



COVER SHEET - NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION

I, Barbara Dye, hereby apply for the Coastside Democrats endorsement for the office of Trustee, Granada Community Services District.

The contact person for my campaign is: myself.

As a Club under the California Democratic Party, we only endorse fellow Democrats. *

If you do not wish to proceed further, please let us know you decline by emailing aprilmcdemocrats@gmail.com

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Please state how long you have been registered to vote as a Democrat: *

I have always been a registered Democrat

2022 Statement Questions for GCSD Board Candidates – Barbara Dye

Why are you running for the Granada Community Services District board? *

I am seeking re-election to the Granada Community Services District board to continue to make a difference in our community. I have served on the board since 2017, including twice as Board President. I've been a leader in the planning of the Burnham Strip park and community center and continually pushed for an emphasis on community input. I have worked to improve communications with residents and manage GCSD in a fiscally sound manner. I supported the outdoor education program for El Granada's fourth graders and funding for the Quarry Park Bike Pump Track. I'm proud of my record.

What will your top priorities be if elected?

My goals are to see Burnham Park, the "front yard of our community," developed according to the wishes of our residents. The next year will see the finalization of plans which are needed to provide a thorough review of any potential impacts. We want a park we will all be proud to enjoy.

I will continue to provide oversight of the SAM wastewater plant, representing GCSD on the SAM board. I have constantly challenged the way things are done at SAM, resulting in changes including a program to track and account for infrastructure projects and an oversight program for the businesses (particularly the breweries) in our community that treats the businesses fairly.

I want to continue to manage GCSD finances well, maintaining our infrastructure and keeping rates as low as possible. I am proud of our infrastructure program that continues to replace aging lines with the newest technology. If selected by the board, I will continue to represent GCSD on the SAM board, working to make sure SAM operates in an efficient and transparent manner.

Please explain how your background and experience have prepared you to be a board member. *

Now retired, I bring experience in government and the environment to GCSD. I have worked as a Congressional Field Representative, Environmental Project Manager, Land Trust Executive Director, and nonprofit fundraiser. I have a degree in geology and volunteer for Coastside Land Trust, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and the Half Moon Bay History Association. I enjoy birding and hiking our beautiful trails.

The majority of Coastsiders are impacted by the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside lawsuit; with a summary judgment now against the city of Half Moon Bay, what steps can GCSD take to ensure SAM works effectively?

In 2017, Half Moon Bay sued GCSD and Montara Water and Sewer to avoid paying for necessary repairs to the wastewater treatment system, which includes both the plant and the pipes and pump stations that send GCSD and MWSD's wastewater to the plant. When the federal government provided the funds to build the plant and the rest of the system after the Clean Water Act passed, the two agencies and Half Moon Bay signed a Joint Powers Agreement to share all costs based on the percentage of the flow going into the plant. The plant could have been built anywhere on the coast. In

2021, after years of legal costs for the three agencies that are now close to \$1 million, the Judge ruled that the JPA was very clear, that Half Moon Bay is bound by the terms of that contract to pay its fair share. By granting summary judgment he said it didn't even need to go to trial.

Despite the clear ruling, Half Moon Bay has appealed the verdict, with its arguments centering around the idea that HMB is a "poor community" being treated unfairly by the "wealthy enclaves" to the north. We expect the appeal to take another year and cost many more wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars. There is very little if anything that can be done to move this forward except to pay attorneys' fees. We expect to win the appeal as well.

After two years when Half Moon Bay refused to approve repairs to the system and the resulting sewer spill in 2017, Half Moon Bay agreed to pay for repairs "under protest," saying that they would expect to receive the fees back if they win the lawsuit. SAM has continued an aggressive program of infrastructure repair and replacement, including repairing the problem line with the latest technology through the problem areas. Many other significant upgrades have happened and will continue to happen to make the SAM system as efficient as possible.

Incidentally, Half Moon Bay appears to be paying its legal fees from the general fund, not from sewer fees. The Half Moon Bay residents (Frenchman's Creek, part of Miramar) who are part of GCSD are thus paying double legal fees.

El Granada residents are eager to see progress at Burnham Park; what will you do to make sure construction starts in 2023? *

I can't guarantee that construction will start in 2023. We are making steady progress, but the planning and approval processes for a project of this size take significant time. I think it's important to keep the community aware of the progress that is being made, and to continue to involve them as much as possible in the exciting developments as we work together toward a well-designed project.

GCSD has been working for the past six months with our landscape architects and civil engineering consultants to create detailed grading, drainage, parking, and other plans for the park. GCSD just approved a contract for an architecture firm to design the new community center. We also just hired consultants to start the environmental review of the park and community center (which will be reviewed together). That review will cover any potential impacts and mitigation in the following areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

The review process will take time – the project needs many County approvals and a Coastal Development permit. All these processes have timelines which include specified opportunities for public input. Once approvals are completed, we will go out to bid, probably separately, for the park and community center. A realistic expectation for beginning construction is the summer of 2024. This is why at our next meeting we will be considering extending the temporary lease for the preschool for

one more year to give them time to find another location or for the new state-funded programs to start up in El Granada.

What purposes and functions should be facilitated in the planned community center? *

GCSD did a community survey in 2019 which received more than 600 responses. Our plans for the community center are guided by that survey. In addition, Group 4, the firm we have hired to do the plans, will be doing outreach in the community in the next few months to get more input.

We are limited as to the size of the eventual facility, more-or-less to the footprint of the current building (which we plan to renovate and use) and yard area. The parking in the front would be maximized. There would be a restroom that would also serve that end of the park accessed from the outside.

The top four community needs in the 2019 survey were event space, craft space, a large-multipurpose room, and fitness space. Our tentative plans are to combine the event space and multipurpose room to one large room that would provide meeting spaces for community groups and could be rented for special events (with at least a catering kitchen). We are planning two more good-sized rooms, one with sinks and storage for crafts, etc., and one with mirrors for exercise classes and dancing lessons. We will also need a space for three GCSD office staff, a small meeting room with capacity for internet presentations, restrooms, storage, etc. The plan is to have as much interaction as possible with the outdoors, with sliding glass windows and usable outdoor spaces.

I should note that we will not be able to provide two of the requests from the survey. Many people requested a small swimming pool. This would be very expensive and would require more space than we have. Many others asked for a multi-sport court. Due to the park's location between two busy roads and the windy nature of the site (we can't erect wind barriers because of the view impacts) that is not practical.

We also cannot continue a licensed day care center in the facility, although we can certainly offer programs and classes. A licensed day care center requires 35 square feet of separate indoor space for each child and 75 square feet of dedicated playground space per child. There will not be room for that along with the other uses the community desires.

Do you support citizen oversight of the Sheriff's Office? Why or why not?

I do support the concept. I would have to know more about how it would be structured before I could take a more detailed position.