



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **March 19, 2003**

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## BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors recognized two employees for their years of service:

- **Herbert "Al" Spencer, Jr.**, Facilities Planning and Project Scheduling Administrator, Engineering Administration—15 years;
- **Gary T. Mund**, Distribution Operator III, Water Operations and Distribution—25 years

...adopted a resolution expressing support to name the access road at Riverside Community College, Moreno Valley campus after **Clayton A. Record, Jr.** The former EMWD board member and representative on the Metropolitan Water District, was an alumnus of RCC, who later became a Riverside County Supervisor. He was a widely respected civic leader who died in 2001.

...presented **Mary White** with a proclamation on her retirement at the end of this month as Secretary to the Board.

...acknowledged **Julie Hughes** as the new Deputy Board Secretary I. In related reclassifications, **Rosemarie Howell** was appointed Secretary to the Board of Directors/Assistant to the General Manager, and **Marilyn Chaisongkram** was appointed Deputy Board Secretary II.

...authorized an appropriation of \$127,000 to upgrade the Ridgemoor Booster to an above-ground facility, with work to be performed by EMWD staff. Funding will be provided by the Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund for Service Area No. 41.

...authorized a five-year agreement with U.S. Filter Davis Process for odor control solutions at sewage lift stations. Annual costs are estimated at \$180,000 and are provided for in each year's annual operating budget.

...approved proposals to replace chlorine gas disinfection systems with hypochlorite generation at Wells 27 and 28 in San Jacinto. The project, estimated at \$217,500, will be financed from the General District's Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...approved a water supply assessment for the Cimarron Valley Estates Project in Menifee. The assessment satisfies requirements under Senate Bills 610 and 221 that adequate water supplies are or will be available to water demands associated with projects more than 500 units. Cimarron Valley Estates is a 524-unit, single-family residential development.

... approved a \$186,017 contract with McLaughlin Engineering & Mining, Inc., of Temecula, to reconstruct six sludge drying beds at the San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (formerly known as the Hemet/San Jacinto RWRf). Reconstructing the beds will reduce the quantity of sludge to be hauled away. Financing will come from Service Area No. 31 Hemet/San

Jacinto Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...approved and authorized modifications to the Nandina Pump Station and piping upgrade at the Moreno Valley RWRF. The total cost is estimated at \$151,000 and will be financed by the Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund for Service Area No. 32.

...approved a settlement agreement with Dorr-Oliver EIMCO USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$180,000 to acquire clarifier equipment at the Perris Valley RWRF. Financing will come from the Restricted Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Fund.

...annexed 2.48 acres to Improvement District No. U-8 (Rancho California) on request from Todd Sheehan.

...annexed 2.33 acres to I.D. U-8 (Rancho California) on request from Karen Sheehan.

...annexed 248.0 acres to I.D. U-27 (North Perris) on request from Barratt American, Inc.

...accepted the District staffing report showing the total number of employees on Feb. 28 at 518 (or 495 full-time equivalents).

...adopted Resolution No. 3353.6 revising water rates effective May 1 and implemented with bills issued beginning June 1. The increase in retail rates averages 3.1 percent, while the Daily Service Charges (DSC) in different communities were adjusted system-wide to be consistent at \$.239. Changes were necessary since the district could no longer absorb increased costs since the last water rate change in January 1996. Since that time, the Consumer Price Index has increased nearly 19 percent.

## WORK SESSION

The General Manager noted plans for an Education Fair June 3. Similar to occasional Health Fairs, its purpose is to acquaint employees with the educational opportunities that are available to them. Representatives from various schools will be on hand to answer questions.

**Chuck Rathbone**, Director of Finance, gave a presentation on the need for re-routing meter reader teams, which were last revised in 1998. Since then, the number of meters has increased by 23 percent. He noted we continue to install 500 or more water meters a month.

The board heard a preliminary proposal from the Milk Producers Council and an engineering firm on a possible "Waste to Watts" public-private partnership, with the goal of converting biosolids and green waste products into a revenue producer.

**Larry Libeu**, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, noted that MWD plans to make groundbreaking ceremonies Saturday, April 5 for the two water-related museums at Diamond Valley Lake.

**Mike Garner**, Resource Development Administrator, summarized a supplemental water supply initiative for 13 dairies in the Lakeview area. The water supply would come from an MWD connection and could supply 2,600 to 2,900 acre-feet a year of untreated water for dairy operations. This would be done to minimize dependence on local groundwater in that area.