

**Dear Kirkwood East Meadows Neighbor,**

This letter is to urge you to register to vote with your Kirkwood property address in either Alpine County or Amador County so that you can vote in the KMPUD Board of Director elections. All Kirkwood voting is by mail. Your ballot can be sent to you at any address you designate.

This year three (3) of the five (5) KMPUD Board of Director 4-year seats are open for election on November 2, 2021. Often, these elections are uncontested and do not require votes. This year four (4) candidates are running for three (3) open seats, so an election will be held. The next election is in two years when there will be another two seats open.

Your voice as a Kirkwood resident is essential to ensure that our utility can reliably provide the services that we need to maintain the long-term viability of our community while remaining financially sound. You can only vote for KMPUD Board candidates if you are registered to vote in either Amador or Alpine County with your property address in Kirkwood.

The most important decisions to be undertaken by the Board of Directors over the next four years will require balancing the costs of upgrading aging or at-capacity infrastructure (especially wastewater, water, propane, and fire) and the rates necessary to support those investments, all while reducing carbon emissions.

Difficult but good decisions that balance reliability, cost, environmental impact, and issues such as fire safety will require three key Board abilities:

1. A deep understanding of how to finance new investments and pay off older debt, which will be essential to reduce utility rates but stay financially sound.
2. An ability to listen to and appreciate different points of view and community concerns.
3. The ability to work collaboratively as a Board including the ability to disagree, discuss and engage with an attitude of trust. This ability requires a full understanding and respect for the roles of the Board, General Manager, Staff, and members of our community.

Kirkwood residents can vote for the candidates who best demonstrate these abilities only if they are registered at their Kirkwood property address in Alpine or Amador counties. With relatively few voters in Kirkwood, every single vote is important.

Changing one's registration is easy: go to <https://www.registertovote.ca.gov/> . Please register by the end of September to assure timely receipt of your November ballot.

Thank you very much for taking action to register to vote in Kirkwood. Your participation in this election is important and we appreciate the time you take to make your vote count. Please contact one of us if you have any questions. If you have questions about registering to vote in Kirkwood, please read our Frequently Asked Questions [here](#) or reply to this email with your question.

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