



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?

Colleen Resch-Geretti

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

I am passionate about clean energy, water conservation, and protecting watershed. I realize the urgency to act now and the need to create a more sustainable future for all by utilizing clean and readily available energy.

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

Arizona has over 300 sunny days per year, more than any other state; we need to take advantage of this "free" resource and improve upon the utilization of solar energy. I am troubled that a significant percentage of energy comes from fossil fuels while an extraordinarily small percentage of energy comes from the sun. A combination of energy resources is necessary; one resource alone is not the answer.

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?

YES! Provide rebate programs, vet and partner with solar companies in the Valley, and make the cost of operating solar panels affordable to the homeowner rather than for profit.

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?

It appears that SRP does not fairly compensate or provide a fair cost savings to customers who have made the financial investment in solar panels. I recommend re-evaluating the current compensation and looking for ways improvements can be

made. Survey solar customers for their feedback on the pros and cons of compensation and provide recommendations for improvement.

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

I understand SRP has a demand charge, but only for solar customers, and the E-27 pilot rate plan. The current charges in effect deter new customers from installing solar because the operating expense does not outweigh the benefit. A more affordable approach must be considered to make solar available to all new and existing customers.

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

The cost and maintenance requirements may be a drawback; however, increased energy independence, efficiency, and environmental benefits are significant advantages. Educating customers and allowing them to understand the benefits may encourage them to make that choice.

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

Absolutely, this is a win-win for both parties. Cooling and heating are the largest electricity consumers in the average household, using 45–50% of the electricity. Educate customers through workshops in person or online, provide written communication, and provide links on their website to inform customers of ways to cut costs and conserve energy. Offer rebate programs for more energy-efficient appliances.

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

Yes. Offering a rebate to help offset the cost of installing an EV charger at their home.

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

YES! I have been an SRP power and flood irrigation customer since 2000, and I was not aware SRP held a special election to vote for their board of directors and councilors. To increase customer participation, SRP needs to be transparent and

inform and educate their customers as to how they can participate and vote by explaining the process through written communication, newsletters, their website, and their monthly bills. All customers should automatically receive a ballot without the need to request one.

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

I encourage their participation! They deserve to be a part of the process, to offer their insights, and to share ideas; collaboration from all sides is a more democratic process.

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

I am very excited and welcome the opportunity to serve SRP and its customers as a Council member, adding value and contributing in a positive manner while listening to all perspectives and working on matters that are important to customers, with solar being a priority.