

# **Caterpillar Trail Public Water District**

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## **Message from the Chairman**

As you know our Germantown Hills area has not seen significant growth over the last few years and it appears we will continue in that mode for the foreseeable future. But we can also agree that we are fortunate to live in a beautiful area combining rural flavor with access to metropolitan areas and services.

Representing Caterpillar Trail Public Water District (CTPWD), I am proud of our contribution to the welfare of the community. Our water plant is a modern lime softening plant utilizing a clarifier to provide soft water with award winning taste from the San Koty Aquifer. We consistently produce soft water with less than 5.5 grains of hardness, alleviating the need for home water softeners for most customers.

CTPWD receives no tax support and has not needed a rate increase since July 2014. While operating costs represent only about 30% of costs, they do continue to grow slowly. With some growth those cost increases could be absorbed but that has not materialized in recent years. In order to ensure the continued viability of our service we needed to implement the 5-5.6% increase in rates effective February 1, 2016. We will continually monitor our financial position, but we expect this increase will be sufficient for the foreseeable future.

Robert Sutton  
Board of Trustees Chairperson