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NEW AUBURN LAKE TRAILS WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS NOW PRODUCING WATER

The Georgetown Divide Public Utility District is pleased to announce that the new Auburn Lake Trails Water Treatment Plant is now supplying water to District customers. The California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, issued temporary authorization to the District for water treatment plant operation at the new plant. This temporary authorization will remain in effect until the District's entire water system is combined into one new permit to operate. It is estimated the new permit process will take up to one year to complete.

GDPUD Board President Dane Wadle stated, "The Board is extremely pleased to be nearing the end of the long process to fund, design, and construct this much needed treatment plant. It will replace the aging water treatment facility that was built in 1972 and allow the District to continue to produce quality water and stay in compliance with State regulations."

The remaining finish work on the plant is expected to be completed by the Contractor over the next two months.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$12 million and is partially financed through a 20-year loan from the State Water Resources Board. To fund the loan payments and meet State loan reserve requirements, the GDPUD Board of Directors implemented a supplemental charge in 2016. "This project would not be possible without the ratepayers' willingness to fund this capital investment," added Wadle.

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