



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

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

**AUGUST 11, 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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Out of respect for the meeting and others in attendance, please turn off all cell phones or put in the silent mode.

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.

1) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS Jeff Nelson, Interim General Manager, Barbara Brenner, Legal Council
PRESENT:

2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, WADLE, HALPIN, GARCIA, SAUNDERS

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

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

Mr. Tony Franco spoke about Georgetown Creek drying up. He requested information about the gunniting of the creek. He referred to the GDPUD mission statement, specifically number three, which states promotes stewardship to protect community resources, public health and quality of life. He said at the last meeting, he made note of the exemption that was given to be able to gunnite the ditch. He said there was an exemption for the environmental impact review. He said the reasons that GDPUD gave for the exemption was a categorical exemption code C1-15301. He said the reasons given for exemption were that the project was repair and maintenance, minor alteration of existing public water facility that will not expand the current use of the raw water delivery system. Project activity would not be expected to contribute to significant cumulative impact to the environment, nor are there unusual circumstances that would lead to a significant impact on the environment and does not involve a state scenic highway. He is requesting to see the environmental reporting information prior to the next meeting. He said he wants to see where the project has no impact on the environment aside from the gunning of the ditch. He wants to know what agency signed off on the project to give

GDPUD the exemption to gunnite the ditch. He said whether it be Fish and Wildlife, or the Water Board or Water the Resources Control Board. He said he provided reports showing that the Georgetown Creek relies on the seepage or leakage of the ditch to survive. The creek is now 100% dead. Poverty Creek is trickling. He said Poverty Creek does have fish in it, and they are alive. Poverty Creek does rely on Georgetown Creek. He said once the ditch is lined above Poverty Creek, there will be another environmental impact, which he says is in direct opposition to GDPUD's mission statement. He said he was requesting the documents to see how that exemption was granted and what work went into it to say there was not going to be an environmental impact.

Mr. Stephen Dowd said he was at Stumpy Meadows. He said he saw a boat leaking gas, and he said the water was up to the spillway.

4) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None were offered.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.A.1. Special Meeting of July 9, 2020
- 5.A.2. Regular Meeting of July 14, 2020
- 5.A.3. Special Meeting of July 28, 2020
- 5.A.4. Special Meeting of August 6, 2020
- 5.B.1. Statement of Cash Balances – June 2020
- 5.B.2. Month-End Cash Disbursements Report

Director Saunders pulled item 5.B.1., Statement of Cash Balances.

Dane Wadle motioned to approve the balance of the consent calendar. Director Saunders seconded the motion.

After some discussion, about agenda item 5.B.1., Director Wadle motioned to approve 5.B.1. Director Saunders seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, WADLE, HALPIN, GARCIA, SAUNDERS
Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

6) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Board Reports

Director Saunders reported out on the water use meetings he attends. He also discussed the ACWA conference, and grant opportunities he would continue to work on with Adam.

Director Garcia commented on water conservation that Director Saunders commented on. She asked if there was a difference between land that had cattle, and not had cattle. Director Saunders said he brought up that issue, as well as levels of rainfall. She also mentioned the ACWA conference and requested the Board to have the General Manger to get together with Mr. Franco regarding the questions he posed during public comment.

Director Wadle said he sent out information from CSDA on behalf of the District to get some assistance. He said the State budget included \$50M in grants for agencies to deal with PSPS impacts, and OES is developing the guidelines for the grant. He said locally, the El Dorado County Water Agency Board which he sits on, has a meeting tomorrow, and has an approval of grant cost-shares where the District would be a recipient. He said there was \$49,750 which is being proposed to help with the meter replacement project, the water system reliability program, and for the urban water management plan. He thinks the funds will be approved by the Board.

- B. General Manager's Report
- C. Operation Manager's Report
- D. Water Resources Report

7) NEW BUSINESS

7.A Updated Organizational Chart

Darrell Creeks, Operations Manager explained the need for the updated organizational chart. Staff's recommendation is to revert the current field structure, back to the original operations structure to include seven full time maintenance positions, and five full time field positions. No additional positions are being added.

Director Wadle confirmed the cost associated with the change was already included in the current budget. Darrell said yes.

Director Garcia asked to amend the first WHEREAS in the proposed resolution. The Resolution should now read, "WHEREAS, the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District *would like* to change the Organization Chart; and

Director Garcia motioned to accept the change in the Organizational Chart. Director Saunders seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, WADLE, HALPIN, GARCIA, SAUNDERS
Nay: None

7.B. Update CIP

After discussion by Jeff Nelson, and the Board, ***Director Wadle motioned to accept staff's recommendation. Director Garcia seconded the motion.***

Roll Call vote was taken:

Aye: SOUZA, WADLE, HALPIN, GARCIA, SAUNDERS

Nay:

The MOTION CARRIED

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

9) NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

Director Wadle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Halpin seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote was taken:

***Aye: David Souza
Michael Saunders
Cynthia Garcia
Dave Halpin
Dane Wadle***

Nay: None

The motion CARRIED

Jeff Nelson, Interim General Manager

Date