



MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Tuesday, September 6, 2022 2:00 PM

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Board Of Directors
6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634

Michael Saunders, President
Mitch MacDonald, Vice President
Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer
Donna Seaman, Director
Gerry Stewart, 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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1) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Saunders called the Board Meeting to order at 2:05 PM

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Director Stewart, Director Seaman, Director MacDonald (via phone), Director Thornbrough, President Saunders

President Saunders led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTIONED BY DIRECTOR STEWART TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. DIRECTOR THORNBROUGH SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: STEWART, SEAMAN, MACDONALD (VIA PHONE), THORNBROUGH, SAUNDERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: NONE

THE MOTION PASSED.

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

Bonnie Neeley commented on August 25, she had an interview from Adult Protective Services. There was an inquiry to determine if her competency, if not, her name should be taken off the voting records. She sent reports to Elections Office and Adult Protective Services. She believes it is related to the upcoming Board election. If the reports are considered fraudulent, she will turn it over to her attorney.

4) RECEIVE MONTHLY WATER DEMAND ASSESSMENT REPORT AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN (WSCP)

Adam Brown reported he looked at the current reservoir level with respect to water conservation mandates from the State. He presented a chart (attached) as to what the reservoir levels would be if the irrigation season were continued to the dates indicated on the chart.

President Saunders discussed fire mitigation measures and how it not only benefits the Divide community but surrounding areas such as Tahoe and Pollock Pines. He noted how the ponds just recently helped extinguish a fire in Cool. Irrigation feeds those ponds.

Further, we are within current State requirements for Level 2 conservation (10–20% reduction); we are at 15% for treated water. Our reservoir is above the annual average.

General discussion from Board members and the general public favored continuing irrigation for the full season.

Public Comments: Cherie Carlyon asked if the State was aware of the action the Board was taking and if the District could be fined.

Erin Dervin, Legal Counsel, noted it is within the Board's discretion to modify the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and noted the justification should focus on needs for firefighting purposes—the need to irrigate is a separate unrelated issue. If the WSCP is modified based on the urgency justification, we need to notify the Department of Water Resources with the revised plan within 30 days of the revision. There is a potential that if the Board is deciding based on extraneous justifications, then there could possibly be a fine. It is a risk the Board needs to consider.

Cherie Carlyon noted this is a short-term solution, we should be thinking long-term and the water available next year.

Director MacDonald thanked treated water customers with meeting State water reduction requirements helping make it possible for us to consider extending the irrigation for fire mitigation purposes.

Director Thornbrough stated the irrigation season should be moved to its normal end time, the end of September, for fire mitigation to protect the Divide community, as we have limited firefighting measures with our current water tank and hydrants supply, we rely on the ponds fed by the irrigation canals.

MOTIONED BY DIRECTOR THORNBROUGH TO END THE IRRIGATION SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 30. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SEAMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: STEWART, SEAMAN, MACDONALD (VIA PHONE), THORNBROUGH, SAUNDERS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: NONE

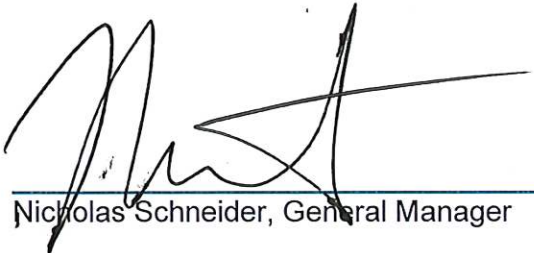
THE MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF DIRECTION: We need an inventory of the ponds we have in the District.

- 5) **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The next Regular Meeting is September 13, 2022, at 2:00 P.M.

MOTIONED BY DIRECTOR THORNBROUGH TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY DIRECTOR STEWART.

The motion passed by acclamation.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

10-18-22

Date

September Stumpy Meadows Storage Projections

	Full Service (ac-ft)	Minus Irrigation Irrigation Service (ac-ft)
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	16,422.5	N/A
Wednesday, September 14, 2022	16,033.6	16,283.6
Wednesday, September 21, 2022	15,644.7	16,144.6
Wednesday, September 28, 2022	15,255.8	16,005.7

Notes:

ac-ft = Acre Feet

Values are estimated

N/A - Not applicable