

Watchmen Ministry North Idaho Voter Guide for Cabinet Mountain Water District

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Question	Doug Ladely	Ed Katz	George Schrems	Steven Wilkinson
2. How could the water & sewer district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	<p>1. The current infrastructure is not capable of serving the current number of customers and ever increasing new Cabinet Mountain Water District customers. The current infrastructure is being expanded and modernized by an engineering firm.</p> <p>2. In the future, new customers will need to be limited to prevent uncontrolled growth.</p> <p>3. One of the most difficult problems is finding water sources for the district that are completely independent from each other.</p>	Declined to Respond
3. Do you believe that water & sewer districts have a role to play in area growth? Why do you believe this?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Water districts have a very important role in providing safe, reliable, and affordable water. Many individuals do not want the expense and uncertainty of drilling and maintaining water wells. In many areas, well water may not be available.	Declined to Respond
4. Should septic systems on individual properties be required to be brought up to current code levels if that system fails? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	My position on the Water Board has no influence on septic systems. We only provide water.	Declined to Respond
5. What role should water & sewer districts have in the design and authorization of new developments?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Again, my position on the Water Board has no influence on septic systems. Water districts should have no part in the design and authorization of new developments other than if a development wants to connect to a water system. Under those conditions the standards of the water district must be met in order to connect to it. It would be wise for a new development to contact the water district to make sure there is sufficient water available for the new development and to make sure the developer knows what will be required in terms of fees and equipment to connect to the water district.	Declined to Respond
6. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	No, city management should stop at the city borders. Rarely, does increased government provide anything more than bureaucratic red tape.	Declined to Respond

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<p>7. Water & sewer districts have the reputation of rubber-stamping new developments. What do you believe the proper process should be to include the existing residents (impact area) concerns?</p>	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	<p>Existing residents may speak at water board meetings to voice their concerns. It is encouraged. Our republic will not function well if voters are not involved in the issues. If there are valid issues the water board will investigate them.</p> <p>The water district's function is not to tell if a development may or may not be built, rather, it is the water district's function to make sure the water supply is sufficient and that all water district rules and laws are being met before connecting to a new development.</p>	Declined to Respond
<p>8. What recommendations do you have to improve delivery of water in the water & sewer district?</p>	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	<p>Trained, reliable water district workers with the proper equipment are critical. Long term supply and demand records help project water needs into the future. Having sufficient water storage tanks is critical in the event of total electrical failures. Additionally, keeping track of population growth in the water district area is important.</p>	Declined to Respond
<p>9. What should be the role of the water & sewer district be in working with local governing authorities (county commissioners, city planners, etc.) and why?</p>	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	<p>Before water can be connected to new housing the county must approve a building permit.</p> <p>Furthermore, the water district must work with county commissioners when additional building permits are needed by the water district for expansion.</p> <p>It is wise to work with city planners in developing plans to supply water to each other should an unforeseen incident happen which disrupts water flow to one or the other.</p>	Declined to Respond
<p>10. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	<p>My university degrees are in business administration and computer science (Kansas State University). At the end of the Vietnam War, I was a pilot in the United States Navy. A number of years were spent writing avionics software for commercial aircraft such as the MD-80, MD-11, and B-777. About thirty five years were spent working for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. Working in an engineering environment for so long has given insights into problems on both the engineering and contracting sides.</p>	Declined to Respond