

APPLEWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CANDIDATE PROFILE
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Name: **Jessica Rath**s

Tell us about yourself:

I have lived within a 5-mile radius for 25 years and found my forever home in Applewood near Maple Grove Elementary School in 2019. You can often find me walking through our neighborhood to summit South Table Mountain before dawn as I find it is the best way to start each day.

I attended college in Bozeman, Montana and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. My first job was at the Hanford Nuclear Site in Richland, Washington. Missing the Rocky Mountains and family, I found an opportunity at the Rocky Flats Technology Site closure project and relocated to Colorado. I was fortunate to work to the end of the cleanup followed by several years at home raising kids. We spent countless hours at the Zoo, Science Museum, and local nature centers and parks. As they started school, I resumed working and spent 4 years working for a soil reclamation company followed by 10 years at Hazen Research, Inc. in Golden. In 2022 I moved into my current role as Project Manager for ZAP Engineering, Inc. in Lakewood.

Why are you running to be on the Board:

At the end of the day, being involved in your local community to help shape policies and ensure sustainable future growth is a core value for me. I have a proven track record of identifying and solving technical challenges throughout my career. I've raised my kids here, cared for animals, plants, and gardens and am grateful for being in a community with an incredible safe and reliable water supply. I want to assist in shaping policies to ensure the district is maximizing efficiency while conserving our most precious resource.

List your qualifications to be a Director:

I currently serve as the Applewood Sanitation District Secretary which has taught me about our Board of Directors and the service provided for our District. I began this position in April of 2024 and have attended all but one meeting in person. I know the board members and collaborate with the District Attorney to ensure minutes are accurate and concise. I believe if elected, I will hit the ground running having already learned the ropes while serving as Secretary.

As a Project Manager, I act as the primary point of contact for clients in mining and material handling projects. In 2024, managed 25 projects and \$4 million in budgets for engineering disciplines with zero write-offs. I will contribute mindful planning and contract reviews to the Board.

While at Hazen Research, I acted as the Environmental Health and Safety manager. During this tenure I was responsible for ensuring company compliance with NRC, OSHA, EPA, DOT, USDA, and CDPHE regulations for over 100 employees. I believe I can add value to the Board when reviewing regulations applicable to the Sanitation District.