



Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Irrigation Committee
Minutes

Irrigation Committee Special Meeting

March 04, 2026 02:00 PM

6425 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634

<https://www.gd-pud.org/irrigation-advisory-committee>

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Chair Kristy McKay.

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Kristy McKay, Member Pieter Anne Wright, Member Rena Lowry, Board Liaison Andy Fisher

Absent: Vice Chair Fran Todd, Member John Onusko, Board Liaison Donna Seaman

Staff Present: General Manager Nicholas Schneider, Executive Assistant Taylar Jones, and Operations Manager Adam Brown

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chair Kristy McKay

2. Adoption of Agenda

General Manager Schneider quickly reviewed motioning and seconding with the new Irrigation Committee Members.

Public Comment:

Cherie Carlyon

Member Rena Lowry motioned to approve. Member Pieter Anne Wright seconded the motion.

The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Kristy McKay Aye Member Pieter Anne Wright Aye Member Rena Lowry
Absent Vice Chair Fran Todd Absent Member John Onusko

3. Public Comments

Public Comment: None

4. Approval of Minutes

Chair McKay requested a correction for Item B on page 2 of 3, second paragraph, "McKay asked about" not "out".

Public Comment:

Cherie Carlyon

Member Pieter Anne Wright motioned to approve. Member Rena Lowry seconded the motion.

The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Kristy McKay Aye Member Pieter Anne Wright Aye Member Rena Lowry
Absent Vice Chair Fran Todd Absent Member John Onusko

5. Water Resource Update

Operations Manager Brown gave an update on this report due to the meeting in February being canceled.

General Manager Schneider discussed reasons for having the normal Irrigation Committee meeting on March 17, 2026.

Public Comment:

Cherie Carlyon

6. Discuss Cherry Acres Pipeline and Potential Fixes

Staff will bring a cost benefit analysis to a future meeting.

Public Comment: None

7. Discuss the 2026 Irrigation Account Applications/Renewals

347 applications received. 5 were received online. 2 inactive customers requested water. 4.5 inches decrease of water requested from active customers. 23 active applications not turned back in.

Public Comment: None

8. Discuss LAFCO-GDPUD Parcel Negotiations/Agreement for property tax increment redistribution

General Manager Schneider discussed the next steps for the LAFCO process. Requested Staff to look into the 23 active applications we have not received and if any are part of the LAFCO Annexation, that the District reach out to them regarding where the process is.

Public Comment: None

9. Discuss ways to increase Irrigation Water Sales.

Chair McKay requested this item remain on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

Member Lowry asked if the District had a handout showing how much water a garden uses versus what it costs with Irrigation.

Member Wright asked about radio ads and townhalls.

Board Liaison Fisher mentioned developing a relationship with RCD and County Agricultural Commissioner.

Fisher also mentioned going through an HOA instead of one individual.

Public Comment: None

10. Discuss the Fire Mapping System referred to in the 2025 Irrigation Service Customer Survey

General Manager Schneider requested this item be moved to the next meeting so Member Onusko could speak on it further.

Public Comment: None

11. Discuss SB827 Requirements for Committee Members

Committee Members have required Finance training.

Public Comment: None

12. Irrigation Committee Member Comments and Reports

Member Lowry asked about individual billing.

Chair McKay requested communications on meetings and the Brown Act.

Board Liaison Fisher reported out on the March 2, 2026, Board meeting.

Public Comment: None

13. Agenda Items for the Next Irrigation Committee Meeting

Member Lowry requested the chart showing available inches for the season.

Chair McKay requested water sales, fire mapping system, LAFCO update, Cherry Acres update, Season start update and possible extension.

Public Comment: None

14. Adjournment

Chair McKay adjourned the meeting at 3:41PM. The next meeting of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Irrigation Committee will be March 17, 2026.