

Tom Osterday for BRDWID Board

I am committed to making sure that we have long-term access to the water that is critical to our lives here on the mountain and that we operate the system economically and efficiently while planning for future needs.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced leader of complex business situations including contract negotiation – 35 years with IBM and 3 years with Blue Yonder Software.
- Deep technical knowledge as an Electrical Engineer
- Deep knowledge of water policy and water rights in Arizona – Member of the Working Group for the Governor’s Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council; Active participant in the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality’s implementation of the Surface Water Protection act of 2021
- Board Experience – Board member of Arizona Trout Unlimited and Chairman of the Public Policy Committee which I launched in 2018; Board Member of Zane Grey Trout Unlimited (2017-2022); Board member of various churches and schools
- Knowledgeable of the history of the creation of the BRDWID and an active participant in the District, including advocating with the Arizona Corporation Commission

POLICY POSITIONS

- It is essential that we, as the BRDWID, sanctioned by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, take ownership of the assets that will deliver the water to our community. We must move expeditiously to consummate the acquisition of the assets of Starlight Water Company.
- Once we complete the purchase, the Board must ensure that the operation of the District is optimized for the effective and efficient delivery of water to our customers.
- The Board must plan for future maintenance expenses and work closely with our operations contractor to anticipate future upgrades and expenses.
- The Board must provide transparency of appropriate activities to the customer base.
- While the **pumps and pipes and personnel** are important, building **partnerships** with other water users who share our aquifer is essential to ensure the long-term availability of the water. There are no laws or regulations that limit the pumping of the groundwater in this aquifer, so it is essential that we work with the other users of this water source to ensure that it will be there for future generations. I propose do this by participating in the Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council and the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association.
- The Board should support legislation to allow local communities to manage their groundwater to protect it from outside interests who may want to excessively pump water from our shared aquifer. Such legislation has been proposed the last few years, but has not gotten out of the Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee in the House, blocked by the Committee Chair Representative Gail Griffin.

BIOGRAPHY

- I am from Cincinnati, Ohio. We have lived in Lexington, KY; Tucson, Arizona; Cary, North Carolina and greater Phoenix, AZ. We currently split our time between our home in Mesa and our cabin in Starlight Pines.
- I am married to Paula for 46 years with 3 children and 5 grandchildren.
- My work has afforded me the opportunity to travel the world and to learn about diverse cultures including China, Japan, Korea, Germany, France, Spain, Finland, Sweden, Mexico and Canada.
- My hobbies include flyfishing, woodworking, hiking, golf, cycling and scuba.
- I invest significant amounts of my time volunteering with Trout Unlimited advocating for fresh, clean water in Arizona.

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Cincinnati.
- Graduated from the Arizona Executive Management program at the University of Arizona.
- Completed Executive Management programs at Harvard School of Business and Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

I am committed to the mission of the BRDWID and would appreciate your vote!

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