a letter of interest with a resume by email to the Executive Assistant at ea@gd-pud.org. Applications can also be delivered by mail, or in person, to the District Office, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634.



Wastewater News Watch

Alexis Elliott Water Resource Manager

Many of you may not know that the District manages on-site wastewater treatment systems, as well as a small wastewater collections system. The Community Disposal System (CDS) is located at the first gate of Auburn Lake Trails (ALT) and services 137 homes that do not have suitable soil for on-site waste treatment. The homes on our collection system still have septic tanks which serve as the first form of treatment but the effluent, or liquid waste, is transported to our leach fields through various sewer collection pipes and pumps. Our main pump station is situated off the American River Trail. Station 16, as we call it, has a 2,000-gallon holding capacity and two 75-gallon-per-minute submersible pumps that operate almost non-stop to pump the waste out to the CDS fields positioned near the Pilot Hill Grange. The other 900 on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) scattered throughout ALT have suitable soil for treatment and consist of numerous techniques like sand filtration, mound, conventional, electro-osmosis, and evapotranspiration.

The District became involved with the management of ALT's waste in the 1970s during the subdivision's creation. The District was approached to help oversee the public health and safety of the ground and surface waters within the area which eventually make their way down into the American River and Folsom Lake. The background summary below is provided by Bennett Engineering.

- 💧 1971 – Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Board Order 72-2 – GDPUD was determined to be one of the responsible parties for compliance with requirements for wastewater discharge to land.
- 💧 1984 – Formation of the Zone, per final judgment in Class Action lawsuit Case No. 34594
- 💧 2001 – GDPUD received current WDR Order No R5-2002-0031 to be consistent with the State's plans and policies for water quality.
- 💧 2017 – Received Notice of Violation for exceeding Average Daily Flow
- 💧 2019 – Inquiry to the Regional Board regarding advanced technologies for on-site disposal
- 💧 2020 – GDPUD Completed a Feasibility Study to evaluate the long-term needs of the CDS. No project was determined to be needed, but additional maintenance efforts were identified to maintain existing capacity.
- 💧 2022 – GDPUD Requested a consultant evaluation for an update to the WDR permit. As part of the update, the following was to be considered:
 - New septic technologies for replacement or new construction
 - Building Regulations
 - Monitoring and Sampling Requirements
 - RWQCB Correspondence

During 2023 Bennett Engineering conducted an evaluation. The conclusion reached stated although the current WDR permit is over 20 years old, it is still valid and is not scheduled for renewal or revision; as long as compliance is being maintained, and the State does not create new water quality objectives that would impact the ALT Zone. It was recommended that attention be given to improvement within the Zone that reduces potential contamination to water quality.

2023 Board Action Summary

Received FY 2021-22 Annual Audit. View the Annual Financial Report, at www.gd-pud.org/financial-audits

Adopted the Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2023-24, <https://www.gd-pud.org/district-budget>

Authorized submittal of grant applications to fund capital improvement projects, increase system resiliency, and ensure water delivery. A total of \$1,530,000.00 in grant funds was awarded to the District during 2023.

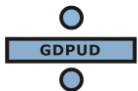
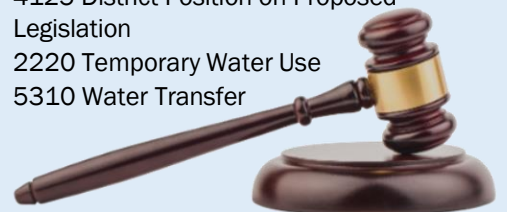
For the benefit of maximizing interest revenues from District funds, the Board reviewed and updated the investment policy. The Board authorized entering into contract with Optimized Investment Partners to serve as financial advisors. The first investment quarter saw District interest earnings of \$88,683. Anticipated earnings for the first year are estimated to be \$375,000.

Adopted four Ordinances:

- ORD 2023-01 Water Theft
- ORD 2023-02 ADU Water Connection to the District System
- ORD 2023-03 Direct Charges
- ORD 2023-04 Rules and Regulations for Irrigation Service

Adopted 25 Policies including:

- 2170 Leakage Consideration
- 2135 Procurement Policy
- 2105 Asset Protection and Fraud Prevention
- 4125 District Position on Proposed Legislation
- 2220 Temporary Water Use
- 5310 Water Transfer



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