

Barbara Santry

Candidate Statement

I have proudly served on the CSD Board for 2 decades and bring expertise in finance and public entity budgeting and spending.

During my first 15 years, CSD built reserves--to a peak of \$4.7 million in the summer of 2020. Reserves provide liquidity in an emergency and allow us to pay for large capital projects from a base of accumulated funding. For long-time property owners, building reserves gives orderly visibility into future funding needs. When properties turn over, reserves smooth the replacement burden since departed owners have contributed funding related to wear and tear incurred when they were here.

Our reserves have declined from their peak. Our current budget projects that they will deteriorate to less than \$2 million.

The Board will likely need to request increased taxation: to continue operations, replenish reserves, and finance road replacement, more wells, and other capital. It will do so while welcoming a new General Manager.

The challenges of management transition and increased taxation make historic knowledge, financial skill, and understanding of CSD's financial structure particularly crucial. I ask for your support on election day so that I can continue to serve.

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