

## MINUTES

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

### Irrigation Committee

Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2022  
2:00 P.M.

#### Finance Committee

Ray Griffiths, Chairman  
Bill Threlkel, Vice Chairman  
Carla Sutton, Secretary  
Fran Todd

Alexandra Duarte  
Kristy McKay  
Eric Mead

#### Board of Directors Liaison

Donna Seaman  
Gerry Stewart

### MISSION STATEMENT

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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

Chairman Griffiths called the Board Meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

### ROLL CALL:

**Committee Members Present:** Griffiths, Threlkel, Sutton, McKay, Duarte,

**ABSENT:** Mead, Todd

**Chairman Griffiths led in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

## 2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Carla Sutton motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. Bill Threlkel seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken:**

**Aye:** Threlkel, Sutton, Duarte, and Chairman Griffiths

**Nay:** NONE

**Abstention:** McKay

**Absent:** Mead, Todd

**The motion CARRIED**

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

### 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES—September 15, 2022

Carla Sutton motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda. Bill Threlkel seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote was taken:**

**Aye:** Threlkel, Sutton, Duarte, and Chairman Griffiths

**Nay:** NONE

**Abstention:** McKay

**Absent:** Mead, Todd

**The motion CARRIED**

### 5) IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Board Report – Chairman Ray Griffiths. No report.

### 6) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Water Resources: None

B. Operations Report:

Adam Brown noted a recent survey measured Stumpy Meadows at 21,206 acre feet as opposed to 20,000 acre feet due to more accurate measuring technology. There was no irrigation in October. Production numbers for the treatment plants has been consistent with previous years.

C. November Water Assessment — Fire Statistics

Adam Brown reported that since the drought was declared in June, we have been monitoring our water use. Our Water Year Assessment shows treated water and raw water deliveries decreased between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 water year while the percent of water delivered that was put to beneficial use, treated and irrigation delivery, increased. The District saw an approximate 723 acre foot increase in water available for future use.

A water budget was prepared for water year 2022/2023. Utilizing current supply, projected demand, available climate forecast and the District's forecast tool, expected inflow into Stumpy Meadows is estimated to range between 7,799 and 116,028 acre feet (ac-ft). Results indicate there is an 80 percent chance 2022/2023 Stumpy Meadows inflow will meet District demands and therefore it is anticipated no water delivery restrictions for the 2023 water season. Currently, we are at 75% of capacity. Last year at this time, we were only at 50% of capacity.

**Public Comment:** A question from the public asked when a possible extension of the irrigation season due to the fire season would be discussed. General Manager Nicholas Schneider replied it would not be addressed until February or March when we know the water outlook and water usage.

### 7) ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Ordinance 2005-01 recommend Changes to Board  
See attached Ordinance with proposed changes.

**Public Comment:** Ray Paul expressed support for starting the season May 15<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to extend the use of water to cover the dry season and for fire season.

Alexandra Duarte asked how much choice does GDPUD have in determining the season and how much is mandated by the State. Nicholas Schneider replied it is not the season that is mandated, it is the amount of water that is utilized. We must be as efficient with the water as possible.

Director Seaman asked about a notification system when the water needs to be shut off. Adam Brown indicated notifications are sent out through WaterSmart for major issues and perhaps should be sent out for smaller shutoffs. Customers need to sign up for WaterSmart.

Rena Devonne asked about notifications on shared accounts. Nicholas Schneider noted notifications are sent to account owners and without contact information, we cannot send a notification. Adam Brown stated we also post notifications on Facebook.

Carla Sutton suggested irrigation customers be allowed to share their water with their neighbors, stating full responsibility for the account remain with the irrigation customer. Nicholas Schneider noted sharing irrigation water is only done by written approval of the Board of Directors through a specific resolution of the Board.

Cherie Carlyon noted the amount of ditch water being sold is down since the rate increase four years ago.

**Bill Threlkel motioned to continue the review of Ordinance 2005-01 and make recommendation to Board. Alexandra Duarte seconded the motion.**

**Roll call vote was taken:**

**Aye:** Threlkel, Duarte, McKay, and Chairman Griffiths

**Nay:** NONE

**Abstention:** Sutton

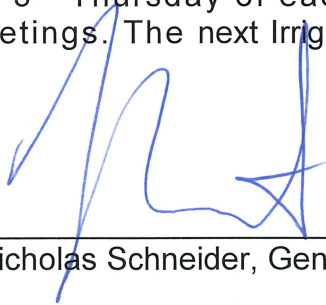
**Absent:** Mead, Todd

**The motion CARRIED**

**8) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

- A. Final Review of Proposed Ordinance Changes for Board Approval
- B. Review Water Resources and recommend Season Start/End dates.
- C. State Mandates for Water in 2023—Climate Conditions and Water Regulations (if available)
- D. Video RE: care; Outreach video
- E. Review Application

**9) NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The Irrigation Committee set the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM for regular committee meetings. The next Irrigation Committee Meeting will be set for February 16, 2023.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager



Date