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Golden Valley Polling Location Hit by Short Power Outage
County Elections Director Gives Update
All Restored Before 7am

MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ (November 5, 2024– UniSource had a significant power outage in Golden Valley The outage started at 4:45 am and power was restored before 7am. It affected power at the Golden Valley Fire District Training Center, the sole voting location in Golden Valley. The impact also involved the operation of the GVID Water System, impacting it with a low water pressure on the north end (Zone D) where distribution is driven by booster pump operation.

County Elections Director Allen Tempert arrived at 5:20am. He notified the county's Risk & Emergency Management department and Unisource immediately. Temporary lighting was installed and the approximately 40 voters waiting in line were admitted into the building at 6am. Tempert said that by 6:30am, the Golden Valley Fire Department provided generators. The voters were informed by Tempert that a delay of 20 minutes would occur before they could be checked in to vote.

The Golden Valley voters present at the site were informed that it is open until 7pm. They could return if they like. Tempert said that they "waited patiently" and were "supportive" in dealing with the power outage. The electronic polling books were restored and at 6:20am individuals started to vote. Everyone in line voted within 45 minutes. 88 people voted by 7am.

Tempert said he was impressed because "poll workers and voters worked together and there was total cooperation by all as they were willing to do anything to make the voting process proceed in an orderly manner."

The GVID water system was also restored to normal operation.

All polling locations in the county are open today until 7pm.

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