

# AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634 Monday, December 04, 2023

2:00 P.M.

#### **Irrigation Committee**

Alexandra Duarte Kristy McKay Fran Todd

#### **Board of Directors Liaison**

Donna Seaman Mike Thornbrough

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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• Provide reliable water supplies.

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Bill Threlkel, Vice Chair

Carla Sutton, Secretary

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- Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability are observed by balancing immediate and long-term needs.

**NOTICE**: This meeting will be held in accordance with Resolution 2021-50 of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District which allows the committee to meet with the provisions of the Brown Act as described in Assembly Bill 361, Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), and the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. This meeting will be physically open to the public. All members of the public also have the option to participate in the meeting via video conference at:

#### https://us02web.zoom.us/i/81129039058?pwd=c2t4d3NnUXZZb1dNVjczQzQzS21JUT09

Meeting ID: **811 2903 9058** and Password: **800609** or via teleconference by calling 1-669-900-6833 and will be given the opportunity to provide public comment. please note that any person attending via teleconference will be sharing the phone number from which they call in with the committee and the public.

The Irrigation Committee Chairperson is responsible for maintaining an orderly meeting.

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

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC FORUM - Any member of the public may address the Irrigation Committee on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the Irrigation Committee. Public members desiring to provide comments, must be recognized by the Committee Chairman, and speak from the podium. Comments must be directed only to the Irrigation Committee. The public should address the Irrigation Committee members during the public meetings as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Member, followed by the Committee member's individual last name.

The Irrigation Committee will hear communications on matters not on the agenda, but no action will be taken. No disruptive conduct shall be permitted at any Irrigation Committee meeting. Persistence in disruptive conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the Chairman, of that person's privilege of address.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 17, 2023
- 5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
  - A. Water Resources Update
- 6. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons
    - Possible Action: Identify season concerns and possible action referrals to the Board.
  - B. Discuss Annual Customer Communications and Forms
    - Possible Action: Discuss reformatting annual customer communication forms for irrigation service.
- 7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS
- 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT The Irrigation Committee set the 2nd Tuesday for regular committee meetings during the Irrigation season, and as needed or directed by the Board. The next regular Irrigation Committee meeting will be on January 9, 2023.

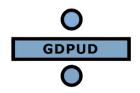
In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), this agenda was posted on the District's bulletin board at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District office, at 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on November 28, 2023.

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

11-28-23

Date

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# ACTION ONLY MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 2:00 P.M.

#### **Irrigation Committee**

**Board of Directors Liaison** 

Ray Griffiths, Chairman Bill Threlkel, Vice Chair Carla Sutton, Secretary Alexandra Duarte Kristy McKay Fran Todd Donna Seaman Mike Thornbrough

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A record of the complete proceedings is available in the recording posted to the District YouTube site: https://youtu.be/mlrHuWdJTq8

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

Chairman Griffiths called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Threlkel, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

**Absent:** Sutton

Chairman Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **Public Comment:**

No comments were received.

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

Chairman Griffiths called for the vote.

Ayes: Threlkel, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Naves: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

No public Comments were received.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 19, 2023

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comments were received.

Member McKay motioned to approve the minutes. Member Todd seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the vote.

Ayes: Threlkel, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Naves: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**A.** Water Resources Update

Operations Manager Adam Brown delivered the report highlights. The Stumpy Meadows Reservoir level is above average for this time of year.

#### 6. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comments were received.

#### **B.** Discuss Annual Customer Communications and Forms

The service application forms for both active and inactive customers were reviewed. The backflow certification customer letters were also reviewed.

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comments were received.

#### C. Develop Customer Irrigation Survey

The committee examined the cost-benefit of surveying ratepayers. Rate increases were discussed as a potential cause for the loss of irrigation customers/sales. Members examined the rate increase from the last Proposition 218 process and looked to integrate those findings into customer outreach. The Committee proposed customer outreach in targeted communications as opposed to conducting a survey. Communication of available inches was the focus with outreach to current and former irrigation customers.

#### **Public Comment:**

Steve Dowd Cherie Carlyon

### D. Approve the rescheduling of Regular November Irrigation Committee to a Special Meeting

Dates in both December and January were examined for a potential Committee meeting. December 4<sup>th</sup> was suggested as it would facilitate bringing the customer forms to the Board of Directors prior to their dispersal to the public.

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comments were received.

Member McKay Motioned to schedule the December 4<sup>th</sup> Special meeting of the Irrigation Committee. Member Threlkel seconded the motion.

Chairman Griffiths called for the vote.

Ayes: Threlkel, Todd, Duarte, McKay and Griffiths

Nayes: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There was a request that a receipt verification system be instituted confirming when irrigation applications have been received by the District.

#### 8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING

It was requested that the customer forms and letters be edited and submitted for Committee review in the next meeting.

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT –** The Irrigation Committee set the 2nd Thursday for regular committee meetings during the Irrigation season, and as needed or directed by the Board. The next regular Irrigation Committee meeting was determined at this meeting to be December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Member Threlkel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member McKay seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager	Date	_

## **GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT Operations Report for October 2023**

Presented to the Irrigation Committee by Operations Manager: Adam Brown

Informational Item December 4, 2023

**Sweetwater Treatment Plant** 

23.109 mg | 745.451 average gpd



Note: Full Pool - 21,206 acre feet | November 1, 2023 - 18,182 acre feet

#### **Treatment Operations**

#### **Walton Lake Treatment Plant**

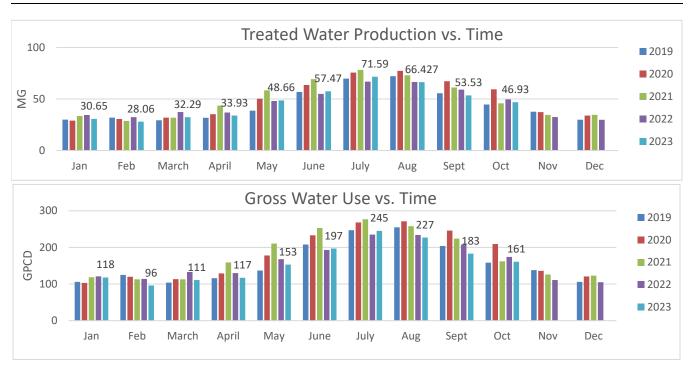
23.826 mg | 768,580 average gpd

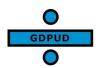
✓ No operational shutdowns

✓ Replaced Pump #3 Variable Frequency Drive Controller at Walton Lake

#### **Water Quality Monitoring:**

- ✓ All finished water was in compliance with drinking water standards.
- ✓ Collected routine bacteria distribution and quarterly disinfection by products samples.
- ✓ Distribution monitoring samples were absent of bacteriological contamination indicating adequate disinfection.





#### **GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

## Auburn Lake Trails Wastewater Management Zone Report for October 2023

NOAA's latest temperature outlook for November illustrates a warmer-than-average forecast for the northern tier of the U.S. and

Presented to the GDPUD Irrigation Committee by: Water Resource Manager Alexis Elliott

December 4, 2023

much of the far west. Wetter-than-average conditions are most likely in northern Alaska, some areas of the West from parts of California to the south-central Rockies. We fall under the above-average outlook for both temperatures and rainfall for the next month. Note: The El Nino cycle ended in 2019, and began Monthly Temperature Outlook again in 2023 refer to rainfall between 2019 and 2023. Valid: November 2023 Issued: October 19, 2023 Equal Chances Above (¥) Monthly Precipitation Outlook Above Valid: November 2023 Issued: October 31, 2023 Above Above Probability (Percent Chance) Above Equal 33-40% 33-40% 33-40% 50-60% 50-60% 70-80% 70-80% Equal **Below** Chances

#### **5 Year Rainfall History Per District Records**

Above

40-50%

50-60%

70-80%

80-90%

Probability (Percent Chance)

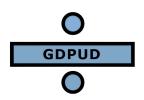
50-60%

70-80%

80-90%

Equal

Rainfall	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	14.66	8.05	15	0.33	1.23	0.07	0	0.17	0.68	2.76			42.95
2022	0.69	0.17	1.6	7.54	0.41	0.99	0	0	1.2	0.07	4.45	24.12	41.24
2021	9.10	4.72	4.30	0.14	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.93	14.29	2.84	16.59	52.94
2020	5.26	0.00	10.15	5.49	2.84	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.64	3.51	31.95
2019	10.00	18.09	6.89	2.02	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	0.40	1.88	11.13	58.21



### GEORGETOWN DIVIDE Public Utility District

P.O. Box 4240 GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA 95634-4320 Phone (530) 333-4354 FAX (530) 333-9442 gd-pud.org

December 31, 2023

### Seasonal Irrigation Service Application

To request Irrigation Service for the 2024 season, this COMPLETED APPLICATION must be received at the District Office NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024.

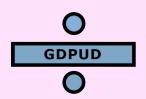
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- Irrigation Service Accounts are billed bi-monthly in advance.
- Billing will be adjusted accordingly if temporary shutoffs last more than 3 days or if the season is shortened or lengthened.
   Priority is given to accounts that were active in the immediate past season; then to parcels active within the past 5 years; then to new applications. Supply is limited the District may not be able to honor all requests.

2024 Seasonal Irrigation Rates Schedule				
1/2 Miner's Inch (pipelines only)	\$77.00 per month			
1 or more Miner's Inch	\$154.20 per Miner's Inch per month			
1 Miner's Inch (M.I.) is EQUAL TO:	<ul> <li>♦ 11.22 gallons / minute</li> <li>♦ 67.3 gallons / hour</li> <li>♦ 16,157 gallons / day</li> <li>♦ 2,500,000 gallons per 5 month season</li> </ul>			

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#### 2024 SEASONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE APPLICATION - Return by 3/1/2024

All information must be provided in the required fields below for application to be considered complete.				Please Check One ☑
Assessor's Parcel #				RENEWAL: No Changes
Billing Name				(Same as Last Year)
Service Address				_ ` _ `
City & Zip				RENEWAL:
Phone #				Change Requested
Email				From:" to"
Billing Address				
City, State Zip			_	
rrigation Water Use				
Oo you supply a pond with irrigation water?  s your property served by treated water?		Type of 0	Crop & Acreage: _	/ Total # Acres Irrigated:
Office Use Only:  ☐ WSP ☐ Incode			* By signing & reto contract for Irrigati accordance with O * Applicant Sig	urning this form, I am renewing my ion Water for the 2024 season in Irdinance 2023-04. Inature



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District records indicate your parcel formerly received irrigation water, but is no longer active. If interested in renewing service for the 2024season, this COMPLETED APPLICATION must be received at the District Office NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024.

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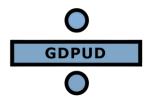
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	ormation must be provided or application to be consider	Please indicate # of Miner's Inches requested.	
Assessor's Parcel #		_	D NEW OFFINIOR
Billing Name			NEW SERVICE:
Service Address			Inches Requested ="
City & Zip			* Supply is limited and the
Phone #			District may not be able to honor
Email			all requests.
Billing Address			
City, State Zip		_	
Do you supply a por with irrigation wat Is your property serving by treated wat	$ \begin{array}{c}                                     $	otal # Acres Managed: ype of Crop & Acreage: ype of Livestock:	/ Total # Acres Irrigated:
Office Use Or		renew my contract	



# GEORGETOWN DIVIDE Public Utility District PHONE (530) 333-4356

GEORGETOWN, CALIFORNIA 95634-4240

FAX (530) 333-4356

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Dear Irrigation Customer,

In accordance with Cross Connection Control regulations, you are required to have your backflow preventer tested annually by an American Water Works (AWWA) Backflow Assembly Tester.

If your backflow device has not have been certified within twelve months from the start of 2024 irrigation season (May 1, 2024) the device will need to be certified.

Backflow certifications are required to be submitted to the District before May 1, 2024. Failure to do so will result in withholding of irrigation water.

By Mail/Dropoff: 6425 Main Street

Georgetown, CA 95634

By Email: <a href="mailto:crossconnection@gd-pud.org">crossconnection@gd-pud.org</a>

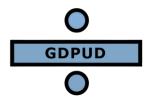
The District has complied a contractors list of certified testers, which is enclosed and is located on the District's website at <a href="https://www.gd-pud.org/files/02f106d31/Backflow+Contractors.pdf">https://www.gd-pud.org/files/02f106d31/Backflow+Contractors.pdf</a> or at the District's office. The list has been provided for your convenience only; the District does not make recommendations.

For reference, the full text of the Districts cross connection ordinance 91-05 is available on the Districts website <a href="http://www.gd-pud.org/ordinances">http://www.gd-pud.org/ordinances</a> or at the District office 6425 Main St. Georgetown, CA 95634.

A list of frequently asked questions can be found on the District's website at <a href="https://www.gd-pud.org/cross-connection-control-program-faqs">https://www.gd-pud.org/cross-connection-control-program-faqs</a>. Please contact Adam Brown, Operations Manager with additional questions at (530) 333-4356, ext. 110.

Sincerely,

Adam Brown
Operations Manager



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#### Dear Irrigation Customer,

In accordance with Cross Connection Control regulations and as an irrigation customer you are required to install an approved reduced pressure principle backflow assembly on your treated water supply.

As an irrigation water supply customer, this alternative water source presents a potential backflow hazard to the public water supply. To correct this condition, the District requires the following:

• Installation of an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly on your potable water line immediately downstream from the treated water meter. All backflow assemblies shall be installed per District specifications as adopted from State of California guidelines found at <a href="https://fccchr.usc.edu/downloads/List/list.pdf">https://fccchr.usc.edu/downloads/List/list.pdf</a>.

#### Common backflow devices include:

Manufacturer	Model	Size
Wilkins	975XL2	3/4"
Watts	LF009M3PCQT	3/4"
Apollo	RPLF4A	3/4"

Typical installation and approved clearances are printed below:

The device will need to be installed and certified prior to the 2024 irrigation season. Irrigation water will be withheld until completion. All backflow assemblies are required to be certified upon installation and annually by an American Water Works Association (AWWA) Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester and results submitted to the District The District has complied a contractors list of certified testers, which is enclosed and is located on the District's website at <a href="https://www.gd-pud.org/files/02f106d31/Backflow+Contractors.pdf">https://www.gd-pud.org/files/02f106d31/Backflow+Contractors.pdf</a> or at the District's office. The list has been provided for your convenience only; the District does not make recommendations. As the homeowner, you may hire the handyman or contractor of your choice but be sure to check for the appropriate licensing and qualifications.

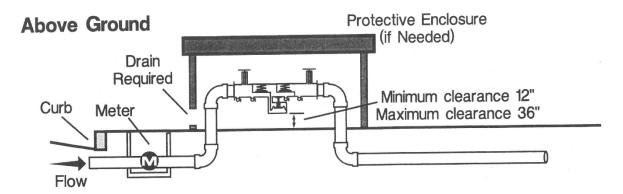
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#### **Typical installation**



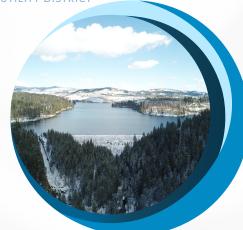


GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PULIC UTILITY DISTRICT



## 2024 IRRIGATION **SEASON**

The 2024 Irrigation Season application period is approaching. Irrigation Applications are due at the District Office not later than March 1, 2023. Miner's Inches are available in your area.





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## IRRIGATION INFORMATIONAL UPDATE:

#### MINER'S Inches Available

There are available Miner's Inches in your area. Applications are due by March 1st. To add inches or request new service submit an application. Supply is limited and the District may not be able to honor all requests.



The Board of Directors recently adopted Ordinance 2023-04 Irrigation Rules and Regulations for service. The ordinance is available for review @ qd-pud.org/irrigation service



#### **IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**



The Irrigation Committee meets monthly during season and throughout the year. Customers and residents are invited to attend, the committee serves as a direct line of communication for the community. The Committee currently has an opening. Interested irrigation customers are welcome to apply. Submissions of interest may be emailed to the General Manager Nicholas Schneider:

nschneider@gd-pud.org