

Argument In Favor Of Measure A

The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) has experienced significant budget volatility and shortfalls exceeding \$400,000 the past five fiscal years due to aging water and sewer infrastructure, unplanned maintenance expenses and loss of over 90 customers due to the devastating 2020 LNU wildfire. NBRID has previously relied on discretionary loans from Napa County to bridge these significant budget shortfalls.

NBRID's sewer and water systems are in urgent need of capital improvements, including expansion of wastewater treatment plant capacity, rehabilitation of sewer lift stations, and rehabilitation of the water distribution tank. Without these improvements, the systems could fail. NBRID needs additional revenue to complete these essential capital improvement projects, fund increasing operating costs, and establish a balanced budget with sufficient reserves.

A 2024 Median Household Income (MHI) Survey report designated NBRID a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) - meaning the certified MHI of those who participated in the survey was below 80% of the statewide MHI.

Measure A would impose a special tax of \$1,560 on all parcels in the District with a sewer or water service lateral stubbed to the street beginning in fiscal year 2026-27. The tax revenue would be used to fund sewer and water operations, capital improvements and emergency reserves. The tax would restore financial stability to NBRID and in conjunction with the DAC designation would make it eligible to apply for State and Federal Program CIP grants. These grants could be used to replace aged facilities, address treatment capacity deficiencies, and increase fire protection storage.

The tax would expire after ten years. However, the Governing Board could reduce the amount of the tax or terminate it prior to the end of the ten-year term if NBRID achieves its revenue and reserve balance goals early through acquisition of new customers.