

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District



Spring 2024

Domestic Water

Irrigation Service

On-Site Waste Disposal

2024 Irrigation Season

- The season will begin **May 14th** and end **October 14th** per Board of Directors action.
- **BILLING** will begin **May 1, 2024**, and end **September 30, 2024**. In total, customers will be billed for the allotted 5-month irrigation season.
- All digital backflow certifications must be submitted before May 1 for service activation to the newly established inbox: crossconnection@gd-pud.org.
- Allotments are required to be used continuously, which means water needs to be on 24/7.
- District Operators exclusively operate service points.
- The Irrigation Committee has a vacancy. Interested parties are encouraged to submit a letter of interest.

Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) Program Renewals Due June 15th

Applications to renew eligibility for assistance are due by June 15th for current LIRA recipients. New applications from individuals who qualify for the rate assistance program are also being accepted. To be eligible customers must meet the following: (1) receive treated water service from the District; (2) reside at the address receiving the discount; (3) be a residential customer; (4) meet income guidelines; (5) submit a renewal application for eligibility annually; and (7) qualification is based on the total income of everyone living in the home or participation in qualifying public assistance programs. For additional information, visit the District website at: <https://www.gd-pud.org/apply-for-the-low-income-assistance-program>.

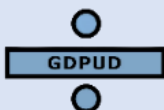


Call USA North 811 before you dig!

USA stands for underground service alert. You should contact 811 no matter how deep you are digging since many cables and pipes lie at extremely shallow depths. You can avoid costly mishaps by calling before you dig. USA North 811 will ensure that all buried lines are located and marked to avoid damage due to construction activity.

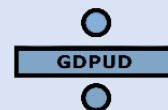
Submitting a utility locate request to USA North 811 for your planned dig project is free of charge and you can do it by dialing 811 or by going to the USA North 811 website at <http://www.usanorth811.org>

Website



Pay Your Way

Pay by phone, text,
online, or on our app.



Mobile App



24/7 mobile, phone, and website portal payment options are now available. Simply visit <https://georgetowndividepudca.municipalonlinepayments.com/georgetowndividepudca> and log in to your account. Scan the QR codes to access Pay Your Way phone and online options.

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER



Nicholas Schneider



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At GDPUD we dedicate our service to the Divide communities through a proactive approach ensuring that clean reliable water is available both now and for generations to follow. As the landscape of water management and delivery shifts to meet the evolving realities faced in the region and State, the District team is working to ensure that the resource and delivery system are protected, resilient, and built with the necessary redundancies in place to secure continued access and quality of life for our residents.

Ensuring a viable future requires investment in our aging water system and infrastructure components. The GDPUD team is actively pursuing grant and funding opportunities to offset the costs to the ratepayers. To date, almost \$4 million in funds have been procured, with an additional \$12 million in submissions currently under consideration. Grant-awarded funds represent a direct reduction of the financial burden carried by our local communities.

Vital projects promoting stewardship of the community and its resources are currently underway. Thanks to a \$1,192,220 CalFIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant award the District has received the equipment necessary to build, maintain, and expand strategic fire breaks totaling 230 acres throughout the region, establishing a fuel reduction model for future protection on the Divide.

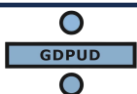
Working with legislators and through the direct advocacy of Representative Kevin Kiley the District was awarded \$1.25 million in federal appropriations funds for the Sweetwater Fire Resiliency Storage Tank Project.

This critical infrastructure project increases storage capacity and availability of reserves necessary for fighting fires and improving flows during adverse events.

Senator Marie Avarado-Gil assisted the District with securing \$250,000 in State appropriations funding utilized to purchase backup generators installed at four pump stations. The generators build increased resiliency into the system ensuring uninterrupted service during power outages due to Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) from PG&E which tend to occur during critically dry times of the year.

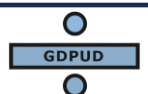
GDPUD staff's staunch commitment to the communities served is proactively fostered through undertaking the Strategic Planning and Capital Improvement Plan /Operating Budget adoption processes, currently underway. Ingenuity in funding acquisition and active fostering of a resilient and reliable supply are tenets that guide our team in their mission and work to provide quality service and resource legacy to our residents. It is my privilege to serve the Divide region as we build with an eye to the future.

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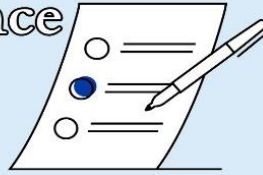
For additional information and questions about this newsletter, email Elizabeth Olson at ea@gd-pud.org.





GDPUD Governance

Join Us!



2024 Board Action Summary

- The Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan adoption is in process.
- Strategic Planning has begun.
- Established qualification metrics for the ALT loan program for property owners within the Wastewater Disposal Zone.
- Set the 2024 Irrigation Season dates start May 15th and end October 14th.
- Developed and adopted a Records Management Policy and Retention Schedule.

Adopted 13 Policies including:

- Policy 2215 Asset Management
- Policy 2405 Press Relations
- Policy 2440 Request for Public Documents

Serve Your Community on the Finance or Irrigation Committees

The District invites interested residents to apply for public member positions on the Finance Committee and the Irrigation Committee.

The **Finance Committee's** primary role is to assist the Board in the review of District financial information and to develop recommendations. There are four open seats.

The **Irrigation Committee** was established by the Board to advise them on matters related to irrigation services. There is one open seat.

Persons interested in applying for an appointment are asked to submit a letter of interest by email to the Executive Assistant at:

ea@gd-pud.org.

Submissions can also be delivered by mail, or in person, to the District Office, 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634.

Board of Directors Calendar

June
Thursday, 6 Board of Directors
July
Thursday, 11 Board of Directors
August
Thursday, 1 Board of Directors
September
Thursday, 5 Board of Directors

Public Meetings

The GDPUD Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at 6425 Main Street in Georgetown. Meetings are open to the public.

GDPUD Directors:

- Mitch MacDonald, President
- Donna Seaman, Vice President
- Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer
- Michael Saunders, Director
- Robert Stovall, Director

Nicholas Schneider, General Manager
Email: nschneider@gd-pud.org



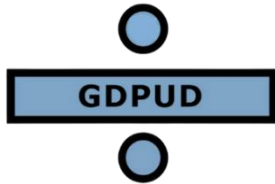
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Did you know the District has a YouTube channel?

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Subscribe and follow to watch meeting livestreams.



DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR I/II

ONE POSITION AVAILABLE

Operator I Minimum Requirements:

- Must possess a valid California Class C Driver's License.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Water Distribution Operator Grade 2 Certificate.

Operator II:

- Operator I minimum requirements.
- Class A Driver's License.
- Cross-Connection Control Program Specialist or Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Certification (can replace Class A DL).



Jobs @ GDPUD

Visit GD-PUD.ORG and check out our employment opportunities.

GDPUD is one of the Divide's premiere employers, offering competitive compensation packages that include health care, dental, and retirement benefits. We work to ensure the District mission is met serving our customers with a clean reliable water supply and excellent customer service through our dedicated and valued staff.



Learn more and apply at GD-PUD.ORG.



REQUIRED NOTICE

Please read this notice carefully.

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District is required to provide this notice to allow the District to place any unpaid, past due amounts **as of June 30, 2024**, on the County Tax Roll as a lien against the property. We are required to notify ALL GD-PUD customers regardless of account standing. Please call the District office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your account status. If you have a past-due balance, we want to work with you to get our records up to date. Unless full payment is **received by July 1, 2024**, it will be necessary to place a lien against the property for any unpaid amount.