

My name is Dan Pirtle and I am running for the Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District. My wife, Deborah and I have been a part time residents in Starlight Pines for 8 years. During that time, we have thoroughly enjoyed the community. To be honest, we bought with the intention of getting a place out of the heat, but we had no idea what a special community we had found. I am proud to be part of a community that protects against fires, ensures property standards and fights for its water rights, all at a responsible cost.

Professionally, I have been involved in leading technological advances across many different industries for over 40 years. I am currently co-leading Intelligent Automation in serving CVS Health's entire enterprise. In these senior positions, I have gained valuable experience in solution design, vendor management, contract negotiations and establishment of policies and procedures to raise the performance capabilities of the enterprise.

The existing Board has been working to acquire the water assets to the goal of establishing the Water District. In the near future, we need to strategically shift to the establishment of an efficient operating entity. Further we need to develop and clearly communicate processes and procedures and fill some key positions. I do support the direction the current board has taken given their limited resources. I also recognize there is a small group of concerned residents who oppose the establishment of the Water District. I plan to listen and respond to their concerns with the stated goal of keeping our water resources locally controlled. Every valid concern deserves to be addressed. There are no simple answers, but our water is a vital resource, worth pursuing with tenacity.

I believe my experience will help me contribute day one in working with other Board members to make the BRDWID a reality. I have come to know several of the current members over the last few years and believe them to be working with the best of intents for the community. I am offering my services because I want to personally give back to the community in a material way. I take this responsibility very seriously and would appreciate your vote to allow me that opportunity. Let's take control of our water resources together.

Respectfully,

Dan Pirtle