

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE**  
6425 Main Street,  
Georgetown, California 95634  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Irrigation Committee**

Ray Griffiths, Chairman  
Bill Threlkel, Vice Chair  
Carla Sutton, Secretary

Alexandra Duarte  
Kristy McKay  
Fran Todd

**Board of Directors Liaison**

Donna Seaman  
Mike Thornbrough

**Presenting Staff**

General Manager Nicholas Schneider      Water Resource Manager Alexis Elliot

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

<https://youtu.be/EyoYK8H0v3E>

**1. CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Vice Chairman Threlkel called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Todd, McKay, Threlkel, and Duarte

**Absent:** Sutton and Griffiths

**Vice Chair Threlkel led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Public Comment:**

No comments were received.

**Member Todd motioned to adopt the agenda. Member McKay seconded the motion.**

Vice Chairman Threlkel called for the **vote**.  
**Ayes:** Threlkel, Todd, McKay, and Duarte  
**Nayes:** None  
The motion passed **unanimously**.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were received.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2023

#### **Public Comment:**

No comments were received.

**Member Duarte Motioned to adopt the minutes. Member Todd Seconded the motion.**

Vice Chairman Threlkel called for the **vote**.  
**Ayes:** Threlkel, Todd, McKay, and Duarte  
**Nayes:** None  
The motion passed **unanimously**.

### 5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

#### **A. Water Resources Update**

Water Resource Manager Alexis Elliott delivered the report. The anticipated precipitation in the forecasting was discussed.

#### **B. Irrigation Season Application Response Update**

General Manager Nicholas Schneider updated the Committee regarding the application response to date. Last season there were 379 active irrigation customer accounts. The District has received 153 applications at this point for the 2024 season. Three inactive accounts have requested new service.

### 6. ACTION ITEMS

#### **A. Review of Current and Future Water Seasons.**

General Manager Nicholas Schneider shared that the Stumpy Meadows Reservoir is currently at capacity and spilling. The situation at the moment likely lends to a staff recommendation of a May 1<sup>st</sup> irrigation season start date.

#### **Discussion:**

Pushing the irrigation season to a later start given fire concerns was examined. The Committee season start date recommendation process to the Board of Directors was explored. Requests for transparency in season placement was requested from the public. The concept of tiered season start dates for different regions was explored. There was a preliminary examination of the infrastructure adjustments required to necessitate this request. There would be a cost associated with upgrading the ditch system to allow for proposed tiered season start dates along different delivery ditch routes.

The requirement to run the irrigation service 24/7 was discussed. It was shared that this was included in the mailings sent to customers during this season's application dispersal process.

**Public Comment:**

Chris Campbell

**B. Review of Irrigation Tutorial Videos**

Liaison Seaman requested that media be produced addressing the constant use requirement.

**Public Comment:**

Cherie Carlyon

**C. Review and Discuss Irrigation Season Mailer**

The committee review provided the following edits to the outreach mailers:

- Bold font utilization on the text announcing the Irrigation Committee opening to capture potential candidates' attention.
- Amendment to the continuous use requirement, with the inclusion of the word entire to highlight your entire allotment.
- Addition of Committee meeting information with the start time of 2:00 p.m. and clarification that these occur on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Public Comment:**

Cherie Carlyon

Steven Dowd

**Member Duarte motioned to refer the mailers to the Board of Directors for approval. Member Todd seconded the motion.**

Vice Chairman Threlkel called for the **vote**.

**Ayes:** Threlkel, Todd, McKay, and Duarte

**Nays:** None

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**7. IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

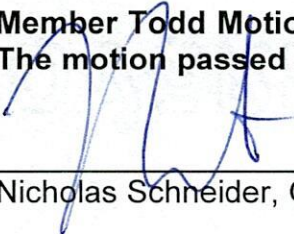
**8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT IRRIGATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Member McKay requested that staff examine the necessary infrastructure improvements to allow for the tiered season start dates on different routes.

Members McKay and Duarte requested the season start recommendation process to the Board of Directors

- 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 March 19, 2024.

**Member Todd Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Duarte seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.**

  
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Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

  
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