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Board of Directors Summary for **March 5, 2003**

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WORK SESSION

Tony Pack, EMWD General Manager, gave an overview of the following:

- EMWD began discharging surplus recycled water (due to rains and resulting decrease in demand for recycled water) from Reach 4 into Lake Elsinore and will be receiving payment from EVMWD according to an agreed upon rate schedule. We expect to discharge approximately 1,500 AF over the next two weeks. *For more information regarding the discharge, refer to the press release posted on our Website.*
- Work is underway for a bond financing scheduled for June, including a variable issue of \$64 million new money and approximately \$25 million of refunding.
- Staff is in the process of reviewing/revising the Strategic Plan, beginning the budget for next year, preparing our application for the CAPE (California Awards for Performance Excellence), and negotiating the next two-year MOU with the IBEW Local 1436. These items will be brought to the Board in the next few months.
- EMWD has addressed 80 small safety-related items identified by Cal Osha; we expect to receive Cal Star re-certification in May.

Mike Luker, Assistant General Manager, Operations and Maintenance relayed:

- The Menifee desalter, the first of several, has been online for one week now, producing approximately 1,000 gpm (or 4.5 AF/day) of fresh water.
- Recent storms have presented challenges for our wastewater system, including a broken sewer line that was successfully repaired; no spillage resulted; RCWD assisted by accepting extra recycled water.

Charlie Bachmann, Assistant General Manger, Engineering reported:

- EMWD is investigating a land purchase in Wildomar for an effluent pump station.
- Talks are being held with RCWD for EMWD to provide extra treatment capacity in exchange for recycled water storage, maximizing efficiencies for both agencies.

Chuck Rathbone, Director of Finance, presented a water rates proposal, reflecting a slight rate increase effective this spring; the Board suggested amendments; the revised proposal will be presented at the next Board meeting.

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MWD - has notified EMWD of groundbreaking ceremonies to be held April 5 at Diamond Valley Lake for water and archeological museums.

Action Items:

- The Board adopted Resolution Nos. 3708 and 3709, increasing the amount of bonds authorized within Community Facilities District 2002-10 (Summit Ridge, in French Valley) by \$1 million and to increase the amount of bonded indebtedness to be incurred within CFD 2002-10, respectively.

Closed Session Items:

- EMWD Property, 440 E. Oakland, Hemet, CA - Board gave staff further direction on sales negotiation.