

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
ACCEPTING AND CLOSING THE PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC NOTICE AND
PROTEST PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR
TREATED AND IRRIGATION WATER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (“District”) provides irrigation and treated water services to residents and businesses of the District; and

WHEREAS, a Water Rate Study, dated October 24, 2017, prepared by RCAC (“Water Rate Study”), establishes various rates proposed therein, which the District Board finds are reasonably related to the cost of service for the District; and

WHEREAS, in preparing the Water Rate Study, staff and RCAC held several workshops and recommended a range of alternatives that the District could adopt regarding the revised water rates, which the District Board has reviewed; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2017 the District Board instructed staff to initiate Proposition 218 proceedings to adjust the District’s water rates in order to meet the District’s capital facilities requirements over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the District is proceeding to comply with the requirements of Proposition 218 (Cal. Const., Art. XIII D, Sec. 6) in connection with the proposed water rate increases; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 218 notices and explanations of the proposed water rates were mailed to the mailing and billing addresses of customers of the parcels within the District who are responsible for paying for water services, and to the record owners of each parcel receiving water services on October 26, 2017, which complies with the minimum 45-day notice requirement; and

WHEREAS, the District Board finds that the revenues derived from the proposed rates, as provided in the notice, are in reasonable proportion for each customer to the funds required to continue District operations and services, including operational costs and necessary reserves for capital facility improvements and other District needs; and

WHEREAS, under Proposition 218, the District shall not impose the proposed water rates if written, valid protests against the proposed rates are presented to the District by a majority of owners of affected parcels prior to the close of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2017 the District Board heard and considered all oral testimony, written materials, and written protests concerning the rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the District has counted the protests and determined that there are 1,824 unverified protests to the District's proposed water rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, DOES HEREBY ACCEPT AND CLOSE the Proposition 218 proceedings in connection with the District's proposed water rates, with receipt of less than a majority protest vote as declared by the District Secretary. The District Board may adopt multi-year rate increases for water rates, in accordance with the Water Rate Study, in compliance with Proposition 218.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District at a special meeting held on the 12th day of December 2017; motioned by Director Hanschild, seconded by Director Wadle, and upon roll call was carried by the following vote of:

AYES: Halpin, Hanschild, Uso, Wadle

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Londres Uso, President
Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Steven Palmer, Clerk and Ex officio
Secretary, Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 2017-29 duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, County of El Dorado, State of California, on the 12th day of December 2017.

Steven Palmer, Clerk and Ex officio
Secretary, Board of Directors
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT