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Board of Directors Summary for **December 18, 2002**

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BOARD MEETING

Board Secretary **Mary White** administered the oath of office to Directors **Rodger D. Siems**, **David J. Slawson** and **Richard R. Hall** on their new four-year terms of office from 2003 to 2007.

The Board of Directors also adopted a proclamation honoring and commending **Marion V. Ashley** on his retirement from the Board of Directors and as EMWD's representative on the Board of MWD. Director Ashley won the recent election for Riverside County Board of Supervisors, District 5, and will take office in January.

...presented certificates of completion for MWD's Crisis/Risk Communications and Media Training Seminars to **Betty Gibbel**, **Nancy Wagner** and **Gregg Millar**.

...accepted an appreciation plaque from Valley-Wide Recreation and Parks District and the Winchester Homeowners Association for contributions made to the community as mitigation for developing the Winchester Ponds for recycled water. Through a community partnership, EMWD funds made it possible to create and maintain Winchester Park. Sports Field #1 was named in EMWD's honor, according to President Siems.

...heard from Directors Slawson and Record who comprised an *ad hoc* committee that interviewed qualified candidates for the position of EMWD Director, Division 4, on the retirement of Marion V. Ashley Jan. 6. The three finalists are Ron Sullivan, Eric Kroencke and Ezekial Martin. They will be interviewed by the full Board Jan. 6, 2003, 2 p.m. The one selected will be sworn in at the regular Board meeting Jan. 8.

...approved and authorized an amendment to the inspection services agreement with KTA-Tator, Inc. for Creag Avenue Tank, Pipeline and site improvements. The amendment is for an amount not to exceed \$48,545, bringing the total value to \$97,770. The project is financed from the General District's Restricted Water Tank Fund and Service Area 41's Restricted Water System Expansion Fund.

...authorized an administrative award of contract for the First Street Sewer in Temecula (Specification No. 867S). The total estimated project cost of \$620,000 will be financed from Service Area 34 (Temecula/Murrieta) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve and the General District Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund.

...approved and authorized a design engineering services agreement with Carollo Engineers for electrical reliability improvements at the Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation Facility. The contract for \$366,000 includes contingencies. It will be financed from Service Area 31 (Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Sewer) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve and the General District's Restricted Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Fund.

...agreed to authorize an administrative award of contract and consulting services totaling \$41,100 for water transmission valve improvements. The contract will use Engineering Resources, Inc. as part of the program to install 10 new valves at key locations on transmission pipelines. By doing so, service interruptions will be minimized during transmission pipeline shutdowns and will lessen the amount of water lost when dewatering.

...approved and authorized an administrative award of contract with necessary consultants and contractors to complete construction of the Searl Tank, Pipeline and site improvements for an estimated cost of \$2.3 million. This work will help in the development of the East Dam Recreational Area of Diamond Valley Lake.

...approved and authorized funding an acquisition agreement with Warmington Land Company, Inc. for Assessment District No. 20 (Menifee Valley).

...approved and authorized an engineering services agreement with Carollo Engineers to model the Hemet/San Jacinto and Perris/Sun City wastewater collection systems and appropriate an additional \$325,900 for the wastewater facilities master plan update. The total estimated project cost is \$652,000 and includes revisions for all five sewer service areas. The project will be funded from the General District Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund.

Approved and authorized an appropriation of \$187,500 for completion of Phase II groundwater recharge testing in the Cienega area of the Canyon Subbasin in the San Jacinto Valley. This project is being financed from the General District Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved and authorized a five-year agreement with American Payment Systems, Inc. to provide automated pay agent services as a service to customers. Total costs are estimated at \$940,000.

...approved and authorized an engineering services agreement with Carollo Engineers for the District's regional water reclamation facilities capital improvement plan update. The contract for design engineering services is in an amount not to exceed \$236,000 and will be financed from the General District Restricted Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Fund.

...received and filed the Fruitvale Report for 2001/2002, an annual document required under the terms of a judgment and decree associated with acquiring the Fruitvale Mutual Water Company in the San Jacinto Valley in 1971.

...adopted Ordinance 72.19 revising the District's requirements set under the water conservation plan. The major revision is to allow the board to approve using potable water in decorative lakes on a case-by-case basis. Such lakes or other water features are normally served with recycled water when available and its use is permitted.

...reappointed **Patricia A. Elliott, Julie Hughes, Mike Marcus and James E. Wyatt** as trustees for the EMWD Security Trust Fund. **Betty Garcia** was also appointed trustee.

...adopted minute orders approving maps and legal descriptions for proposed annexations:

- 44.44 acres (Warmington Homes) to Improvement District No. U-8 (Rancho California Regional Sewer)
- 156.46 acres (Brookfield Homes) to Improvement District Nos. U-23 and U-24 (French Valley)
- 36.54 acres (Beazer Homes) to Improvement District Nos. U-23 and U-24 (French Valley)
- 83.28 acres (Ross Stores) to Improvement District Nos. U-27 and U-28 (North Perris area #1)

- 59.96 acres (Fiesta Development) to Improvement District Nos. U-31 and U-32 (Perris area #3)

...received the monthly staffing report for November, which showed the total number of full-time equivalents at 493.

...announced after closed session that Randy A. Record will represent EMWD on the MWD Board of Directors after the retirement of Marion V. Ashley Jan. 6, 2003. Record is also Director of Division 3.

WORK SESSION

To avoid confusion with existing reclamation facilities, it was decided to officially name the new freshwater facility under construction as the Perris Water Filtration Plant.

Although it seems likely that California's annual supply from the Colorado River will be reduced from 5.2 million acre feet to 4.4 MAF, MWD is continuing to develop other sources and strategies to keep its Colorado River Aqueduct full. In addition, MWD has other projects underway, including development of 150,000 AFY from desalination, additional groundwater storage and water conservation programs.

Results from a telephone survey of 300-customers were discussed. Questions dealt with overall Riverside County issues, EMWD's job approval, environmental issue rankings, water quality and safety ratings, customer service items and billing or meter reading alternatives. The survey was structured so the respondents reflected the geographic composition of the customer base. The sample size provided a margin of error of plus or minus 5.56% at a 95% confidence level.

Among some of the financial reporting through November and provided by **Chuck Rathbone**, Director of Finance, were: Total revenues of \$47.5 million are slightly ahead (108%) of the year-to-date budget of \$43.8 million. Expenses at \$45.8 million are comparably ahead (106%) for year-to-date. Connection fee revenues of \$19.3 million are dramatically 189% of budget projections of \$10.2 and for the prior year's period of \$11.1 million. The total number of sewer and water equivalent dwelling units through November were 7,295, or nearly twice the year-to-date budget.