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# 2024 ELECTION FACT SHEET SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT

The Salt River Project (“SRP”) comprises two separate organizations: the Salt River Valley Water Users’ Association (the “Association”), a private water corporation formed in 1903; and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the “District”), an agricultural improvement district and political subdivision of the State of Arizona formed in 1937. The officials of each organization are elected on the first Tuesday in April of even-numbered years. The following facts pertain to the District election:

## ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (“QUALIFIED ELECTOR”)

Elector must be the owner of qualified land, or individual who has been appointed by the trustee(s) to vote qualified land held in a qualifying trust, within the applicable voting area (or District boundary in the case of at-large directors) as shown on the records of the county recorder’s office, as of 100 days prior to the date of the election (Dec. 24, 2023) and that has been assessed for property taxes as shown on the property tax roll next preceding the date of the election; and

- **If land held in trust, three scenarios qualify:**
  - **Scenario 1:** The trust was formed primarily in furtherance of the elector’s own estate planning and to accomplish a testamentary or inter vivos disposition of assets to family members or to a charitable organization. In addition, the elector is an authorized trustee of the trust and has appointed himself/herself to vote the real property owned by the trust; or
  - **Scenario 2:** The trust was formed primarily in furtherance of the estate planning of a person other than the elector and to accomplish a testamentary or inter vivos disposition of assets to such other person’s family members or to a charitable organization. The elector is a beneficiary of the trust and related by consanguinity or affinity to no more than the fourth degree to the person for whose estate planning the trust was formed. In addition, the elector is also an authorized trustee of the trust and has appointed himself/herself to vote the real property owned by the trust; or
  - **Scenario 3:** Same as Scenario 2, except that the elector is not an authorized trustee of the trust, but has been appointed by the authorized trustee(s) to vote the real property owned by the trust and has submitted an “SRP Elections Appointment of Trust Voter Form” signed by the trustee.
- Elector must be a qualified, registered Arizona voter; and
- Elector must reside within the state of Arizona.

### VOTING BY MAIL

Any Qualified Elector may make a verbal, written or electronic request for an official early ballot to be mailed. Requests for early ballots will be accepted in the SRP Corporate Secretary’s Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Dec. 31, 2023, and ending Friday, March 22, 2024. To request an official early ballot, call the SRP Elections Information Line at **(602) 236-3048** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., or visit the SRP elections website beginning Dec. 31, 2023.

### VOTING IN PERSON

A Voting Center will be available at the SRP Administration Building located at 1500 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85288. The Voting Center will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 6 through April 1, 2024, and from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, April 2, 2024.

Early ballots may also be dropped off at this location during these times.

### BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

On Election Day, two ballot drop-off only locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SRP West Valley Service Center, 221 N. 79th Ave., Tolleson, AZ 85353, and the SRP Southside Water Service Center, 3160 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210.

### PERMANENT EARLY VOTING LIST

SRP allows a qualified voter to place their name on a permanent early voting list. Once a voter is on this list, the voter no longer has to request an early ballot be mailed. Instead, an early ballot will be automatically mailed to the voter approximately 27 days prior to the specified election. To be included on the Permanent Early Voting List for Association and District elections, a qualified voter must make a written request specifically requesting their name be added to the permanent list.

Call the SRP Elections Information Line at **(602) 236-3048** Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit the SRP elections website at [srp.net/elections](http://srp.net/elections).

### ACREAGE-BASED VOTING SYSTEM

Except for the at-large Board seats, all seats are elected on an acreage-based voting system. Under this system, the owner of a one-acre parcel has one vote; the owner of five acres has five votes; and the owner of half an acre has half a vote (0.50). At-large Board seats are elected on the basis of one landowner, one vote.

### POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

**7 Board Seats:** one from each of the five odd-numbered voting divisions (1, 3, 5, 7, 9); and at-large seats, 11 and 13.

**15 Council Seats:** three from each of the five odd-numbered voting divisions (1, 3, 5, 7, 9).

Voting Area	Board	Council
Divisions 1	1 Director	3 Members
Divisions 3	1 Director	3 Members
Divisions 5	1 Director	3 Members
Divisions 7	1 Director	3 Members
Divisions 9	1 Director	3 Members

## TERMS OF OFFICE

Terms of office for all positions are four years beginning on Monday, May 6, 2024.

## POSITION DUTIES

- **Board of Directors:** establishes specific policy, approves the annual budgets and major contracts, authorizes major purchases and sales of assets, and sets electric prices.
- **Council:** adopts and amends bylaws and fills vacancies on the Board or Council.

## CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidate must be the owner of qualified land, or have been appointed by the trustee(s) to vote qualified land held in a qualifying trust, within the applicable voting area (or District boundary in the case of the at-large directors) as shown on the records of the county recorder's office, as of 100 days prior to the date of the election (Dec. 24, 2023) and that has been assessed for property taxes as shown on the property tax roll next preceding the date of the election; and

- If land held in a trust, three scenarios qualify:
  - **Scenario 1:** The trust was formed primarily in furtherance of the candidate's own estate planning and to accomplish a testamentary or inter vivos disposition of assets to family members or to a charitable organization. In addition, the candidate is an authorized trustee of the trust and has appointed himself/herself to vote the real property owned by the trust; or
  - **Scenario 2:** The trust was formed primarily in furtherance of the estate planning of a person other than the candidate and to accomplish a testamentary or inter vivos disposition of assets to such other person's family members or to a charitable organization. The candidate is a beneficiary of the trust and related by consanguinity or affinity to no more than the fourth degree to the person for whose estate planning the trust was formed. In addition, the candidate is also an authorized trustee of the trust and has appointed himself/herself to vote the real property owned by the trust; or
  - **Scenario 3:** Same as Scenario 2, except that the candidate is not an authorized trustee of the trust, but has been appointed by the authorized trustee(s) to vote the real property owned by the trust and has submitted an "SRP Elections Appointment of Trust Voter Form" signed by the trustee.
- Candidate must reside within the boundaries of the District; and
- Candidate must be a qualified, registered Arizona voter.

## SRP POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES

To maintain a positive business environment, free of the appearance of bias and preferential treatment, SRP does not employ relatives of its elected officials. If you are elected and you have a relative employed at SRP, your relative will be terminated in accordance with SRP policy.

### SRP defines relative (for employment purposes) as:

- Spouse
- Parents or spouse's parents
- Stepparents
- Children (natural or adopted) and their spouses
- Stepchildren
- Brothers and sisters and their spouses

- Brothers and sisters of a spouse
- Stepbrothers and stepsisters and their spouses
- Grandchildren
- Grandparents

*(Relatives, for employment purposes, do not include aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins or anyone not listed above.)*

## MEETINGS

- **Board of Directors:** Board meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month. Standing Board Committees meet twice per month in half-day sessions. Each Board member typically serves on three Standing Board Committees.
- **Council Members:** Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month, at least 10 times per year in half-day sessions.

## NOMINATION PAPERS AND PETITIONS

Nomination Papers will be available beginning Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. Nomination Papers and Petitions will be due in the Corporate Secretary's Office no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, 2024.

## NOMINATION PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Office for Elections	Number of Valid Signatures Required
Board of Directors: Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9	25 valid signatures from Qualified Electors.
At-Large Board of Directors: Seats 11 and 13	250 valid signatures from Qualified Electors.
Council Members: Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9	25 valid signatures from Qualified Electors.

## DISTRICT CAMPAIGN FINANCE

In 2016, the Arizona Legislature passed campaign finance reforms including increasing the committee registration threshold from \$500 to \$1,100 and eliminating the "Threshold Exemption Statement". Once the threshold of \$1,100 is reached, a "candidate committee" must be formed. A candidate committee is formed by filing a statement of organization within 10 days of qualifying as a committee with the Maricopa County Elections Department.

Following is a link to the fillable online Maricopa County Committee Statement of Organization:

[recorder.maricopa.gov/pdf/1%20Statement%20of%20Organization%20fillable.pdf](https://recorder.maricopa.gov/pdf/1%20Statement%20of%20Organization%20fillable.pdf)

To learn more about District campaign finance, visit the Maricopa County Recorder website at [recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/candidatecampaigninfo.aspx](https://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/candidatecampaigninfo.aspx) or contact Kristi Passarelli, Assistant Director, Maricopa County Elections Department, at (602) 506-8344 or [kpassarelli@risc.maricopa.gov](mailto:kpassarelli@risc.maricopa.gov).