

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 6.A.1.



MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

**GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
6425 MAIN STREET, GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA 95634**

DECEMBER 8, 2020 2PM

David Souza, President
Michael Saunders, Vice President
Cynthia Garcia, Treasurer
Dave Halpin, Director
Dane Wadle, Director

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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Pursuant to the Government Code Section 54954.3 (The Brown Act), members of the public shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on any agenda item, provided they are first recognized by the presiding officer. The Board President will call for public comment on each agenda item. Those wishing to address the Board on a matter that is not on the agenda and within the jurisdictional authority of the District may do so during the Public Forum portion of the agenda. Please be aware of the following procedures for speaking during Public Forum or public comment sessions:

1. When called on to speak by the Board President, please approach and speak from the podium.
2. Comments are to be directed only to the Board.
3. The Board will not entertain outbursts from the audience.
4. There is a three-minute time limit per speaker.
5. The Board is not permitted to take action on items addressed under Public Forum.

6. Disruptive conduct shall not be permitted.
7. Persistence in disruptive conduct shall be grounds for removal of that person's privilege of address.

The Board President is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting.

Director Souza called the Regular Meeting to order at 1401hrs.

1) CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT: DIRECTORS SOUZA, WADLE, HALPIN, GARCIA, SAUNDERS

ABSENT:

OTHERS Barbara Brenner, Legal Council,

PRESENT: Jeff Nelson, Interim GM

2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Saunders motioned to approve 2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA. Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, WADLE, HALPIN, GARCIA, SAUNDERS

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

3) BOARD REORGANIZATION

A. Oath of Office of Elected Directors, Mike Thornbrough, and Mitch MacDonald, Administered by Legal Counsel

B. Adoption of Resolution 2020-43, Accepting and Declaring the Results from the El Dorado Registrar of Voters for the November 3, 2020 Election of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Board of Directors.

Director Saunders motioned to approve 2) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION.
Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

C. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2021

Director Thornbrough motioned to nominate 2) Director Saunders as President.
Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

Director MacDonald motioned to nominate 2) Director Garcia as Vice-President.
Director Saunders seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

Director Garcia motioned to nominate 2) Director Thornbrough as Treasurer.
Director Saunders seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

D. Presentation of Commendations to outgoing Directors for Distinguished Service to the District

Jeff Nelson read accommodations sent by Senator Brian Dahle's office for both Director Wadle and Director Halpin. Jeff thanked both Directors for their service to the District, District Board, and District Staff.

4) PUBLIC FORUM (ONLY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Kristy McKay said she sent a certified letter into the District Office. Jeff asked if the letter was pertaining to Georgetown Creek. Kristy asked if all Board members have seen a copy of the letter. Each Board member stated they had not seen the letter. Darrell Creeks said he signed for the letter as the letter was sent Certified mail. Darrell said he put the letter in Jeff's in-box. Kristy said she wanted to add her name to the growing list of people who are questioning the environmental impact of gunniting of the ditches. Jeff said he has seen the letter. Kristy said she also sent the letter via email to Kelly Molloy. Kristy asked Ms. Molloy if she had received the letter via email. During the meeting Ms. Molloy verified Ms. McKay's letter had been sent on December 8, 2020 to her spam email folder. Ms. Molloy forwarded the email from Ms. McKay to the Director's during the Board meeting. Ms. McKay asked the Board to review the letter, and respond to her.

Steven Dowd had Cherie Carlyon on his cell phone during the Zoom meeting. Cherie Carlyon spoke to the Board via Steven Dowd's phone. Cherie requested the Board look into the Prop 218 rate increase, prior to increasing rates. Cherie said she would be submitting documents to the Board related to the rate increase study.

Steven Dowd said he measured rainfall in November 2020, and said he remeasured the rainfall again earlier in the week.

5) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Nelson read a proclamation presented to Mitch MacDonald for his service to the Finance Committee.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

B. Financial Reports

1. Statement of Cash Balances – July 2020
2. Month-End Cash Disbursements Report

C. Fourth Quarter Budget and First Quarter Budget Comparison

Possible Board Action: Receive and File

Director Garcia requested to have item 6C, Fourth Quarter Budget and First Quarter Budget Comparison brought back to the Board in January 2021.

Director Garcia motioned to accept 2) agenda item 6B2 from the Consent Calendar. Director Souza seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

Maureen Demigeul said she missed the public comment section of the meeting, and wanted to say she had called in during the last Board meeting. She said when her issue was brought to Jeff's attention, Jeff and Darrell were able to resolve her issue and have adequate water delivered to her home. She thanked the District staff for their efforts.

Director Thornbrough motioned to accept 2) agenda item 6B1 from the Consent Calendar. Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

Director Garcia motioned to have item 6C, Fourth Quarter Budget and First Quarter Budget Comparison brought back to the Board at the January 2021 Board meeting. Director Thornbrough seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

7) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Board Reports

Director Garcia thanked the former Board members for their service on the Board, and welcomed the two new Board members. She said she spoke to Jeff about the Urban Water Management Plan, and thanked Jeff and Adam for keeping up with the timeline the Department of Water Resources has put forth.

Director Saunders said the DWR Water Conservation work groups met was the last residential landscape area measurement to fine tune the tools for measuring water. Adam said he is the point of contact, and he has not received anything yet. Director Saunders said he would like to ensure we improve the accuracy and improve our own numbers to make it as close to the actual allowances we should have and apply any variances if needed. The Urban Water Management Group met and any changes and revisions will be finalized, so the draft UWMP Guidebook is available.

He said El Dorado LAFCo did an MSR review for EID. There was a discussion about areas outside of their District. He said those requirements can help predict future water usage. He said our MSR is coming up next year, so we need to be aware of possible future needs. Last month, the District was on Board of Supervisors agenda, and they approved a budget transfer increase for our SMUD fund by \$1433 per year and this is to reach our 9/59th agreement with the SMUD payment. He said he attended the meeting as a representative of the District.

B. General Manager's Report

Jeff discussed the items under his board report. Christina gave an update on the last few weeks with the implementation of the Tyler Finance program. Director Garcia asked Christina to provide a list of the new account numbers to the Board. Christina said the new procedures will update the policy.

Director Garcia asked Jeff about the canal maintenance. She asked to have the documents put on the website. Jeff said he would have that done.

Jeff said the State of CA is looking to put restrictions on domestic water use, and irrigation water use. He said he plans to give a presentation about the stringent water conservation regulations at the January meeting.

C. Operation Manager's Report

Darrell went over his operations report, and talked about the State inspection. He said he hoped to have the permit for the District by the end of the month.

D. Water Resources Report, and Water Transfer Update

Adam gave an update on the zone report. He discussed the CDS feasibility study, and said it had been completed by Bennett Engineering.

8) COMMITTEES:

A. Ad Hoc Grant Writing Committee – Director Saunders said the committee did not meet this month.

9) NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Accept 2020 Walton Filter Replacement and Direct Filing of the Notice of Completion

Darrell said the filter is completed. The project was under budget and done on time.

Director Garcia motioned adopt the resolution 2) Director Thornbrough seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

9.B. Accept 2020 Roof Replacement Project and Direct Filing of the Notice of Completion

Darrell said the roof replacement project was completed. Director Thornbrough asked if the surplus of funds from the Walton Filter Replacement could be used to purchase gutters for the roof. Darrell said yes.

Director Thornbrough motioned adopt the resolution 2) Director Macdonald seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

9.C. Appoint a Board Representative to the Joint Powers Insurance Agency

Director Saunders said the ACWA/JPIA is an insurance agency, collective bargaining group.

Director MacDonald said he would like to represent the Board.

Director Thornbrough nominated Director MacDonald 2) Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

Director Garcia offered to be the alternate. Director Souza seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

9. D. Appoint Board Legislative Liaison

Director Saunders said he would like to be the legislative liaison as he is the liaison for LAFCO.

Director Souza nominated Director Saunders 2) Director Thornbrough seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

9. E. Consideration for MCWRA Board of Directors Appointment

Jeff said he would like candidates for consideration to be nominated. He said the item is informational, and any Director can decide what they would like to do. Barbara clarified that the Board does not need to appoint a Director. Jeff said Barbara was correct.

9. F. Appoint Board Representative to the El Dorado County Water Agency

Dane Wadle said it was important for him to be replaced. Jeff said the agency gave the District \$50K in grant funding for planning projects. He said Ken Payne put \$100K in their budget.

Director MacDonald motioned to have Director Thornbrough as the representative 2) Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

9. G. Approve PSA for Monitoring of Water Rights Stream Gages

Adam said new gages have been an SB88 Requirement. Western Hydrologics have been working with District for fifteen years. He said building the tool that the District can use now, and into the future is important. He said the requirement isn't going away. He said this is something that needs to be done to keep in compliance.

Director Garcia asked if the gaging station locations and the data be available on the website. Adam said there is a requirement that two of the gages be reported hourly. He said the rest are tracked internally. He said once the data is verified, it is put on the website. Only the two that are required will be in real time.

Director Saunders said every gage is required for reporting back to the state. Director Saunders said he agrees with working with the source. He asked about the forecasting tools and the metrics, and if Wester Hydrologics can give a presentation to the Board prior to implementation. Jeff said yes. Director Saunders said every drop of water that is being used will be regulated by the State. Adam said the last board meeting had projections, and he feels this will be a good tool.

Director Garcia motioned to approve the PSA for monitoring of the water rights and the stream gages, and adopt the resolution per staffs' recommendation 2) Director Souza seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

9. H. Review of Updated MOU, Local 39

Jeff said he was seeking the approval of the Board for an updated MOU. Jeff said if the Board approves the MOU, the MOU will be retroactive to December 1, 2020. After discussion by the Board on all the changes for the MOU,

Director Thornbrough motioned to adopt the updated MOU of Local 39 with the changes. Director MacDonald seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

10) PUBLIC HEARING

A. None.

11) BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OR RESEARCH TO BE COMPLETED BY STAFF

Director Thornbrough said he would like to see rates frozen for irrigation pending an investigation or audit. Director MacDonald said he seconded those sentiments.

Director Thornbrough said he wanted to discuss reinstating the finance committee. Director Saunders said he would also like to review the finance committee.

Director Garcia said she would like to discuss how to have items placed on the agenda, and would like the Board packets posted ten days in advance. She said she would also like to discuss the spending limits of the General Manager. She said she would like to talk about adding more committees, and said she would like to call a special meeting within the next two weeks regarding how the Board hires a new General Manager.

Director Souza announced his resignation from the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District. Director Saunders thanked Director Souza for his service to the Board.

Director MacDonald said he would like to look into the restructuring of the investment portfolio.

Director MacDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting 2) Director Garcia seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SAUNDERS, GARCIA, THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

- 12) **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The next Regular Meeting will be on January 12, 2021 at 2:00PM via teleconference.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting via teleconference, please contact Jeff Nelson by telephone at 530-333-4356 or by fax at 530-333-9442. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the meeting. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a).

Jeff Nelson, Interim General Manager

Date

El Dorado County Water Agency

Significant actions:

Adoption of the El Dorado Water Agency Strategic Plan, SP25, for 2020-2025

The SP25+ establishes the Agency's mission statement, envisioning statement, values, goals and objectives; and seeks to set a course for the Agency for the next five years that will guide our investments of resources.

Water Agency Support for Ag-in-the-Classroom The Agency, in one of its public education roles for water resources, has established a productive relationship with the Ag-in-the-Classroom. Ag-in-the-Classroom delivers rural agricultural education programs for children in elementary through high school, and has been an effective venue for the Agency to for public outreach and education in water resources. During the 2020-2021 school year, the Agency staff is seeking to work with Ag-in-the-Classroom and local teachers to develop simple and usable tools that can be incorporated into virtual learning, staff is recommending the Agency continue its annual support of Ag in the Classroom through the development of a series of three educational videos.

Approved the Agency's support of El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom for the 2020-2021 school year, in the form of three educational videos; and 2) authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Trespasser Productions in a form acceptable to legal counsel for a not-to exceed amount of \$35,000.

Presentation on the El Dorado Water Reliability Project

In its role as the El Dorado Designated Representative, the Agency is continuing to prepare to seek a re-assignment for up to forty thousand acre-feet per year (40 tafa) of new consumptive water supplies on behalf of portions of the county's West Slope area. Under the 2005 El Dorado-SMUD Agreement, the Agency has been conducting water demand analyses, long-term planning and is ready to initiate the environmental impact analysis for diverting 40 tafa from the American River known as the El Dorado Water Reliability Project (EDWRP).

Authorization the General Manager to (a) Execute Amendment No. 3 to the Task Order with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to further provide project management support for the El Dorado County Water Reliability Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000; and (b) Execute a New Task Order with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for Water Resources Development and Management Plan Maintenance for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$90,000.

Staff is requesting authorization to execute an amendment and a new task order with Stantec Consulting, Inc. for continuation of project management support to the El Dorado Water Reliability Project and the maintenance of the 2019 Water Resources Development and Management Plan. With their past efforts, Stantec can provide the most efficient services and provide continuity necessary to support the Agency's initiatives.

Amendment to Task Order No. 1 with Environmental Sciences Associates for \$190,000

As a conclusion to improve its financial framework for financial planning and management, staff and Stantec Consulting, Inc will present a summary of the efforts and recommendations to update the Agency's long-term financial framework and associated policies.

Approved Task Order No. 1: Amendment 11122020 with Environmental Science Associates which increases the budget \$190,000 and sets a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$975,208; and 2) Authorized the General Manager to execute a Counsel approved Task Order Amendment.

Authorization for the Agency to Serve as the Lead Agency for the Leek Springs Meadow Planning Project The Agency, during these past several years, has worked to establish its functions to be consistent with the 1959 El Dorado County Water Agency Act, and has developed a countywide water plan that includes participating in statewide water planning. Staff, to support the Agency's role to protect and preserve the quality of the county's water resources, is seeking authorization to work with the American River Conservancy (ARC) and other parties to be the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the Leek Springs Meadow Planning Project.

Authorized the General Manager to work with the American River Conservancy and other Parties as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the Leek Springs Meadow Planning Project.

DWR/Water Conservation Workgroups

Residential Landscape Area Measurement project met and went over the tools, methodology, and analysis for obtaining data for guidelines in determining outdoor residential water requirements based on the model for water efficient landscape ordinance. Once these tools arrive in the District, we can work to make sure they are working appropriately for our area and any variances or allowances we may require are determined.

Urban Water Management Plan group provided guidelines - had public hearing, comments, and the changes and revisions will be finalized. The draft UWMP guidebook is available.

El Dorado LAFCO

One of the considerations during the Sphere of Influence discussion for El Dorado Irrigation District dealt with the potential use of areas for Agriculture and water usage requirements for predicting future water needs. These needs are within the EDCWA's strategic plan for our region and obtaining water rights to meet the County's potential future growth. We must be aware of our possible future needs when our municipal service review study is done next year.

Board of Supervisors 12/2/2020

I attended this meeting to speak on agenda item 16 on behalf of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District.

16. 20-1410 Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board:

- 1) Direct staff to utilize the recommended budgeting plan for the El Dorado Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Cooperative Agreement Special Revenue Fund;
- 2) Approve a budget transfer increasing the payment to the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District by \$1,433 to reach the 9/59ths of the SMUD payment outlined in the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Transition Agreement approved by the Board on March 3, 2009 (4/5 vote required); and
- 3) Direct the Parks Manager and Parks Commission to present recommendations to the Chief Administrative Office on how to utilize SMUD funding provided for parks purposes during the annual budget process.

FUNDING: El Dorado - SMUD Cooperation Agreement Special Revenue Fund.

Public Comment: K. Payne, M. Saunders

A motion was made by Supervisor Veerkamp, seconded by Supervisor Novasel to Approve this matter and direct the Chief Administrative Officer and an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with SMUD and Forest Services to revisit revenue sharing and revenue generation on high impact tourists areas and return to the Board within two years to be reevaluated.

Yes: 5 - Veerkamp, Frentzen, Novasel, Hidahl and Parlin

Upper American River Project

1.1 Allocation of Use of Facilities and Water Storage. Among the El Dorado Parties the right to use SMUD's UARP facilities for the storage and delivery of water will be allocated as provided herein. 1.1.1 GDPUD. GDPUD will have the right to use the UARP facilities for the purpose of receiving Annual Deliveries of up to 10,000 acre-feet per year, as well as the right to any associated Seasonal Storage as "GDPUD Reserved Capacity." However, to the extent GDPUD is not making use of any portion of the GDPUD Reserved Capacity, then EID may make use of the UARP facilities reserved to GDPUD in addition to its rights provided under Sections 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 below without providing compensation to GDPUD. In the event that EID has actually used some portion of the GDPUD Reserved Capacity, EID will terminate its use of the GDPUD Reserved Capacity upon GDPUD's compliance with the following preconditions: (i) GDPUD will provide a preliminary notice to the Parties five (5) years prior to the date at which GDPUD intends to use the GDPUD Reserved Capacity, and (ii) GDPUD, upon the certification of an environmental review document required by CEQA or a successor statute for a project that will allow its use of its Reserved Capacity under this section, will provide a further notice of its intent to use the GDPUD Reserved Capacity at least eighteen (18) months before GDPUD intends to begin using the GDPUD Reserved Capacity.

Additional recommendations for our SMUD fund to make sure it remains earmarked for Watershed management, maintaining infrastructure for water conveyance, and that we keep involved along with EDCWA if the BOS renegotiate the contract agreement with SMUD as we are partners in this project,

I would like to thank our State legislators, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, and Senator Brian Dahlefor acknowledging the work of our District and their response in providing certificates for our two past board members.

I would like to welcome our two new Board members and look forward to working together to continue to improve the District and maintain our mission statement.

Michael Saunders,
Vice-President, GDPUD Board of Directors

GDPUD Closed Board Meeting Dec. 8, 2020, 2 pm

I am attaching the three following files to my comments today.

- 1. Former Board President Lon Uso and former GM Steve Palmer's Prop 218 rate study pic chart.**
- 2. Calculations of the Prop 218 water Revenue**
- 3. A pie chart showing calculations of the actual expenses from Jan 2018 through June 2020.**

I am requesting that the new board look into the Prop 218 rate increase before even thinking about starting a new rate increase. The majority of voters of the Divide want an audit of the District to verify the asset list and the expenditures of the District.

Thank you,

Cherie Carlyon



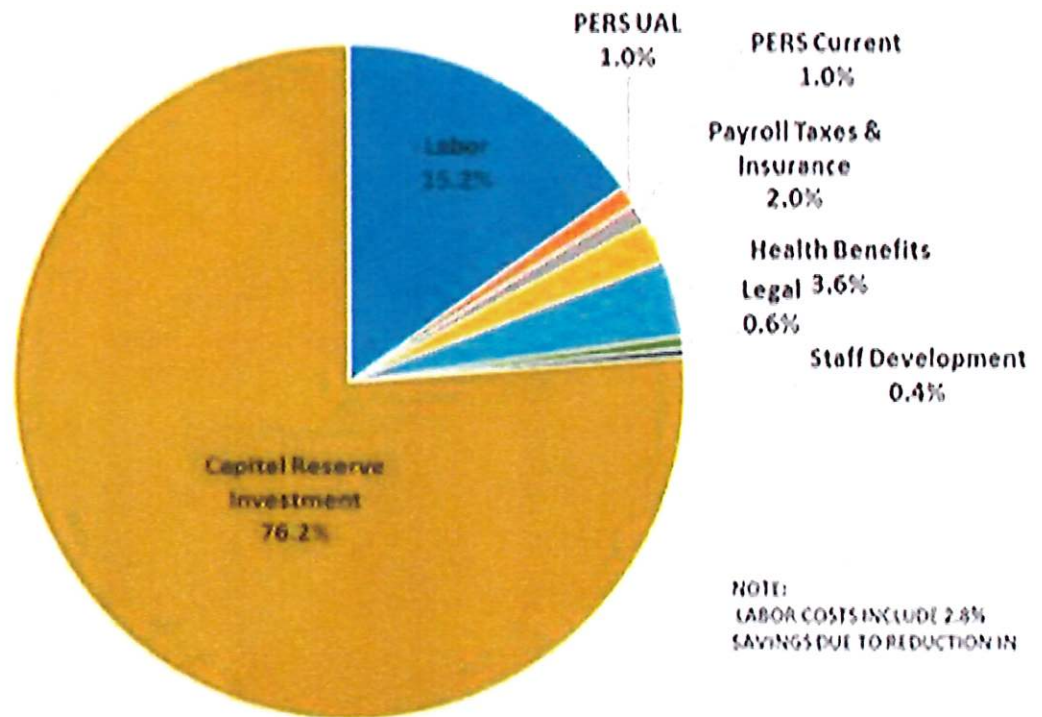
Lon Uso



🗨 Conversation Starter · October 18, 2017

In the spirit of full disclosure, I have asked the GM to provide a pie chart showing how the district intends to spend the proposed rate increases. You can see that by far, the great majority will be invested in maintaining, repairing and replacing of our aging infrastructure.

EXPENSE INCREASES FY16-17 VS. WATER RATE STUDY



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218 increased water revenue information from actual budget
 17, FY17-18, FY 18-19, & projected FY19-20 GDPUD budget

7 Base Rate of \$1,453,194 is the total water revenue prior to the 218 Rate Increase

	FY16-17 Base Rate	FY17-18 Actual	FY18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Projected
Labor Benefits Costs	\$1,453,194	\$2,460,347	\$2,758,477	\$2,735,605
Minus Base Rate -		\$1,453,194	\$1,453,194	\$1,453,194
Difference:		\$1,007,153	\$1,305,283	\$1,282,411

Total LABOR COSTS since rate increase: \$3,594,851 | % Spent on Labor costs: 86.

	FY16-17 Base Rate	FY17-18 Actual	FY18-19 Actual	FY19-20 Projected
Water Sales Revenues	\$1,556,442	\$2,440,493	\$3,143,417	\$3,232,775
Minus Base Rate -		\$1,556,442	\$1,556,442	\$1,556,442
Difference:		\$884,051	\$1,586,975	\$1,676,333

Total REVENUE since rate increase: \$4,147,363 | % Capital Reserve Investments: 13.

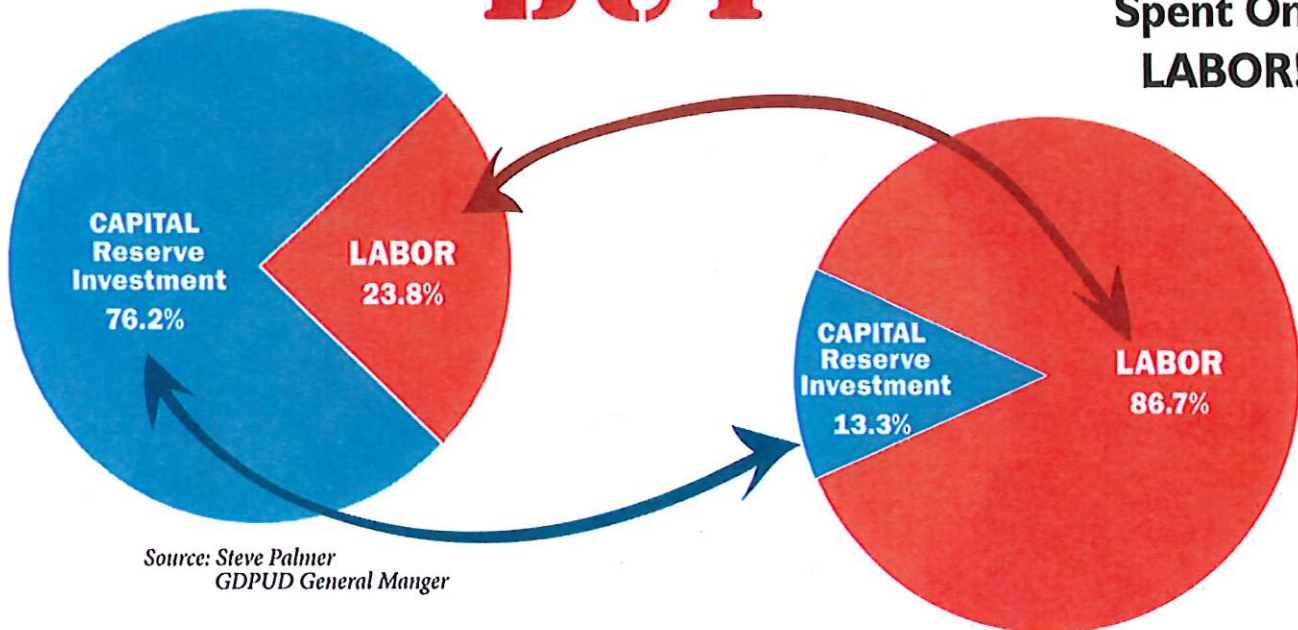
IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE TO THE GDPUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Voters Were Told That the Prop 218 Rate Increase Was Needed FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS . . .

... and that the Rate Increase Money Would Be Allocated Like This:

BUT

Most of the Rate Increase Money Has In Fact Been Spent On **LABOR!**



Source: Steve Palmer
GDPUD General Manger


Source: GDPUD Expenditure Reports
FY 2017-2020

ANOTHER RATE INCREASE TO PAY MOSTLY FOR LABOR?

THE GENERAL MANAGER HAS ANOTHER \$80,000 PLANNED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE NEXT PROP 218 RATE STUDY.

WHILE NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR A FOCUSED FINANCIAL AUDIT HAVE BEEN MADE . . . THEY HAVE BEEN IGNORED.

USPS Tracking Receipt for Letter sent to GDPUD General Manager & Board Members
 Signed for by Daryl Creeks 11/15/2020

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November 12, 2020

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
6425 Main Street
Georgetown, CA 95634

TO: Interim General Manager Jeff Nelson
Board President Dave Souza
Board Vice President Michael Saunders
Board Treasurer Cynthia Garcia

Board Member David Halpin
Board Member Dane Wadle
Board Member-Elect Mike Thornbrough
Board Member-Elect Mitch MacDonald

Immediate Remedy Requested

RE: 5861 State Highway 193, Georgetown
GDPUD Account #CLA0048 & Account #CLA0049

Dear General Manager and GDPUD Board Members,

Add our names to the growing list of community members who are questioning if the District adequately assessed the environmental impact of guniting of the irrigation ditch and/or did so without appropriate environmental review.

The referenced property has been a part of the Georgetown community since the 1930s when the original home was built here, and was owned by Delbert and Edye Beam from the 1970s into the 2000s. Delbert, Edye, and brothers Gary Beam and Ronnie Beam created Beam Field just north of the GDPUD offices, and started the Divide Recreation Society. The Delbert Beam Memorial Scholarship was created in his honor. An additional legacy left by the Beams are the 2 year round ponds on the property we now own that have been here for a half century. The story goes that the Beam boys, using the same type of equipment with which they built Beam Field, dug out the ponds in the 1970s, filled by water from an underground spring. The spring also filled an artesian well adjacent to the south pond, which was the home's original water source before connection to GDPUD treated water, evidenced by the now shut-off piping still in place.

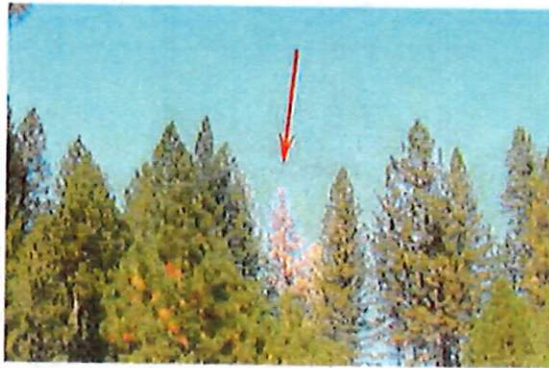
As of November 6th, just 36 days after the irrigation water was shutoff for the season, our property's ponds were rapidly draining away and the water level in the artesian well had dropped 21 inches. Now 6 days later they're even lower.

This Rapid Loss Is Unprecedented, and frankly we are panicked.

The pond's drainage pipes, installed to prevent overflow and drain under Highway 193 and normally just above the water line, are now exposed some 2 feet above it (*North Pond left photo, South Pond right photo*).



We are also seeing treetops on neighboring properties turning brown. Not the random branches turning color that indicates disease, but full-on top-to-bottom solid browning indicative of complete tree death.



These changes are alarming and do not bode well for community fire mitigation.

Since the gunting of the ditch that runs through our property is the only different factor from any other year, it is apparent that the gunting has interfered with naturally occurring water flows that have existed since before there was a Georgetown Divide Public Utility District and are habitat to fish, nesting geese and ducks, and deer as well as other wildlife. With the extreme rate that our property's ponds are draining away (*normal evaporation would occur at a less noticeable rate*), and that their water levels had remained constant through both plenty and drought years (*known by our own experience and supported with information from prior owners and neighbors*), it is apparent that these ponds are the middle ground of a much larger ecological system. The past month's water depletion illustrates that the water flow into our ponds through historic underground springs/seepages enabled the ponds to act as reservoirs, with their water continuing across Hwy 193 as headwater sources to creeks such as the Empire Creek or others (locations indicated by researching Divide maps dating back to 1873).

Without remedy, we surmise that as our ponds continue to drain, watersheds downstream may disappear as well. Additionally, the pond's importance to area habitats are indicated by their inclusion in the eWRIMS GIS mapping of National Wetlands Inventory, a program of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, as shown below:

SOURCE: https://waterrightsmaps.waterboards.ca.gov/viewer/index.html?viewer=eWRIMS.eWRIMS_gvh#







In light of the issues and concerns we've raised, we request that GDPUD immediately review and act on remedying our pond problem, as well as respond to these questions:

1. What criteria were used to determine that the section of irrigation ditch located on our property was to be guniting?
2. What assessments were made of the impact of guniting on area streambeds?
3. Can the community count on GDPUD to appropriately review this growing community issue, and our property specifically, to determine what course(s) of action can be taken to remedy the problems caused by guniting, and to protect our community from further environmental degradation and increased fire susceptibility?

We are prepared to investigate any and all avenues available to us to protect the value of both our property and its habitat from this issue's impact.

Sincerely,


Kristy McKay & 
Virginia Clark
Owners, 5861 State Highway 193, Georgetown CA 95634

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IMAGES
5861 State Highway 193, Georgetown, CA
NOVEMBER 2020



Kelly Molloy

From: Kristy M <kct@juno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Kelly Molloy
Subject: Re: 12-8-2020 GDPUD Board Meeting - Public Comment Document

Hello Kelly,

Checking to see that you received my message this morning and that the document has been added to today's Board Meeting record as requested, since I haven't heard back from you.

Thank you,
Kristy McKay

Kristy M <mailto:kct@juno.com>
Tuesday, December 08, 2020 10:07 AM
Hello Kelly,

1. Please include the attached 5-page document to today's meeting materials as part of the permanent record.
2. Please email it to each of the current board members and to both board members-elect.
3. Please email me a copy of the most current/revised agenda, including the hot link to the Zoom meeting.

Thank you,
Kristy McKay

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"A candle is a small thing.
But one candle can light another.
And see how its own light increases,
as a candle gives its flame to the other."

~ Moshe Davis ~