



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for July 10, 2002

**Report!** is prepared by the Community Involvement Department for all interested individuals. This brief summary of selected items from Eastern Municipal Water District Board of Directors' meetings is distributed after each meeting. Please circulate it to others having an interest. For more information, call 909/928-3777, ext. 4226; or FAX: 909/928-6160.

## WORK SESSION

**The Board of Directors** ratified the annual agreement with Will & Carlson, Inc., for legislative liaison services in Washington, DC.

...approved postponement of connection fees for Phase Two of the Integrated Care Communities facility on the campus of Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley, as a non-profit organization, under the provisions of the existing Resolution 3075.6.

...approved the Water Supply Assessment Report indicating that the District will be able to supply water for the Creekside Village development in Murrieta.

...approved Amendment 4 to the governing agreement of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), of which EMWD is one of five member agencies.

...approved resolutions announcing the District's intent to establish a community facilities district to provide water and sewer services for the Woodside Homes development in the Menifee area.

...authorized the sale of \$4.5 million in bonds and approved several documents related to CFD 2002-03 for The Willows development in the Temecula area.

...received a report from General Manager **Tony Pack** noting several items:

...a federal inspection of several projects funded by rural development bonds indicated the projects are well maintained and in good order.

...the District will be applying for a "California Awards Performance Excellence" award similar to the renowned Malcolm Baldrige awards offered in private industry. Preparation of the award nomination could take as much as a year.

...the vegetation burn at the Hemet-San Jacinto Wetlands last week went well.

...the District has been granted five 60-KW micro turbines by the AQMD. The turbines will be installed at the EMWD headquarters to cover some of the electricity load needed to support the facility and to provide heated water.

...meetings continue with groundwater pumpers in the Hemet-San Jacinto area in the effort to establish a groundwater management plan, and Tony is confident progress is being made; another in the series of public meetings on the subject will be held in August. ...heard from AGM **Mike Luker** that the water delivery system continues to be heavily taxed as a result of rising demand during hot weather. (The District yesterday set a new consumption record of 148.6 million gallons.)

...received a brief summary from AGM **Charlie Bachmann** regarding the numerous facility steps the District is taking to maximize water supply.

...heard from Director of Community Involvement **Dick Heil** about the aggressive advertising program the District is undertaking to encourage water conservation. EMWD is buying newspaper and movie theater advertising, and Metropolitan Water District will soon be buying additional advertising in newspapers, theaters and cable TV.

...listened to a presentation by AGM **Mike Luker** summarizing biosolids disposal alternatives as summarized in a report commissioned from Carollo Engineering. Alternatives ranged from estimated \$3.7 million to \$13.2 million per year in the future (compared with the current budgeted cost of \$1.6 million). Among the alternatives evaluated were thermal drying, composting, pasteurization, hydrogasification (like the project being researched at UCR), and soil amendments. The Carollo report recommended the soil products alternative while keeping options open for a new in-county composting facility. Representatives from composter **Synagro** spoke and urged the District to formally support the concept of developing the new composting facility at Lamb Canyon.

...enjoyed a demonstration by Treasury Manager **Pat Elliott** of the District's new Interactive Voice Response system by which customers can obtain their account information 24 hours a day by telephone. In operation only about a month so far, the system is already handling about 750 calls a week, approximately the equivalent of two billing representatives.

...heard MWD Director **Marion Ashley** report that:

- The MWD Environmental Impact Report and the Specific Plan for recreation facilities at Diamond Valley Lake are expected to reach the MWD board in late August.
- The lake currently contains about 747,000 acre feet of water as it approaches its full capacity of approximately 800,000.
- "Met" currently has 13 major construction projects underway totaling \$586 million.
- There are several issues under discussion that will affect future supplies of Colorado River water.

###