

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634 Tuesday September 19, 2023 2:00 P.M.

Irrigation Committee

Board of Directors Liaison

Ray Griffiths, Chairman Bill Threlkel, Vice Chair Alexandra Duarte Kristy McKay Donna Seaman Mike Thornbrough

Carla Sutton, Secretary

Fran Todd

Presenting Staff

General Manager, Nicholas Schneider Operations Manager Adam Brown Resource Manager Alexis Elliot

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.

A record of the complete proceedings is available on the District's YouTube channel; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y9AQsWYR7c

1. CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Griffiths called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Absent: None

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Todd motioned to adopt the agenda. Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the vote.

Ayes: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nayes: None

The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 20, 2023

Member Sutton motioned to approve the minutes with the amendment of the correction of the two typos, "noyes". Member Todd seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the vote.

Ayes: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nayes: None

The motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Water Resources Update

Operations Manager Adam Brown and Water Resource Manager Alexis Elliot delivered the report. Canal clearing continues as a focus. Stumpy Meadows Reservoir level is at 92%, which is 120% of capacity for this time of year. This is one of the highest volume storage levels recorded entering this period of the water year. It was highlighted that the region has received the same amount of precipitation as last year's total and four potential collection months remain. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is projecting a precipitation-heavy winter.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons

General Manager Nicholas Schneider shared that at the moment there are no changes to the current water season. The 2024 Irrigation season will be reassessed and most likely have a May start. This is dependent on precipitation received through the approaching wet season. It was reported that this year's growing season was 2-3 weeks behind and the decision for a later start worked out well from an agricultural perspective.

B. Review Historic Irrigation Ordinance

The changes to the Ordinance were reviewed. The Committee offered their edits.

Public Comment:

Cherie Carlyon

Member Sutton motioned to approve the Ordinance and recommend it to the Board of Directors for approval. Member Duarte seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the vote.

Ayes: Threlkel, Sutton, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nayes: None

7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

It was shared that advertisement to fill the vacant Committee seat continues.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Development of a customer survey.

Review of irrigation customer applications and forms.

Development of a notification regarding regulations for property owners with ditch attached.

Development of a policy for longer irrigation seasons in areas where permissible. Sale of water overflows.

9. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** — The Irrigation Committee set the 3rd Thursday for regular committee meetings during the Irrigation season, and as needed or directed by the Board. The next regular Irrigation Committee meeting is October 17, 2023.

Member Threlkel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

Date