

CONFORMED AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6425 MAIN STREET, GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

2:00 P.M.

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
 - Insure 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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Directors present: Hanschild, Krizl, and Uso. Staff present: Interim General Manager Darrell Creeks, Project Manager George Sanders, Interim Operations Manager Marty Ceirante, Office Manager Diane Schroeder, Meeting Recorder Gloria Omania. Legal Counsel: Robin Baral of Churchhill White.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Board action to adopt Agenda.

Motion by Director Uso to adopt the agenda. Second by Director Hanschild.

Public Comment: None

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC FORUM – This is a special meeting under Government Code Section 54956. Public comment is limited to items appearing on the agenda. Under Section 54954.3, the public shall have the right to comment on any items appearing on the agenda prior to or during consideration of this item. Public comment on items not appearing on the agenda should be made at the regular meetings of the District.

No disruptive conduct shall be permitted at any Board meeting. Persistence in disruptive conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the President, of that person's privilege of address.

No public comment.

4. PRESENTATION ON WATER RATE STUDY – JOHN VAN DEN BERGH, RCAC

- A. Discussion** – At the Board’s invitation, John Van den Berge of RCAC is making a presentation to the Board on the topic of a Water Rate Study. The purpose of a conducting a Water Rate Study would be to gain valuable information relating to the immediate and future costs of providing water to the residents within the District Service Area. It is likely information gained from this Study would be used to support an anticipated Prop 218 rate increase.

John Van den Bergh of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation made the presentation on the components of a Water Rate Study. The following key points were made:

- *The development of a Water Rate Study will require a close working partnership between RCAC and the District Staff in terms of information gathering with valuable input from the Board and the public.*
- *The working model includes a detailed look at the District’s assets, the annual budget adjusted for inflation and other adjustments, and sales to create a revenue forecast.*
- *The result of the five to six-month process would be followed by Notice to the Public (property owners) regarding a Public Hearing on the adoption of a Prop 218 Board Resolution to propose rates and a 45-day protest period.*

Director Uso asked for a clarification as to whether drinking water and irrigation are two separate enterprises for the purpose of the rate study. Legal Counsel Robin Baral indicated he would review the terms of the Prop 218 requirements.

Director Uso made reference to the valuable work that the Finance Study has already done with regard to the Cost of Service Study. The Board directed Interim Director Darrell Creeks to contact Dennis Goodenow, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, who has already contributed valuable time and excellent effort to this process.

Formalizing Mr. Van den Bergh’s services through RCAC will require the completion of two assistance request forms—one for treated water and another for irrigation water. This request will then be submitted to RCAC’s funder. It was pointed out that while Mr. Van den Bergh’s consulting services will be provided at no cost to the District, there will be some demands on Staff to provide information.

The Board thanked Mr. Van den Bergh for his presentation.

Possible Board Action – Based on information gained from this presentation, it is likely Staff will recommend the District utilize the services of RCAC in the preparation of a Water Rate Study.

Motion by Director Uso to initiate this Water Rate Study process with the goal of establishing the new rates by the next Fiscal Year. Second by Director Hanschild.

Public Comment: None

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

5. AUBURN LAKE TRAILS WATER TREATMENT PLANT – REVIEW INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT WITH STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

- A. Discussion** – The State is nearing the final stages of the issuance of the Installment Sale Agreement which identifies the terms and conditions associated with the State Loan in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the construction of the Auburn Lake Trails Water Treatment Plant.

Project Manager George Sanders reviewed sections of the Agreement providing clarification and additional information as requested by the Board.

Robin will coordinate with Kerry in his office to give the State a gentle nudge to move the loan forward.

- B. Possible Board Action** – Receive and file. Any action relating to the final execution of the Agreement will be the topic of a future agenda item.

The report was received and filed.

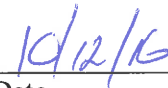
6. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting will be October 11, 2016, at 2:00 PM, at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM

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Darrell Creeks, Interim General Manager



Date