



2024 Salt River Project (SRP) Candidate Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions so that Arizonans whose electricity is provided by SRP can learn more about what you hope to accomplish if elected to the board of governors and councilors. We plan to make all responses available through our website.

What is your name?

Anna Mohr-Almeida

Why are you running for a position on SRP's board of directors and councilors?

I am running for a position on SRP's Board of Directors because very little has been done to mitigate the climate crisis in Arizona. Taking personal action will help thwart the worst impacts of the climate crisis. SRP is the largest public utility in the United States by generation, so SRP's greenhouse gas emissions really matter in the grand scale of carbon footprints. Incorporating more rooftop solar in SRP's generation portfolio simply makes sense for the environment and Arizona's economic well-being.

What type(s) of energy resources do you want to see SRP build more of?

I want SRP to build renewable energy resources that don't involve burning fossil fuels because carbon particulates in the atmosphere harm the environment. I would like to see more rooftop solar, wind, solar farms, and pumped storage, with just transition as part of the plan for communities that have participated in coal-fire energy production.

Do you think that SRP should make it easier for customers to install solar on their homes and businesses? If so, how would you achieve this?

SRP should make it easier for customers to install rooftop solar on homes and businesses by making it economically viable. I would advocate for and vote in favor of a policy that increases the economic viability of rooftop solar for ratepayers.

Do you believe that the credit SRP provides to customers who have solar is fair compensation for the energy they provide to the grid? If not, what changes would you propose?

The compensation SRP provides to solar customers needs to be more fair. The current rate structures make rooftop solar economically unviable for many homeowners, including my family, even though we are exceptionally environmentally conscious. I would like to see SRP increase the export rate for solar customers.

What is your position on the customer charges and demand charges that SRP currently charges to solar customers?

The customer charges and demand charges punish solar customers. They are unfair, especially given that ratepayers have invested their own money to produce energy for their own consumption and to support the grid with their excess power.

Do you think SRP should encourage adoption of residential battery storage by its customers? If so, how?

SRP should encourage the adoption of residential battery storage by its ratepayers because it results in increased grid resiliency and customer safety should there be a prolonged power outage or an attack on American infrastructure.

Should SRP help its customers be more energy efficient? If so, how?

SRP should do everything possible to help customers be as energy-efficient as possible. For example, replacing outdated appliances with more efficient ones would require less energy production on an ongoing basis, thereby reducing carbon emissions.

Should SRP help customers integrate electric vehicles? If so, how?

Electric vehicles will help decrease greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, so I support the transition to electric vehicles. The construction of ample solar charging stations in SRP territory is necessary and a great first step.

Do you think SRP should work to increase customer participation in its elections? If so, how would you achieve this?

SRP absolutely should increase customer participation in its elections. The voting structures in place disenfranchise most of the ratepayers, which is not inclusive and equitable. I would vote in favor of changing the rules to one vote per meter and updating the voting territories to include all ratepayers.

What are your views on customer participation in SRP's planning process and stakeholder meetings?

I was a participant in the 2015 rate case hearing. I testified to defend rooftop solar because burning fossil fuels for energy production harms the environment. My testimony fell on deaf ears. At the time, I was very concerned about the negative impact of greenhouse gas emissions on animals. I realize now that the impacts of the climate crisis are far worse than polar bears losing their habitat. Stakeholder meetings should be a conversation, not a one-way transmission of information. Unfortunately, the one-sided presentation of information is how SRP currently operates stakeholder meetings.

Is there anything else that you want to make sure voters know about you?

I have been a climate advocate for more than a decade. Very little has been done about the climate crisis in Arizona, and as a result, my peers and I suffer climate anxiety. Mitigation of the climate crisis is extremely important to me because the crisis will have a negative impact on our futures. Any discussion about greenhouse gas emissions should include individuals from the generation that will be most impacted.

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