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Board of Directors Summary for May 1, 2002

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BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors recognized **Steve Ingersoll**, Water Reclamation Plant Manager at Moreno Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility, for 25 years of service. They also honored two 15-year service anniversaries: **Michael Lewis**, Construction Inspection Supervisor, and **Malea Ortloff**, Executive Assistant, Information Services. The Board congratulated **Jesse Soto**, Waterworks Maintenance Technician II, Mechanical Services, who had been selected Employee of the Quarter, April through June 2002. Jesse has been an EMWD employee since April 1991.

...adopted a proclamation declaring the month of May 2002 to be Water Awareness Month. As a part of an annual statewide campaign, various methods will be used to disseminate messages promoting wise water use and conservation.

...adopted Ordinance No. 91 after hearing **Bill Tibbets** give background information during the public hearing on the Nonreclaimable Waste Line Use Ordinance. The purpose of the NWL is to move brine wastes from the Menifee Desalter to the ocean.

...approved an administrative award of contract for Assessment District No. 20 (Menifee Road Interceptor Sewer Improvement Project). The total estimated project cost is \$1.2 million and will be financed from Service Area No. 33 (Sun City) Restricted Sewer Expansion Fund and Assessment District No. 20 funds.

...agreed to participate with the Val Verde Unified School District in the design and construction of the Placentia Avenue Sewer. EMWD's total estimated cost is \$2 million and will be financed from Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund and from Service Area No. 365 (Perris Valley) Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund. Val Verde USD will reimburse \$885,000 to EMWD.

...approved contributing \$25,000 to the Water for the West Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit corporation organized to recognize significant achievement of the Bureau of Reclamation during the past century.

...approved a 13-acre annexation in the Sun City area (Garrett Group, LLC) to Improvement District Nos. U-35 and U-36.

...received the staffing status report for March, showing the total number of district employees at end of the month at 509.

...adopted Resolution Nos. 3588 and 3589 in connection with establishing Community Facilities District 2002-06 (Morgan Hills). The project for 1,126 single family homes is located on 452 acres near Temecula. Forming the CFD authorizes the levy of a special tax to pay the cost of acquiring and constructing certain improvements and to pay debt service on bonded indebtedness.

...adopted Resolution No. 3590 for the issuance of Improvement Area A (Special Tax Bonds), Series A of 2002 Community Facilities District 2001-01 (French Valley) and related documents. At the request of Brookfield Homes, this action allows for the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9.5 million.

...adopted Resolution No. 3347.3 amending Exhibit D–Nonexempt Salary Schedule; and Resolution No. 3348.3 amending Exhibit E–Exempt Salary Schedule. The amendment is per a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with IBEW, Local 1436. Based on the average CIP-U (L.A., Riverside, Orange County) for the first quarter, the salary adjustment of 2.7 percent is effective May 5, 2002.

...adopted Resolution No. 1962.7 fixing the employer contributions for medical insurance premiums for all active and retired employees. Monthly contributions beginning May 5, 2002 for both Non-Represented and IBEW, Local 1436 employees are \$280 (1 party), \$558 (2-party), and \$725 (Family).

...approved an administrative award of contract for restoring the Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility's blower building. Damaged by fire in January 2002, the entire project cost is estimated at \$450,000. The project will be financed from Service Area No. 35 (Perris Regional Sewer) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...approved and authorized water demand assessments that review long-term water supplies for three developments. They include Menifee East (993 equivalent dwelling units near Menifee), Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (2,058 EDUs in Temecula), and Tentative Tract 29972 (400 EDUs near Garbani Road and Menifee Road in the Menifee area)

WORK SESSION

The Board recognized **Dan Duffield**, Senior Source Control Inspector, for 10 years of service.

Khos Ghaderi gave an update on the status of the water system and coordination for meeting high water demands this summer. He noted that maintenance work during the winter is nearly over, additional valving on transmission lines will help to minimize outages to customers, a new SCADA system is nearly installed, and improvements are expected at the Menifee Desalter. **Tony Pack** noted we are starting the summer season with 2,000 more EDUs than last year, a new arrangement for serving Murrieta County Water District, and higher than typical demands so far from Lake Hemet MWD.

Chuck Rathbone presented a monthly financial update which shows fiscal year revenues through March at \$79.1 million, total operating costs/allocations at \$68.7 million, and water sales of 84,559 acre-feet. These are all slightly ahead of projections for this time.

Ted Haring gave a legislative update on several statewide issues and how they might affect EMWD and its customers. Some of the proposed legislation deals with landscaping/irrigation requirements and the voter initiative bond measure entitled, "Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal Protection Act of 2002." Other proposed legislation relates to code of ethics changes, electric service rates for interruptible programs, waste discharge requirements, other legislation and the state's budget.

David Moore gave an update on what is known so far re: the effect of new medical insurance agreements through PERS. As more specific information becomes available, employees will be notified. The number of alternative plans available to employees will be reduced at the end of the calendar year by two—eliminating Health Net (HMO) and Pacificare (HMO). Members from all plans can select new medical plans during open enrollment in October. He noted that Universal Care (HMO), one of the continuing options, includes most of the same doctors as in Health Net and Pacificare. Other continuing plans are Blue Shield (HMO), Kaiser (HMO), PERSCARE (PPO), PERSChoice (PPO) and Kaiser "A" Plan (HMO) through Valley Health Alliance Plans.