

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**

6425 Main Street,
Georgetown, California 95634

TUESDAY, October 21, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

Irrigation Committee

Kristy McKay, Chair
Fran Todd, Vice Chair
Carla Sutton, Secretary
Alexandra Duarte

Ray Griffiths
Bill Threlkel
John Onusko

Board of Directors Liaison

Donna Seaman
Andy Fisher

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- **By Email:** Send your comment to jbuckle@gd-pud.org
- **By Mail:** Address your comment to the Clerk of the Board, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634

Please state the meeting date and agenda item number(s) your public comment(s) apply to. For further information, please contact the Office/Finance Manager at jbuckle@gd-pud.org.

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 Chair 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 Chair, Vice Chair, 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 Chair, of that person's privilege of address.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 9-16-2025 Regular Committee Meeting

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- **Water Resource Report**

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss Cherry Acres pipeline and potential fixes

- **Possible Action:** Continue to develop a solution to the issue of inconsistent water supply to the pipeline

B. Discuss the progress regarding the LAFCO process adding the out of district customers into the GDPUD boundaries.

- **Possible Action:** Provide a status update on the current LAFCO process

C. Discuss moving the Irrigation application process to include a digital submission option.

- **Possible Action:** Develop recommendations for providing a digital option to apply for irrigation services

D. Discuss 2025 Customer Irrigation Survey Preliminary Feedback and Public Forum

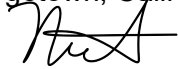
- **Possible Action:** Develop recommendations for a public forum for irrigation customers

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 3rd 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 November 18, 2025.

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 October 16, 2025.

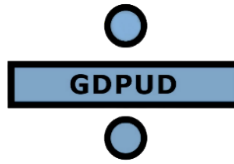


Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

10-16-25

Date

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**MINUTES
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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson McKay called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM

Roll Call:

Present Committee and Liaisons: Griffiths, McKay, Onusko, and Sutton; BOD President Seaman

Absent: Duarte, Threlkel, and Todd

Chairperson McKay led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Griffiths motioned to adopt the agenda; Member Sutton the motion.

Ayes: Griffiths, McKay, Onusko, and Sutton

Noes: None

Motion carries

Public Comment:

None

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 3-18-2025 Regular Committee Meeting

Member Griffiths motioned to approve the March 18, 2025, minutes; Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Ayes: Griffiths, McKay, Onusko, and Sutton

Noes: None

Motion carries

B. 7-15-2025 Regular Committee Meeting

Member Sutton motioned to approve the July 15, 2025, minutes; Member Griffiths seconded the motion.

Ayes: Griffiths, McKay, Onusko, and Sutton

Noes: None

Motion carries

Public Comment

None

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss Issues on Cherry Acres service line and potential solutions.

Nicholas Schneider and Adam Brown visited the Cherry Acres irrigation site and are developing a plan to extend the water capacity in this area. Schneider stated that the District is still working on easements and property access. Schneider presented pictures of the service area. The Cherry Acres area includes nine customers and 13" of water.

Member Onusko inquired about the issues regarding the supply and debris clogging the screens. Schneider and Brown explained how the screens work on the supply boxes.

To expand the holding reservoir and service box capacity, we would need to gain permission and access to the private property in the area surrounding the mouth of the services. Engineering and CEQA services will be utilized to come up with the best plan.

Board Liaison Seaman questioned the easements. Schneider states that we have a maintenance easement, not an expansion easement.

Public Comment

Cherie Carlyon

B. 2025 Customer Irrigation Survey Preliminary Feedback and Public Forum Location

The District received 5 surveys after the presentation was developed. Nicholas Schneider presented the PowerPoint presentation of the thirty-four survey results. Chairperson McKay inquired about addressing the mud that tends to clog irrigation systems. Seaman requested that when maintenance is performed, a WaterSmart notification be sent out to irrigation customers.

McKay asked out the forum and if the District has reached out to the Chamber of Commerce. Schneider confirmed he had reached out but had not heard back.

Schneider addresses the comment on number 8 asking to send out email notices when applications are sent out. We can send WaterSmart notices to all irrigation customers. We are continuing to work with the local fire departments and the Chamber of Commerce to secure a date and location.

McKay suggested that we display the survey results digitally and on posters/sign boards. Invite irrigation customers to begin of season meetings.

Public Comment
None

7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS
None

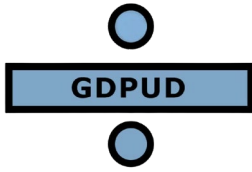
8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
1. Forum updates if needed
2. Cancel October meeting due to forum event.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT - The Irrigation Committee set the third (3rd) 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 October 21, 2025 (tentative).

Member Onusko motioned to adjourn the meeting; Member Sutton seconded.
Chairperson McKay adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

Date



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Seasonal Irrigation Service Application

To request irrigation service for the 2025 season, this **COMPLETED APPLICATION**

Must be received at the District office **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2025**

- Irrigation Service generally runs May to October
- Specific start/end dates are determined and announced in April of each year based upon water availability, among other factors.
- Operating dates may also be adjusted at any time during the season with notice.
- Irrigation allotments require 24 hours per day usage.
- Irrigation services 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 and the District may not be able to honor all requests.**

2025 Seasonal Irrigation Rates Schedule	
1/2 Miner's Inch (pipelines only)	\$88.46 per month
1 or more Miner's Inch	\$176.92 per Miner's Inch per month
1/2 Miner's Inch (out of district)	\$145.19 per month
1 or more Miner's Inch (out of district)	\$290.38 per Miner's Inch per month
1 Miner's Inch (M.I.) is EQUAL TO:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ 11.22 gallons / minute ⊙ 67.3 gallons / hour ⊙ 16,157 gallons / day ⊙ 494,000 gallons / month ⊙ 2,500,000 gallons per 5-month season

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2025 SEASONAL IRRIGATION SERVICE APPLICATION – Return by 3/1/2025

All information must be provided in the required field below for application to be considered complete.		Please Check One:
Assessor's Parcel #	Pre-filled	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL No Changes (Same as Last Year)
Billing Name	Pre-filled	
Service Address	Pre-filled	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL Change Requested From : ____" to ____"
City & Zip	Pre-filled	
Phone #	Pre-filled	
Email	Pre-filled	OFFICE USE ONLY: <input type="checkbox"/> WSP <input type="checkbox"/> INCODE
Billing Address	Pre-filled	
City, State Zip	Pre-filled	

Irrigation Water Use

- Do you supply a pond with irrigation water? Yes No
- Is your property served by treated water? Yes No

Total # Acres Managed: ____ Total Acres Irrigated: ____
 Type of Crop & Acreage: _____
 Type of Livestock: _____

Pre-filled with mailing address

***By signing & returning this form, I am renewing my contract for Irrigation Water for the 2025 season in accordance with Ordinance 2023-04.**

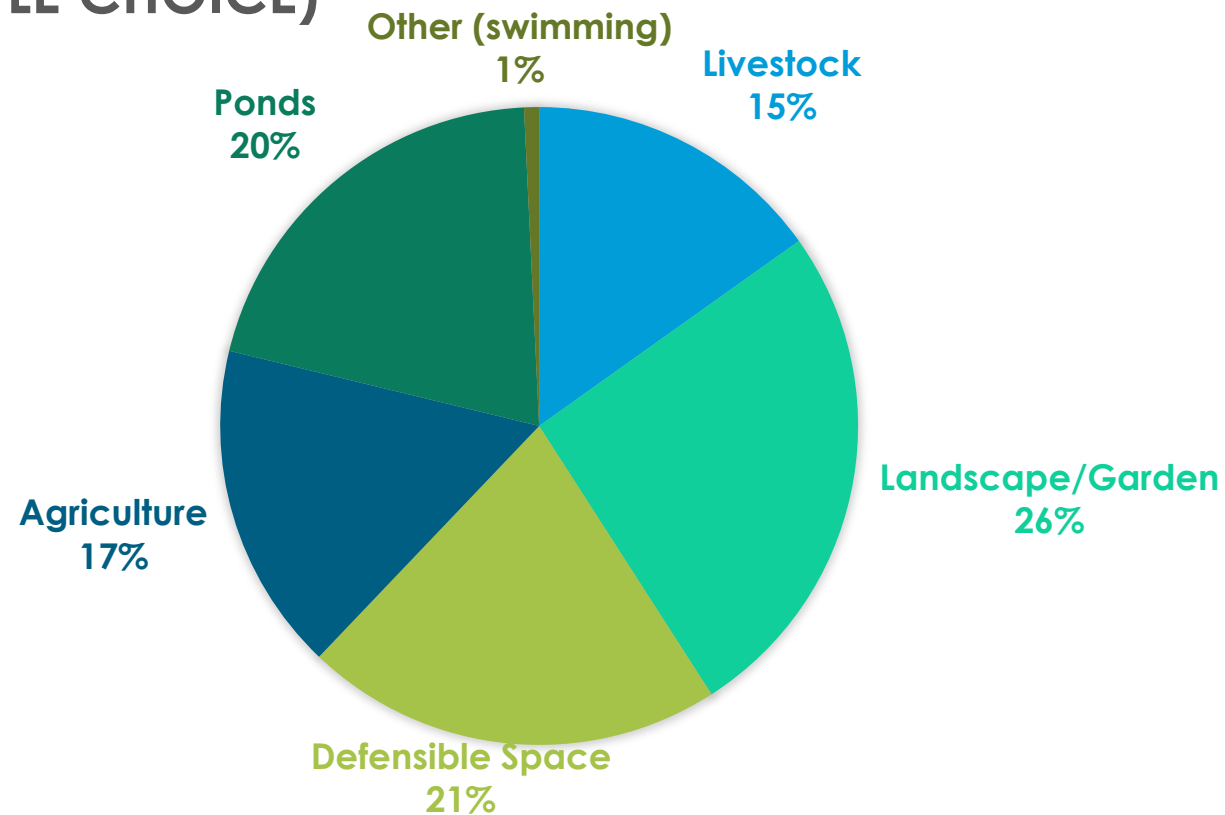
Applicant Signature & Date

2025 Irrigation Service Customer Preliminary Survey Results

Updated 10/15/2025

1. How do you use your irrigation water?

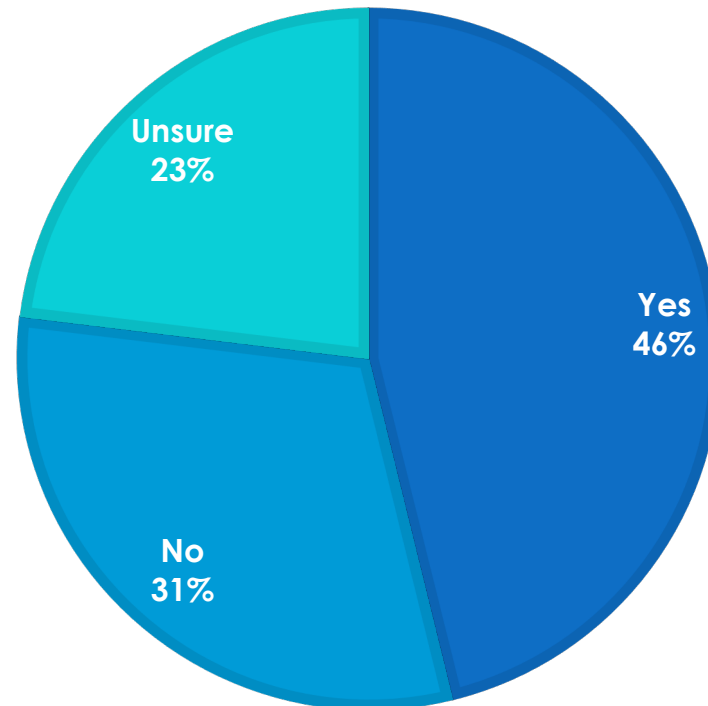
39 RESPONSES (MULTIPLE CHOICE)



2. If you have a pond on your property, is it possible for fire vehicles/personnel to easily reach it in the event of an emergency for fighting fires?

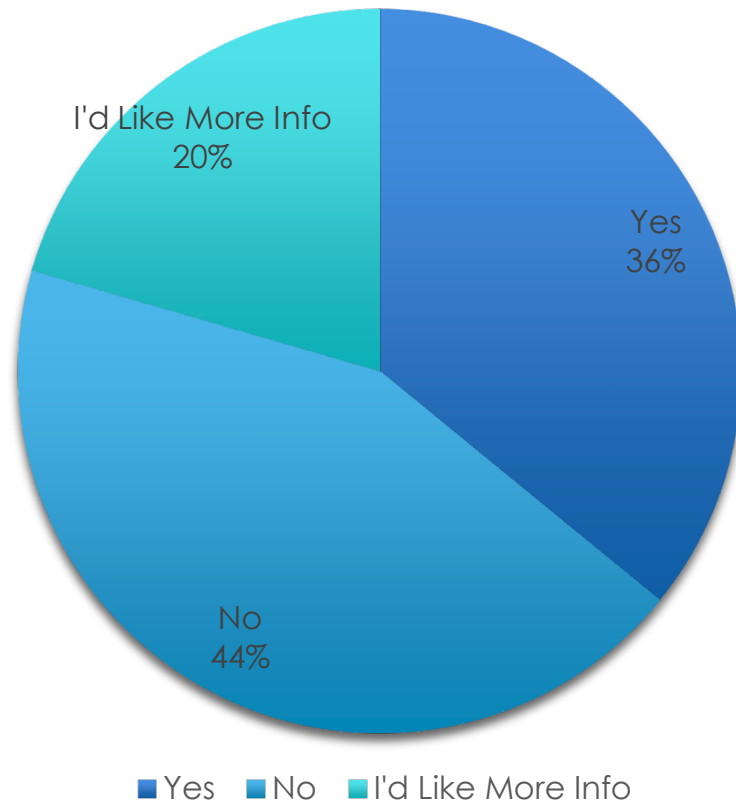
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■ Yes ■ No ■ Unsure



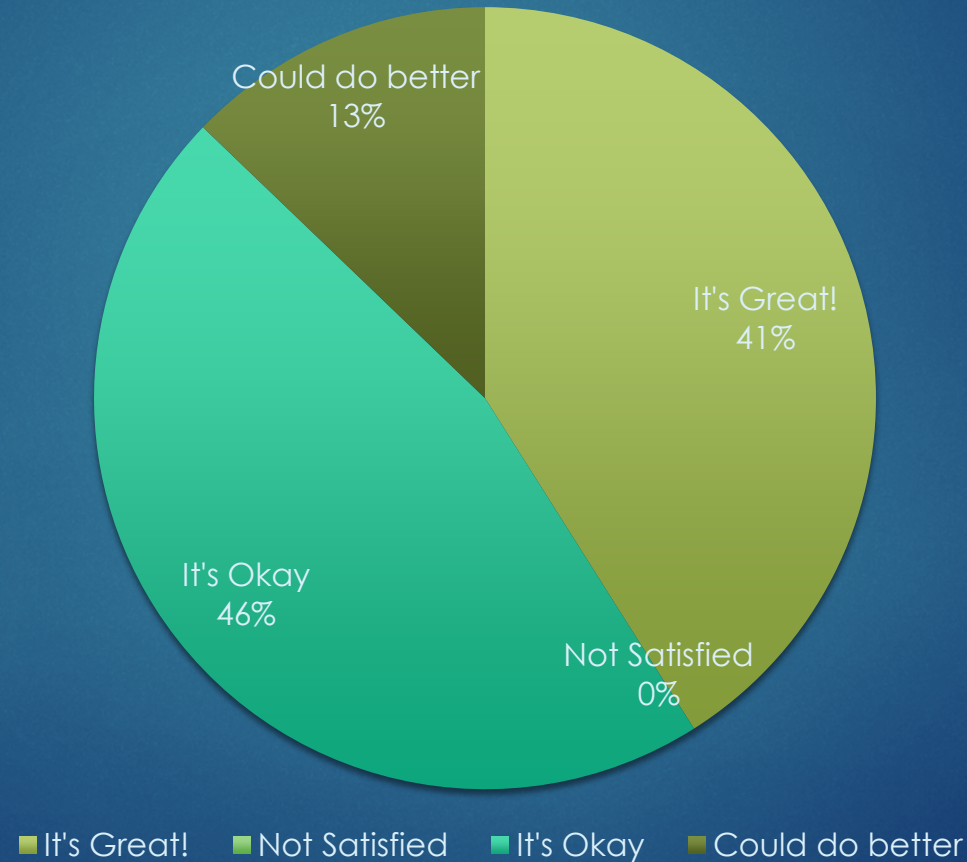
2.b. Would you like to be contacted to include your pond in the Fire mapping system to allow such access?

39 Responses



3. Please rate your irrigation service overall

39 Responses



3.b. Why did you choose this rating? (1/3)

It's Great! (12 responses)

Grateful to have the ditch water to keep everything green during the summer

water is always there and available during prescribed season

all personnel are always so helpful

Water is available and relatively clean.

Because it is reliable and whenever there is a problem you respond quickly.

Water is the most precious natural resource available. GDPUD has been reliable with the service for decades and provides good customer service every time we've needed it.

super reliable

If we had to use treated water to replace our irrigation water use of 24 years it would be very expensive.

This year the water has been consistent and appropriate

things are going well this year

I am completely satisfied with the application and service. No reason to change anything

Mgmt is responsive

service is reliable and consistent

3.b. Why did you choose this rating? (2/3)

It's Okay.. (16 Responses)

Good response from the crew when we have pressure variants.

I cannot fully utilize the water I receive.

I wish the season was longer

I have to have someone clean it out every year because of debris. I have to unclog screens and sprinkler heads regularly. Also, lots of snails growing from it.

I would like the season to run April through October.

I have to check the flow everyday.

The water stopped flowing for a few weeks and when I called, they said they went out and raised the gate for flow, but they did not do it for 4 more days.

A lot of debris at the beginning of the season hampered our sprinklers badly

Would like to have the system able to be extended in fire conditions warrant.

Brian is great and responsive, but I have noticed that our water lacks in appropriate pressure

the water can become very dirty making it hard for certain irrigation devices as they get clogged even with filters.

Better pressure

price increases are too high

price

There are periodic issues with water flow due to debris in the ditch

3.b. Why did you choose this rating? (3/3)

It Could be Better. (5 Responses)

Irrigation and potable water pressure SUCKS

Water flow seems low and slow for refilling my pond

It is expensive

It should be year-round, season is too short

Failures to adequately maintain system. Driving by does not correct the problem

Not Satisfied (no responses)

4. Do you have any suggestions for improving the irrigation service?

Yes = 19 Responses	No = 20 Responses
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	Water flow seems low and slow for refilling my pond
	It is expensive
	It should be year-round, season is too short
	Failures to adequately maintain system. Driving by does not correct the problem
	It would be nice if the ditch flow didn't fluctuate so much.
	Do what you say or don't say it.
	Longer water season , higher flow rates
	Enforce your regulations regarding my neighbor using the GDPUD pond as his family fun swim recreation site.
	Cheaper!
	Continue as you are
	check water pressure in addition for fire protection clear piles left along main line adjacent to and across from our property
	Service should be year-round. At least April to December, to fully serve the growing season.
	less dirt in the water would be ideal
	Lower the rates
	Have crews cleaning and clearing debris from easement
	Hire more staff to perform necessary maintenance to keep the water flowing.
	line the ditches so they don't leak as much; have an online system for verifying backflow inspections. One year there was a breakdown in communication with our inspection service and GDPUD and our irrigation water was not turned on and no one alerted us to the problem.

5. Is the current Irrigation Ordinance fair and reasonable? 5.b. How would you improve it?

Yes = 27 Responses No = 12 Responses

Have GDPUD held accountable for damages caused by their failing equipment.

Look into ways to increase pressure or Decrease the cost for those of us that have nearly zero pressure as our benefits are severely reduced

Why do I have a back flow and neither of my neighbors do ?

I want more time to pay before shut off

The ordinance assumes that ditchwater serves no purpose for the community. That is false. The irrigated lands are a fire protection barrier, and any ponds or essential to firefighting. My paws and open land have been used frequently by Cal fire, especially in the recent Sligar fire, which, if not stopped, would have threatened Georgetown

Yes other than for Section 2b which should be reviewed

Have calculations available for gpd and a mechanism for reimbursement

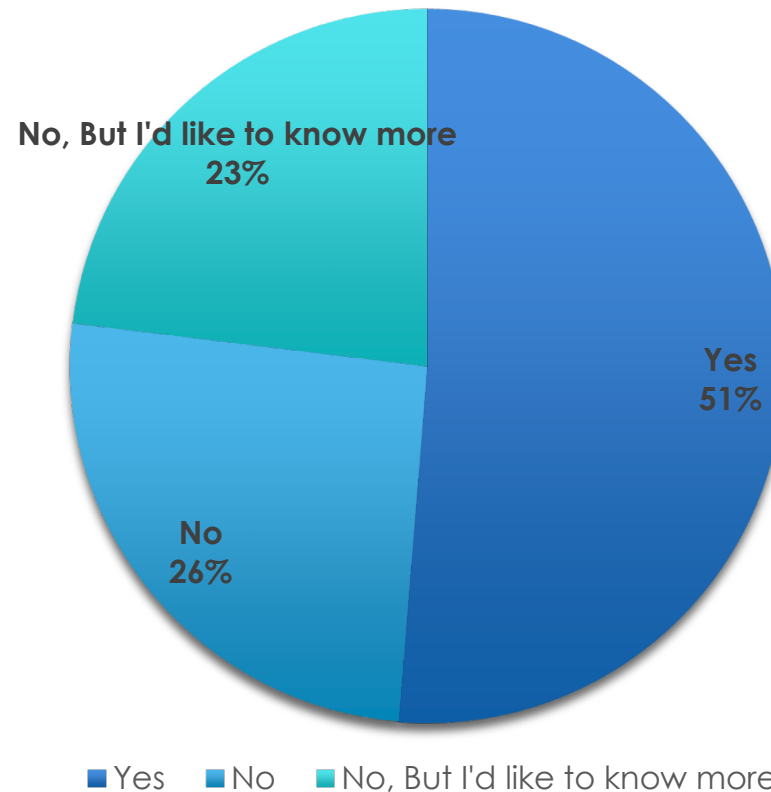
replace current leadership

The Ordinance should be reviewed to determine whether it reflects current policies.

The paragraph on entering privately owned land (for inspection, maint. Etc) should explicitly include wording that details the need for prior notification

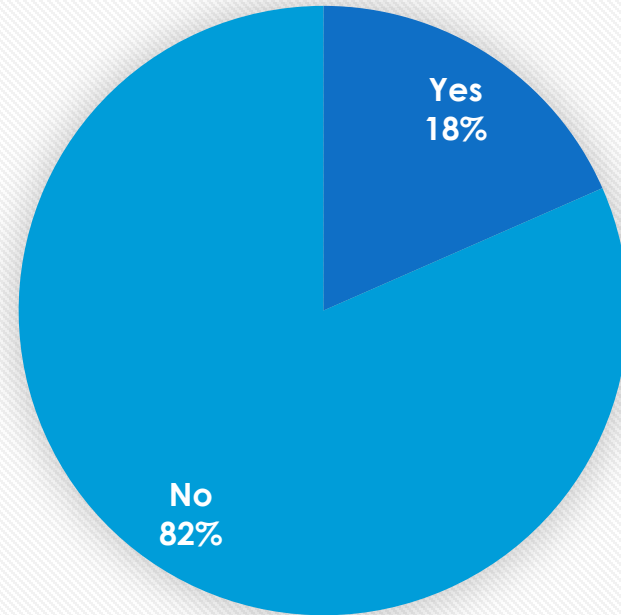
6. Are you aware you can pre-pay for your service to make budgeting easier?

39 Responses



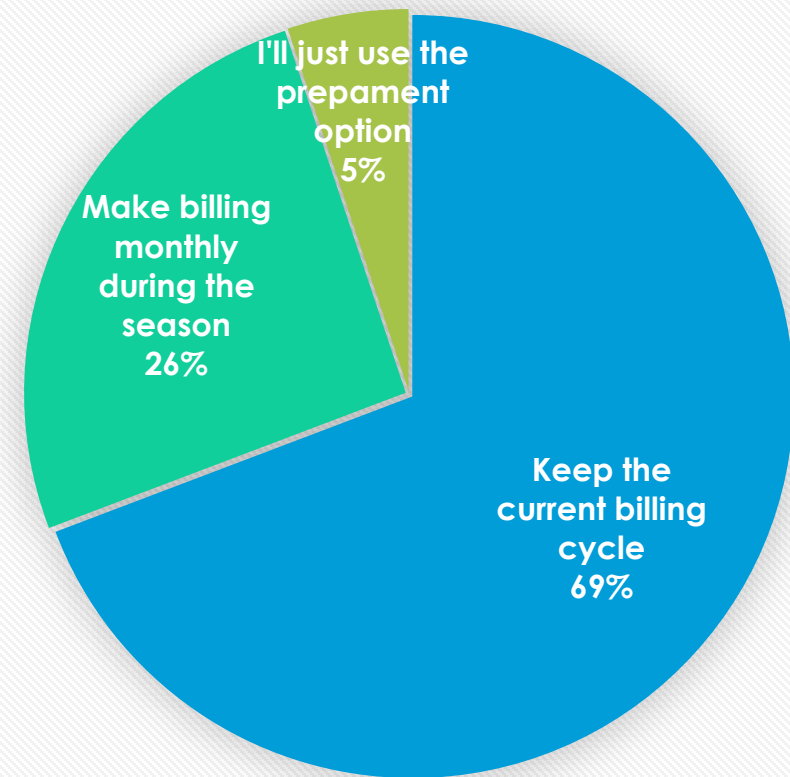
7.a. Would changing the billing cycle help you budget for Irrigation service?

39 Responses



■ Yes ■ No

7.b. If Yes,
which
option
would you
prefer?



- Keep the current billing cycle
- Make billing monthly during the season
- I'll just use the prepayment option

8. If you applied for Irrigation in the last few years, was the initial application process simple, and was the form easy to fill out? How would you improve the application process?

Yes = 31 Responses

No = 8 Responses

GPUD should send a copy out and alert by email so we don't miss the deadline. I am travelling often.

A pre irrigation meeting to go over storage location and service flows ETC...

Donde not apply

I have received irrigation water since mid 1990s. The application of that time was simple. I do not know what the current application process is.

Not applicable

the last 2 questions do not need to have a response. 7b (if yes) and 8a in the last few years. I only answered so the form would be submitted.

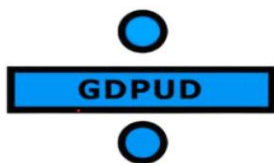
Of course and exception should be made in the case of emergencies.



OCTOBER 28, 2025 5:00PM TO 8:00PM GDPUD RAW WATER FORUM AND INFORMATION FAIR

Please Join Us!!

The community is invited to join GDPUD and its partners to learn more about irrigation service and how we are helping to protect against future fires.



**LOCATION:
GARDEN VALLEY FIRE
STATION
4860 MARSHALL RD
GARDEN VALLEY, CA**

**LEARN ABOUT FIRE
PROTECTION AROUND
THE DIVIDE**

**HOW CAN YOU HELP
US?**

**FIND OUT THE RESULTS
OF THE SURVEY!**

FOOD AVAILABLE

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