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*Board of Directors Summary for March 13, 2002*

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## WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors honored four employees for each having completed 10 years of service:

- **Betty Gibbel**, Public Affairs Officer, Community Involvement
- **Joe Gott**, Systems Support Manager, Information Systems
- **Dick Heil**, Director of Community Involvement
- **Roger Turner**, Environmental Compliance Analyst II, Environmental & Regulatory Compliance.

...approved an agreement with Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District for the sale of recycled water to supplement potable water supplies for Lake Elsinore. Under terms of the agreement, EMWD agrees to sell up to 1,500 acre-feet of recycled water at a rate of \$165/acre-foot. **Tony Pack**, General Manager, noted some county approvals are still outstanding and, because of limited recycled water supplies, it is likely we will provide less water for Lake Elsinore.

...approved the funding agreement with The Willows Investment Group for Community Facilities District No. 2002-03, a 50-acre project north of Temecula. Because the County of Riverside deferred certain resolutions re: traffic improvements, EMWD also deferred the public hearing on this project to April 3.

...heard from **Charlie Bachmann**, Assistant General Manager, Engineering, that an agreement has been reached to acquire certain property from landowners for construction of the Keller Road Tank and Pipeline north of Murrieta. With the current local property owner agreement, he noted there is no need to hold a public hearing to consider eminent domain proceedings.

...approved an administrative award of contract for the 6.8 million gallon Keller Road Tank I, 30-inch pipeline and Site improvements project at an amount \$4.7 million, for a total estimated project cost of \$5.2 million. The project will be financed from the General District's Restricted Water Tank Fund and Service Area 41's (Mills Treatment) Restricted Water System Expansion fund.

...agreed to postpone fees for the Moreno Valley Senior Housing, Inc., a non-profit organization.

...ratified an appropriation of \$73,800 for installation of the Reach 4 Brine Line Intertie, which will be used to dewater high pH water prior to delivery of recycled water to Lake Elsinore. The project will be financed from Improvement District H Recycled Water Replacement and System Betterment fund.

...deferred acting on a one-year contract renewal with Synagro Technologies, Inc. to provide biosolids reuse and disposal services. Modified language is expected to offer EMWD a choice as to whether biosolids are to be hauled for land disposal or composted.

...heard from **Chuck Rathbone**, Director of Finance, on preliminary assumptions regarding the district's operating budget for 2002-03, which is expected to total \$111 million. He noted the originally budgeted \$107 million for 2001-02 will likely end the fiscal year June 30 at \$110 million. No water or sewer rate increases are expected at this time, even though energy costs may be substantially higher for water and sewer activities. Some staffing increases are expected due to new projects, such as the Perris Water Filtration Plant and the desalter program. Water sales are expected to rise by two percent, while growth of the sewer system is expected to rise by 2.4 percent. That increase is comparable to what we are currently experiencing compared with last year. Although weather is a large factor in water sales, total freshwater and recycled water sales are projected to go from an annual projected amount of 111,000 to more than 112,000 acre-feet.

The next board work session is adjourned to March 27, 8 a.m., with a board meeting to begin at 9 a.m.

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