



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

6425 Main Street,
Georgetown, California 95634

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024
2:00 P. M.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mitch MacDonald, President

Donna Seaman, Vice President

Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer

Michael Saunders, Director

Robert Stovall, Director

PRESENTING STAFF

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

Jessica Buckle, Office/Finance Manager

Adam Brown, Operations Manager

Alexis Elliott, Water Resource Manager

Frank Splendorio, Legal Counsel

Guest Presenter

Sanjay Guar of Water Resource Economics

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.

A full record of this meeting is available on the District channel:

<https://youtube.com/live/KlulZvjWooM>

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

President MacDonald called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Saunders, Stovall, Seaman, Thornbrough, and MacDonald

Absent: None

Director Saunders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Public Comment:

No comments were received.

Director Thornbrough motioned to adopt the agenda. Director Seaman seconded the motion.

President MacDonald called for the vote:

Ayes: Saunders, Stovall, Thornbrough, Seaman, and MacDonald

Nays: None

The motion passed **unanimously**.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Cherie Carlyon

Steve Dowd

4. SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP ITEM

A. Receive Rate Analysis and Presentation

General Manager Nicholas Schneider introduced Sanjay Guar of Water Resource Economics who presented the draft water and wastewater rates from the Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Analysis.

Board feedback on the treated and raw water portion of the presentation.

Board discussion examined the reliability factor utilized in the rate determinations, the impacts on the Auburn Lake Trails customers, the wastewater reserves, and the impacts on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), rate application options, and available timeframes. The Directors provided input to the presentation, including the need to emphasize that if the District experiences financial default, a State takeover would be a possibility. Should the State take control then Proposition 218 protections would no longer apply. The State would set rates without ratepayer, or stakeholder input. The District's endeavors in grant funding procurement to assist with needs and rate stabilization were reviewed.

Public Comment:

Steven Dowd

Cherie Carlyon

Scot Harris

Steve Proe

5. CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

Director Thornbrough motioned to adjourn the meeting. Director Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager



Date