



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **November 13, 2002**

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## BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors approved a \$56,800 contract with L.D. Anderson, Inc., (Bloomington, CA) for modifications to the Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation Facility Wetlands. The total estimated project cost is \$121,600. The project will be financed from the General District Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund, with the understanding that the Bureau of Reclamation will participate through reimbursements.

...approved an amendment for \$38,000 to the task order with Leighton and Associates, Inc. for soils testing services for the Good Hope 'A' Street Pipeline Project. This project is financed from the Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved an administrative award of contract for Well No. 18 replacement in the East Valley area of the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,581,300 and will be financed from the General District's Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...agreed to an additional appropriation of \$86,900 for Leon Road Pipeline relocations, which brings the total estimated project cost to \$1,163,100. Financing is through Service Area No. 43 (Skinner Treatment) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved an expenditure of \$187,635 for additional capacity in the New Evans Road and Rider Street Gravity Sewer System (Placentia Avenue Sewer). The bulk of the expenditure--\$131,345--will come from the General District Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund. The remaining \$56,290 will be financed from the General District Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund to provide for capacity required by EMWD's Perris Water Filtration Plant.

...approved an additional appropriation of \$1,378,800 for construction of Well No. 24, including pumping facilities and transmission pipeline. The San Jacinto project is financed from the General District Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved an engineering services agreement with Psomas, Inc. for \$268,000 for final design of Phase I of the Hemet/San Jacinto Integrated Recharge and Recovery Project. Phase I will permit up to 40 cubic feet per second of recharge from State Project Water, and up to three extraction wells. The project will be financed from the General District Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund.

...agreed to execute a joint participation agreement with MWD to support construction of the East Dam Recreation Facilities. Appropriations from the General District's Restricted Water Tank Fund are set at \$1,939,300 to build the 3.2 million-gallon Searl II Tank, and at \$2,524,600 from the General District's Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund for build the remaining East Dam Recreation Area Potable Water Facilities. MWD is expected to participate in the funding.

...approved and authorized water supply assessments according to provisions of SB 221 and SB 610 for the following specific plans:

- The Crossroads (903 units) in Winchester Specific Plan No. 288,
- The Cove (561 units) in San Jacinto.

...adopted a resolution to file an application for a state grant in the amount of \$188,000 pursuant to the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 and to enter into an agreement for the development and implementation of the East Valley Groundwater Extraction Monitoring Program.

...adopted minute orders approving maps and legal descriptions for annexing parcels to improvement districts:

- 2.12 acres by John & Lisa Platts to Improvement District No. U-8 (Rancho California Regional Sewer),
- 24.17 acres by KB Home to Improvement District U-8 (Temecula area),
- 44.04 acres by KB Home to Improvement District U-8 (Temecula area)
- 2.26 acres by MMI Anwar Investments, LLC to Improvement District U-29 and U-30 (West Central Perris Area).

...received the staffing status report for October, which showed the total number of District employees at 516 (492 full-time equivalents).

...authorized the selection process to replace Division Four Board member, Marion V. Ashley. Mr. Ashley won the recent election for Riverside County Supervisor (5<sup>th</sup> District). To select a Director to serve out the remaining two years of his EMWD term, Board President **Rodger Siems** appointed an ad hoc committee (**Randy Record** and **David Slawson**) to solicit applications and interview qualified candidates. From that group, finalists would be presented Jan. 6, 2003 to the entire Board for interviews. An appointment by the full board would be expected at the regular board meeting Jan. 8, 2003.

**Angela Carman**, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, told the Board of some changes to recruitment practices effective Jan. 1, 2003. She said the District would then accept applications only for positions that are open. In the past, applications had been accepted, regardless of whether a position was open or filled. In addition, a professional personnel services firm would conduct testing, interviewing and screening for the occasional large recruitment process for entry level positions, such as meter reading. The goal of the changes is to draw a broader diversity of applicants when recruiting from the outside.

## WORK SESSION

The Directors recognized six employees for ten years of service each:

**Steve Fish**, Machinist/Tool Maker II, Shop Services

**Rocky Howard**, Utility Crew Leader, Wastewater Collection

**Bruce Malone**, Utility Crew Leader, Wastewater Collection

**Tammy Mund**, Meter Reader, Customer Service

**Brenda Peyron**, Operations Representative II, Water Operations and Distribution

**Scott Parrott**, Systems Administrator, Information Systems

In his monthly report, **Tony Pack**, General Manager, noted that he and other EMWD staff had met with senior management at MWD and impressed on them the importance of continuing infrastructure projects to support East Dam development at Diamond Valley Lake. MWD will reimburse EMWD for approximately 44 percent of the cost.

**Chuck Rathbone**, Finance Director, noted that water and sewer connections were at the highest levels in EMWD history. During October, sewer and water connections totaled 5,956 equivalent dwelling units, more than 200 percent of budget. For the same period last year, 3,214 EDUs were connected. He also said that, according to state legislation, EMWD has been providing water demand assessments for all developments with 500 or more units. That information will be discussed at a future meeting with MWD staff regarding future water supply to Riverside County.

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