



EASTERN MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT

Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **October 16, 2002**

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BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors recognized **Craig Limppo**, Storekeeper II, as Employee of the Quarter (October-December 2002).

...accepted the 2002 Cyborg User Excellence Award, awarded to **Chris Teason**, Business Systems Analyst II, on behalf of the District at a recent Cyborg Conference. **Tina Rojtas**, Business Systems Manager, shared with the Board that Chris was the Project Leader of the award-winning project, *EMWD Benefit Statement*.

...agreed to a request by EXCEED for fee postponement for its new building on Trumble Road, having met compliance with the conditions of EMWD's Fee Postponement Program.

...approved Water Supply Assessment Report for the Creekside Project (Lakeview/Nuevo area, near EMWD's Skiland Ponds), a residential project that will have slightly over 1,300 units.

...approved and authorized an engineering services agreement amounting to \$151,960 with Kevin Cozad and Associates for the design and preparation of construction documents for design of water pipelines for Antelope and Garbani/Haun Roads and sewer pipelines for Haun and Scott Roads. The project will be financed from the General District Restricted Water and Sewer Facilities Expansion Funds and Assessment District No. 20 (Menifee Valley Development).

...approved and authorized an engineering services agreement amounting to \$140,000 with Kevin Cozad and Associates for design of the Murrieta Area Sewer Improvements, Phase I. Financing will come from the General District's Sewer System Expansion Fund.

...authorized the General Manager to execute a 10-year purchase order with Metropolitan Water District for purchase of water, effective January 1, 2003. This will be EMWD's first purchase of imported water for resale to our customers since MWD adopted its new rate structure.

...adopted the District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

...approved an amendment to the District's Records Retention Schedule.

...approved amendment to Classification of Positions to more accurately reflect changes in duty titles and pay grades of several positions.

...adopted Recycled Water Rates effective November 1, 2002, established from the recommendations of the Reclaimed Water Advisory Committee in January, 2002. The new rates also include a newly established rate for construction use of recycled water.

...adopted a resolution requesting Riverside County's consent to the formation and construction of improvements for Assessment District No. 9 (East Pourroy Road) in the French Valley area to establish a public water system.

...approved a 39.62 acre annexation (Beazer Homes) into Improvement Districts U-23 and U-24 (Lake Skinner).

...approved a 154.48 acre annexation (Millennium Properties) into Improvement Districts U-35 and U-36 (South Sun City).

...accepted a staffing status report for September indicating 491 full-time equivalent employees as of September 30, 2002.

...approved CEQA certification of the First Street Sewer Crossing Project (Temecula). The abandonment of the existing 30-year old sewer lift station and installation of new sewer pipeline will be more efficient and economical.

...approved an amendment to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, which clarifies several issues related to governance of the agency, of which EMWD is one of five member agencies.

WORK SESSION

The Directors recognized two employees for ten years of service:

Charlie Bachmann, Assistant General Manager of Engineering; and

Mary A. "Micki" Collins, Customer Service Supervisor, Customer Service Dept.

...received an oral report from General Manager **Tony Pack** on a variety of matters related to the District:

Seepage through the San Jacinto Tunnel of the Colorado River Aqueduct was measured recently for the first time in several years. Because the seepage is related to groundwater in the area, recent dry years brought the measurement down slightly from the previous level. The new measurement shows 4,991 acre feet per year in seepage, for which EMWD will get credit from Metropolitan. The special device used to conduct the measurement was invented several years ago by **Greg Millar**.

The District's complete water rate schedule is in the process of review with the goal of simplifying it and ensuring the proper rates are being charged. The project headed by Finance Director **Chuck Rathbone** is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Because of a discharge requirement decision yesterday by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, EMWD and Rancho California WD are planning to end their agreement of several years for use of EMWD recycled water by RCWD and treatment of some of EMWD's raw sewage by the RCWD plant.

...were told by AGM/Operations and Maintenance **Mike Luker** that the power generating turbines granted to EMWD by the Air Quality Management District were scheduled to be received today. Several EMWD staff have already received installation and maintenance/operation training at the factory.

...heard from Director of Government Affairs **Larry Libeu** and MWD Director **Marion Ashley** about results from yesterday's MWD Board meeting. Studies are being commissioned regarding the soil liquefaction problem at the east end of Diamond Valley Lake. Preliminary steps to begin construction of the DVL east-end marina were authorized. A specific plan for development of west end DVL recreation facilities was approved.

It was also noted that water transmission pipeline number 6, through EMWD's service area and into San Diego County has been approved and that construction will begin quickly. In addition, yesterday the MWD Board voted to end the proposed conjunctive use project at Cadiz in the high desert.

...received an overview from **Larry Libeu** on how the new Metropolitan Water District rate schedule will be structured. It was finally adopted earlier this year after several years of effort, and will take effect Jan. 1, 2003. It will affect the way EMWD orders water from MWD and the amount paid for that water.

...listened to a report from District Legal Counsel **Gerry Shoaf** in regard to an agreement reached yesterday on the principles to be applied to quantification of California's water supplies from the Colorado River. This step was crucial to the State being able to meet a Dec. 31st deadline imposed by the Federal Government in regard to California's entitlement from the Colorado River.

...were briefed by Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority General Manager **Joe Grindstaff** on current issues at the regional agency of which EMWD is one of five member agencies. A long-standing discussion on how SAWPA should be governed has been resolved. Rate and capacity changes are coming to the Santa Ana Regional Interceptor (SARI) disposal line, as are maintenance and upgrade projects. The agency is also working on plans to reach an integrated watershed plan and to integrate its efforts into MWD's Integrated Resources Plan (IRP).

...received their monthly budget overview from Finance Director **Chuck Rathbone**. Revenues and expenses through September are higher than budget because of higher than expected water sales. Total domestic and irrigation water sold in the first three months of the year reached 35,453 acre feet (114% of budget) while recycled water sales were 106% of budget at 8,616 acre feet. New connections to the EMWD system are reflecting the stimulated growth environment in the region and are at their highest levels since 1990; to date this fiscal year, 2,521 EDUs of sewer service and 1,575 water EDUs have been added. The total is 186% of the amount anticipated.

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