

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

6425 Main Street,  
Georgetown, California 95634

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2023  
11:00 A.M.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mitch MacDonald,  
President

Donna Seaman, Vice President      Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer  
Michael Saunders, Director      Robert Stovall, Director

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**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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**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

President MacDonald called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. Director Saunders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Director Thornbrough motioned to adopt the agenda. Director Stovall seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Director Seaman, Director Thornbrough, Director Saunders, Director Stovall, and President MacDonald

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

The motion Passed **Unanimously**.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

General Manager Nicholas Schneider shared that the Request for Proposals (RFPS) and proposals for legal services have been posted on the District website as of this morning. District staff are in contact with the new law firm and working on a new professional services agreement (PSA).

Finance Committee Chairman Andy Miller shared that in consideration of his responsibilities and duties and position, he would like to be considered a member of the participating group during the discussion of the budget, not a member of the audience. During the last meeting, he was sitting in the audience. For this matter, he doesn't think he is audience. He is an active part of the discussion of the solutions and the results of what has been discussed.

Cherie Carlyon shared that she had tried calling into the meeting via telephone. The number on the agenda was incorrect. This also happened for the March 6th meeting.

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS

##### **A. Consider Adoption of the Final FY2023-24 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan**

The General Manager Nicholas Schneider reviewed the operating budget report. He shared the new organizational chart. The consideration is in adding two lead positions in the operations department and a water treatment operator 2. The lead positions will serve in adding ladders with upward mobility assisting with longevity and staff retention.

Cherie Carlyon shared that Steve Palmer had created the field superintendent position. It was supposed to eliminate the lead distribution operator. She questioned at that time why it was left in the organizational chart, but it wasn't in the chart it was just sitting there. Now I see you have a lead canal operator is that in the MOU? So, you took one worker from the previous organizational chart and created two leads out of one?

Director Seaman clarified that the lead is needing to be renamed in the employee job description and would there be an increase in pay. It was clarified that there would be a 5% pay increase and promotion.

The General Manager reviewed the salary chart. It had been requested that the chart included the 2022-23 and the proposed 2023-24 salaries. These numbers are not set in stone. The only mandatory amount is a 4% cost of living (COLA) increase which is a result of the MOUs which is set by the Federal Government. The federal COLA this year is 5.4 % the MOU maxes out at 4%. Some salaries go a little higher and that is because they have the potential for a step increase. All step increases are merit-based.

The operating revenue was reviewed. The water revenue is heavily driven by residential treated water sales. There are also irrigation water sales and penalties as revenue sources.

The non-operating revenue is heavily driven by property taxes. The District receives funding from Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). The District also receives funds from leases and miscellaneous items. Hydroelectric revenue is given as a percent of the electricity generated.

Director Thornbrough asked when the hydroelectric operation will be turned over to the District. The General Manager answered that one operation will be turned over in 2025 and one in 2026. This will require that the District add a position for staff to maintain the operation. It will be a sizeable increase in the revenue. At the moment the revenue given to the District is 15% of what is generated. There is also a plan to add water wheels to the canals for electricity generation.

Director Stovall inquired if the District is involved in a cooperative agreement for the hydroelectric. Mr. Schneider explained that SMUD had paid to build the facility; the contract gave ownership to them for the first 20 years. After the 20 years, ownership reverts to the District.

Director Seaman asked does the revenue number increase with more water. The General Manager shared that yes with more water is more electricity generated yielding higher revenues. This year the amounts will be less, however, as the fire meant that there was decreased flow. The District lost almost 50% because of the fire and consequent silting in the ditch which didn't allow for us to move water. It was a heavy loss and part of the litigation with PG&E.

In terms of grant revenue, the District is hoping to receive approximately \$3.2 million in funds. These funds will be realized during the fiscal year if they are received so the potential for them has been included.

The Supplemental charge has been moved to the other section which includes the grants, it is not included in the operating revenue. The wastewater which is known as the Zone will most likely change during the year as the Wastewater Discharge Requirements (WDR) change.

Cherie Carlyon shared that she had compared the budget last week. The ending total was \$10,113,272 and it is now at \$9,400,102. It appears it has not gotten added into the revenue. The General Manager shared that it could be a formula error and that was a good catch. It shouldn't change the ultimate outcome of the budget. He offered to update the item. Ms. Carlyon asked about the wastewater. Why is there a big difference in Zone charges for projected and proposed? The General Manager shared that there was a rate study and WDR added into that item.

The source of supply was reviewed. The only change has been the payroll taxes. The taxes amounts were low previously. It was adjusted to 9.5% which is the industry standard. The PPE was adjusted as there was an identified formula error.

Director Saunders inquired if payroll taxes had been adjusted. He shared that in the past often there was a separate charge as there were miscalculations and amounts owed. He shared that he knows there has been a company change and wanted to know if that was all squared away. Finance/Office Manager Jessica Buckle shared that ADP takes care of that piece and informs the District what is owed.

The 5200 account was reviewed. This account is for the transmission of raw water, irrigation. The only change was regarding the payroll taxes being slightly increased.

The 5300 account is for water treatment. Director Seaman asked about the about costs for lab work. The General Manager offered to pull up the detailed reports for examination of the fees.

The 5400 account is for the transmission of treated water. There was only the change to payroll taxes in this account.

The 5600 account was reviewed. Again, the biggest change was the adjustment to the payroll taxes. The General Manager addressing Director Seaman's lab fees item. There was a duplicate charge caught. It was the groundwater monitoring it was removed from 5600 and it remained in the Zone. It was a charge of \$10,250.

The 6100 account has been the hardest to budget as it may or may not change. The payroll taxes and health insurance were adjusted in this account.

The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) were reviewed. At the request of the Board, the vehicle replacements were broken into line items. The District is looking to purchase a used dump truck for approximately \$75,000. The thought is to utilize local auction sites and equipment resellers to find a vehicle that is compliant and of use to the District. The smaller dump truck currently in the fleet would then be surplus and hopefully, there would be a return on the investment. The Operations Manager Adam Brown shared that the plan is to move one F350 to the maintenance department and purchase an F450 for the distribution department. This would be a heavier-duty truck for towing. This is budgeted at \$75,000. This has to do with the Vactor trailer which is pulled. It is a heavier trailer and puts considerable wear and tear on the F350 truck. The District is looking to replace 3 of the half-ton trucks. There is a list included at the end of the budget report, vehicle inventory, mileage, and replacement dates. The \$3.2 million in grants is included. The \$1.5 from the federal grants is included. Those grant funds may arrive this year or possibly next. It must be included as part of this year's budget in case it is received and must be moved on quickly.

The vehicle replacement matrix was reviewed. The vehicles are listed from oldest to newest. The

Government Services Agency (GSA) has been included. This gives recommendations for replacement. Gas-powered vehicles are recommended to be replaced after seven years or 65,000 miles whichever happens first. Medium-duty vehicles are recommended for replacement after 10 years or 100,000 miles. This matrix is restrictive and has financial impacts. Mr. Schneider suggested that the policy committee work on these mileage guidelines making them less restrictive. He is proposing that gas-powered vehicles be replaced every seven years or 100,000 miles instead. Medium-duty vehicles were proposed at 10 years or 200,00 miles and 12 years or 300,000 for heavy-duty vehicle replacement. The vehicles that the District is looking to replace are the 1991 dump truck, the administration vehicle, a water treatment truck due to age and mileage, a Ford F150, and the Chevy dump truck for replacement. An equipment list has also been included with their use hours.

Director Stovall inquired if there are any issues with replacing non-vehicle equipment with non-electric models. The General Manager shared that at the moment there are no regulations that the equipment be electric, however, there will be in the future.

Director Thornbrough shared that given the engines these days 100,000 miles on a vehicle is not that much. The General Manager shared that the cost to maintain them does go up after 100,000 miles. He is trying to be less restrictive than other agencies with the mileage requirements. The smaller light-duty trucks get bounced around upcountry. The fire roads and terrain are tough on the fleet.

Director Seaman inquired if there was a method available that takes into account maintenance and repair costs as opposed to mileage as a policy potential. The General Manager shared that is an option though on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Schneider also shared that rotation through the system with a set parameter is important to the District. Operations Manager Adam Brown shared that within the Cartegraph system, there is a vehicle replacement rating (VRR) over time that develops how many miles, and how much maintenance is put into a vehicle. The General Manager agreed that vehicles won't arbitrarily be sold. Having parameters in place is important for planning ahead.

Director Stovall offered that he supports replacing vehicles before being required to purchase more expensive models which meet the California Air Resource Board (CARB) Clean Fleet Regulation requirements. Mr. Schneider shared that this is why these items have been budgeted, to get ahead of the CARB regulations.

### **Opened to Discussion-**

Finance Committee Chairman Andy Miller stated that there was a lot of discussion in the last meeting about the budget and how it was formed, that we should use the YTD actuals boosted to 12 months in order to see what our budget actually looks like compared to before. He went home and created that. What he found is that the budget that we are facing is 3.5 % greater than the budget we are living under. That isn't much of an increase considering the economy and the world in which we live.

Director Stovall shared that he had examined the employee salaries. Subtracting the new position of water treatment plant operator 2 there is a 6.8% increase in salaries. This is on par with Social Security increases. This is a point of context. The General Manager shared that the Executive Assistant's salary was not included in last year's budget either. Chairman Miller called back to the issue of losing employees as wages aren't competitive.

Director Stovall made a general comment. He shared that when he used to work on budgets, he would wait to see the 10-month YTD expenses. That would give an average month. Being part of this budget review process, he appreciates the revision and thought coming in to make this a living and working document. He appreciated the expertise, the shared points of view, the thoroughness, and the efforts to secure grant funding. This utilized outside money to help save the ratepayers, using what we can to make this an affordable and great place to live.



Director Saunders shared comments since we switched and have been able to look at things monthly, it has been easier to keep tabs on expenses. This allowed the District to watch and capture the steady rate increases. It is important to look at the fact that District revenue is set in stone essentially thus a need for out-of-the-box sources. Items such as working with the interest policy which will bring back good dividends, being able to use water transfers, and Voluntary Agreements (VAs) to our benefit will assist with avoiding rate increases.

Director Seaman motioned to approve the Operating Budget for FY2023-24 with the correction. Director Thornbrough seconded the motion.

Ayes: Director Seaman, Director Thornbrough, Director Saunders, Director Stovall, and President MacDonald

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed **Unanimously**.

Director Saunders motioned to approve the Capital Improvement Projects Plan for FY 2023-24 (CIP). Director Stovall seconded the motion.

Ayes: Director Seaman, Director Thornbrough, Director Saunders, Director Stovall, and President MacDonald

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed **Unanimously**.

#### 5. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

The General Manager shared a Newstream article documenting the GDPUD Mosquito Fire efforts.

#### 6. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next Regular Meeting will be July 11, 2023, at 2:00 PM., at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634.

Director Thornbrough motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Stovall seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

  
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Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

  
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#### Attachments:

1. Finance Committee Chairman Miller Budget Handout
2. ACWA NEWStream Article featuring District Fire Efforts
3. Public Comment of Cherie Carlyon

## SALARIES AND WAGES INCREASE/DECREASE

MONTHS	DAYS	WAGES & BENEFITS	ACTUAL YTD 5/31/23	PROJECTED YEAR END TOTALS YTD / 335 x 365	PROJECTED IN CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE DIFFERENCE	PERCENT CHANGE
Jan	31	Salaries	\$ 1,641,156.00	\$ 1,788,125.19	\$ 2,087,561.00	\$ 299,435.81	16.75%
Feb	28	Part-Time (not on payroll)	\$ 76,546.00	\$ 83,400.87	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (63,400.87)	-76.02%
Mar	31	Overtime	\$ 108,613.00	\$ 118,339.54	\$ 121,368.00	\$ 3,028.46	2.56%
Apr	30	Stand-by Pay	\$ 58,870.00	\$ 64,141.94	\$ 66,140.00	\$ 1,998.06	1.03%
May	31	Retiree Benefits	\$ 13,860.00	\$ 15,101.19	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 10,898.81	72.17%
Jun	30	Director Stipend	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 23,970.15	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 29.85	0.12%
Jul	31	Payroll taxes	\$ 138,756.00	\$ 151,181.91	\$ 136,207.00	\$ (14,974.91)	-0.90%
Aug	31	Health Insurance	\$ 431,246.00	\$ 469,865.04	\$ 429,131.00	\$ (40,734.04)	-0.91%
Sep	30	Insurance - Workers Comp	\$ 29,996.00	\$ 32,682.21	\$ 27,896.00	\$ (4,786.21)	-0.85%
Oct	31	PERS Retirement exp	\$ 153,317.00	\$ 167,046.88	\$ 194,865.00	\$ 27,818.12	16.66%
Nov	30	PERS UAL	\$ 517,961.00	\$ 564,345.57	\$ 520,354.00	\$ (43,991.57)	-7.88%
Dec	31	Def Comp Retirement Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.00	100.00%
	365	<b>TOTAL WAGES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$3,192,321.00</b>	<b>\$3,478,200.49</b>	<b>\$3,662,972.00</b>	<b>\$ 184,771.51</b>	<b>5.31%</b>



## NON - LABOR EXPENSE

MONTHS	DAYS	WAGES & BENEFITS	ACTUAL YTD 5/31/23	PROJECTED YEAR END TOTALS	PROJECTED IN CURRENT BUDGET PROPOSAL	CHANGE DIFFERENCE	PERCENT CHANGE
Jan	31	Materials & Supplies	\$ 285,023.00	\$ 310,547.45	\$ 287,750.00	\$ 22,797.45	-8.14%
Feb	28	Durable Goods/Rentals	\$ 72,056.00	\$ 78,508.78	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 54,308.78	-69.18%
Mar	31	Office Supplies	\$ 48,879.00	\$ 53,256.22	\$ 32,104.00	\$ 21,152.22	-29.72%
Apr	30	PPE/Safety Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,250.00	\$ 32,250.00	100.00%
May	31	Software/Licenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,860.00	\$ 22,860.00	100.00%
Jun	30	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 58,623.00	\$ 63,872.82	\$ 56,800.00	\$ 7,072.82	-11.07%
Jul	31	Vehicle Operating-Fuel	\$ 106,754.00	\$ 116,314.06	\$ 48,150.00	\$ 68,164.06	-58.60%
Aug	31	Building Maintenance	\$ 5,983.00	\$ 6,518.79	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 12,231.51	287.63%
Sep	30	Professional Services	\$ 490,554.00	\$ 534,484.21	\$ 612,641.00	\$ 78,156.79	14.62%
Oct	31	Insurance - General Liability	\$ 98,656.00	\$ 107,490.87	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 7,490.87	-6.97%
Nov	30	Legal	\$ 114,534.00	\$ 124,790.78	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 44,790.78	-35.89%
Dec	31	Audit	\$ 14,140.00	\$ 15,406.27	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 6,793.73	44.10%
	365	Staff Development/Training	\$ 16,316.00	\$ 17,777.13	\$ 24,650.00	\$ 6,872.87	38.66%
		Travel	\$ 14,274.00	\$ 15,552.27	\$ 33,650.00	\$ 18,093.73	116.37%
		Utilities	\$ 293,155.00	\$ 319,407.69	\$ 327,400.00	\$ 7,992.31	2.50%
		Bank Charges	\$ 310.00	\$ 337.76	\$ 500.00	\$ 162.24	48.03%
		Payroll Processing Fees	\$ 24,936.00	\$ 27,169.07	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 769.07	-2.90%
		Government Regulation Fees	\$ 186,494.00	\$ 203,194.96	\$ 229,150.00	\$ 25,955.04	12.77%
		Elections	\$ 7,418.00	\$ 8,082.30	\$ -	\$ 8,082.30	-100.00%
		Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 6,278.00	\$ 6,840.21	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,340.21	-92.69%
		Membership/Subscriptions	\$ 46,502.00	\$ 50,666.36	\$ 44,155.00	\$ 6,511.36	-12.85%
		Capital Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,200.00	\$ 45,200.00	100.00%
		D/O Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		<b>NON - LABOR EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,890,885.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,060,217.99</b>	<b>\$ 2,069,310.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,683.20</b>	<b>0.44%</b>

**TOTAL PERCENT INCREASE 2022-23 OVER 2023-24**

**3.50%**

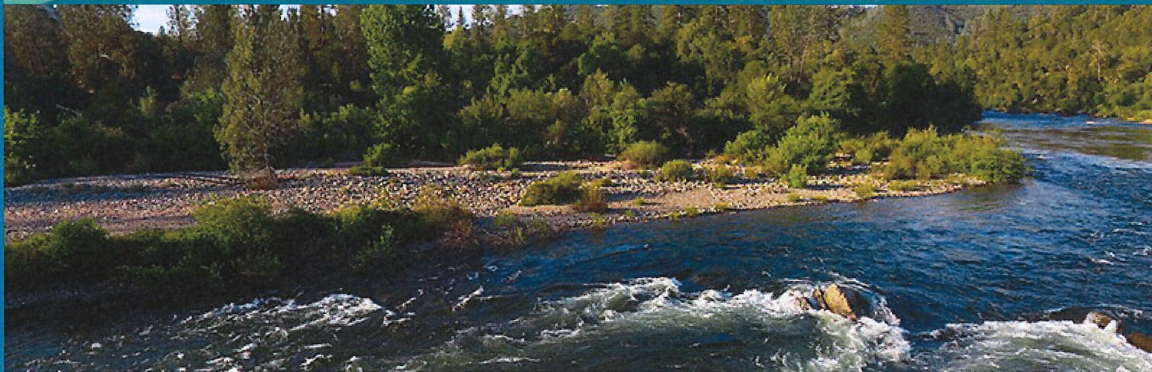


Nicholas Schneider  
El Dorado Water NEWStream June Edition

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## *El Dorado Water NEWStream June Edition*

### **A Word From Our Board Chair, Lori Parlin**

Please join me in wishing Ken Payne all the best in his retirement! Ken has been a remarkable asset to the Agency as the General Manager for the past eight years, and I have had the distinct opportunity to work with him more extensively since I joined the Agency's Board of Directors in 2019. Ken has provided me and the rest of the Board with a wealth of knowledge and experience, along with unwavering support and guidance, as we worked together to address challenges and navigate numerous water resource programs and projects to benefit the county.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to Ken for everything he has done for the Agency's Board, staff and partners and for his relentless efforts to secure adequate water supplies for our county – now, and into the future. We wish him a retirement filled with great food and coffee, lots of family time, many more travel adventures and hopefully at least a little bit of downtime to relax. Congratulations on your remarkable career, Ken!



Please also join me in congratulating Rebecca Guo on her appointment as the Interim General Manager of the Agency. Rebecca has supported the Agency on various projects and program efforts since 2016 and joined the Agency staff earlier this year. We take comfort in knowing we'll be forging ahead under Rebecca's leadership.



## Agency Advocates for Key Water Resiliency Projects

Wildfire resilience, water supply reliability and drought protection were among the key topics our board members and staff discussed with Congressional representatives and federal policymakers on two recent trips to Washington, D.C. We highlighted the county's resource management challenges and discussed ways that federal lawmakers can help address current and future climate challenges. This included highlighting the importance of assessing and monitoring the post-fire hydrological response in the American and Cosumnes watersheds to support critical watershed and forest management research and practices.



Other discussions included Alder Creek Reservoir, a proposed off-stream high elevation storage which would capture snowmelt and create storage from the upper South Fork of the American River, as well as progress made on upgrading snowpack stations in the Sierra Nevada to improve forecast reliability, timeliness and accuracy of snowpack conditions.

"We are taking a comprehensive look at how climate extremes are changing the paradigm of water management and using this lens to guide our advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels," said Lori Parlin, Agency Board Chair. "I'm proud that the Agency is taking a broad view of our current challenges and at the same time working to address future resource management needs."

At the state level, we are focusing our advocacy efforts on supporting legislation that bolsters wildfire and fuels management and protects water quality and quantity. This includes supporting bills that strengthen forest health, address climate resilience, water supply including groundwater banking, flood risk mitigation and specific projects such as wildfire fuels reduction projects, stream gages and prescribed grazing.

"We appreciate that our representatives recognize the work we are doing in collaboration with federal, state and regional entities in El Dorado County, to strengthen watersheds and forest management and to ensure our region has an adequate water supply now and into the future,"



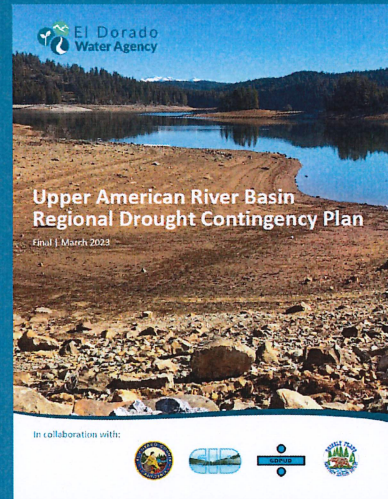
said Rebecca Guo, Agency Interim General Manager. “We must share the investments to advance projects that will prepare our region for wildfires, floods and prolonged drought.”



## Agency Releases Final Regional Drought Contingency Plan

On April 26, 2023, we were informed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) that the Upper American River Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan (UARB RDCP) was found to be in accordance with the Drought Response Program requirements.

The UARB RDCP is a collaborative planning effort to build long-term resiliency to drought for the western foothill area (West Slope) of El Dorado County. We facilitated the development of the plan in partnership with Reclamation, through a WaterSMART Drought Response Program grant. Plan development also included close collaboration with public water agencies, tribes, land use authorities, resource managers, the public and other interested parties.



The UARB RDCP supports the resource management strategies of our [2019 Water Resources Development and Management Plan \(WRDMP\)](#) by improving drought preparedness and response, and it promotes the objectives of El Dorado County’s adopted General Plan (2004) to encourage a strong economy while preserving the rural-agricultural way of life in El Dorado County. The UARB RDCP complements the public water agency-specific water shortage contingency plans, provides a coherent approach on a regional level for better coordination and promotes shared benefits for the entire West Slope area.

To view the final UARB RDCP, please visit the [Long-Term Drought Resiliency Planning page](#) of our website.





## Mosquito Fire Recovery Efforts Continue for Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

The Mosquito Fire that burned in Placer and El Dorado counties last year was designated the state's largest wildfire of 2022. The fire began on September 6, 2022, above Oxbow Reservoir in the Middle Fork American River drainage, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. The fire went on to burn 76,788 acres, destroying 78 structures and damaging 13 more, in the small, rural communities of Michigan Bluff, Foresthill and Volcanoville in El Dorado County.

"While the fire was burning, our operators were out with the fire crews, making sure the water continued to flow for the firefighting efforts to protect our community," said Nicholas Schneider, General Manager of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD). "As the fire was burning, ash and debris were continuously entering our canal system and required extensive work to prevent complete clogging and overflows."

GDPUD's water infrastructure was significantly impacted by the fire, including three destroyed stream gages, destruction of its protective flume cover and levee roads damaged by truck and equipment traffic. GDPUD has since completed temporary repairs to levee roads, initiated the removal of damaged trees and completed construction of a new, modernized flume cover.

Erosion and debris continue to impact the water system, especially as a result of the major rainstorms in the region this winter, resulting in increased maintenance needs and costs. GDPUD staff is continuing to seek grant funding to assist with necessary system repairs. GDPUD was also included in Congressman Kevin Kiley's initial selections for community project funding, which were announced in April. This request would allocate \$1.5 million for the construction of a two-million-gallon fire resilient water storage tank to aid in fire suppression efforts.



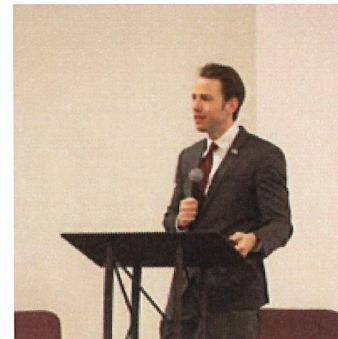


## Countywide Plenary for Water Highlights Need for Watershed Management Adaptation and Collaboration Amid Challenges from Ongoing Drought, Fires and Floods

We held our Spring 2023 Countywide Plenary for Water (Plenary) on April 13 in El Dorado Hills. Around 50 representatives from federal, state and local government agencies, water utilities, watershed management organizations, tribal representatives and business organizations attended the biannual event, which serves as a forum to facilitate dialogue between leaders in water management and the community at large. The theme of this April's event was, "Adapting to a Paradigm Shift in Water Management," and focused on changes in approach to watershed protection amid recurring droughts, fires and floods.

Lori Parlin, the Agency's Board Chair and El Dorado County Supervisor, provided the opening remarks, highlighting the role climate extremes have played in shaping the county's landscape and the need for ongoing collaboration and continued momentum toward climate resilience.

The Plenary's keynote address was provided by Congressman Kevin Kiley, who stressed the importance of removing barriers in addressing the county's resource management and highlighted his efforts to improve accessibility of federal resources. Congressman Kiley also answered participant questions regarding climate preparedness and response actions.



Following Congressman Kiley's keynote address, Stantec Lead Facilitator Emily Finnegan moderated a panel discussion focused on how decision-makers are adapting to the paradigm shift in watershed management and what agencies can do to collectively address climate challenges, overcome watershed management obstacles and prioritize investments. Panelists included Ken Payne, Agency General Manager; Mark Egbert, District Manager of the El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts; Ken Pimlott, Chair of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council and retired CAL FIRE Chief; Michael Ranalli, President of the El Dorado County Farm Bureau; and David Batker, President of Batker Consulting.

Discussion included our role in coordinating the county's response to climate change, the need for agencies to demonstrate action at the local level in order to build trust within communities, the importance of taking a holistic approach to preparing communities and watersheds for wildfire, the critical importance of recharging groundwater aquifers and consideration of the upper American River watershed as a working asset in order to plan for the investments necessary to maintain it. The panel also addressed participant questions.

Following the panel, participants attended one of two breakout group discussions. One group focused on the value of the Upper American River Watershed and considered the opportunities to leverage ecosystem goods and services, identified barriers to incorporating ecosystem goods and services into decision-making and discussed actions that could be taken to overcome those barriers. The other group focused on responding to extreme climate events and identified areas for improving the emergency response to extreme climate events, strategies for achieving those improvements and potential implementation leads and indicators for success.



The Spring 2023 Plenary concluded with closing remarks from Ken Payne, and an overall agreement from participants on the importance of continued collaboration and discussion around adapting to a paradigm shift in water management.

We convene the Plenary to foster collaboration on water resources development and management countywide, consistent with our 2019 WRDMP policies. For more information, please visit [EDWaterAgency.org/plenary](https://EDWaterAgency.org/plenary).



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## Public comments GDPUD BOD Special Board meeting 6-19-23

Cherie Carlyon

### Open forum

The Zoom dial-in phone number is listed as 1-699-900-6833 and it should be 1-669-900-6833 on the 6-19-23 meeting agenda that was posted on the district's website. This big error had also been made on the 3-06-23 and the 6-13-23 meeting agendas. The meeting agendas need to be proofread before they are posted on the district's website. This is not allowing the public to have proper access to the Zoom meetings.

### Item 4A budget

The presented total budget revenue shown on the presented budget is \$9,410,272 instead of the correct figure of \$10,114,272. The supplemental charge was not added properly.