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Board of Directors Summary for **August 20, 2003**

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BOARD MEETING

The Board recognized several employees for their years of service with EMWD:

- **Christine Teason**, Business Systems Analyst II, Information Services, 15 years;
- **Cindy Crompton**, Development Services Representative II, New Business, 20 years;
- **Thomas Wheat**, Treatment Process Control Specialist, Water Reclamation, 30 years.

...congratulated two employees for their recent accomplishments in earning college degrees: **Connie Gomez** and **Scott Parrott**, both Systems Administrators in Information Systems, earned their bachelor of science degrees in information systems from the University of Redlands.

...adopted a proclamation in support of Pollution Prevention Week—Sept. 15-21, 2003.

Judy Lankey, Senior Source Control Inspector, thanked the Board for continuing to recognize pollution prevention as a District priority.

...received formal endorsement from about 50 property owners in the French Valley area to proceed with establishing Assessment District No. 9 (East Pourroy Road) to provide a water system estimated to cost nearly \$900,000.

...approved and authorized an administrative award of contract for the San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility's 30-inch diameter pond transfer pipeline. The total estimated project cost is \$542,000 and will be financed from Service Area Improvement District "H" Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...amended a construction support services agreement by an additional \$192,000 with Carollo Engineers. The agreement involves the expansion of the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility and the Sanderson Lift Station Replacement Project (San Jacinto).

...approved an engineering services agreement with Carollo Engineers and ancillary engineering agreements for completion of project design of the Hemet Water Filtration Plant. The Board appropriated \$1,764,000 for engineering design. The total project is estimated at \$31,870,900 and will be financed from the General District Restricted Water System Expansion Fund.

...approved joint community facilities agreements with Val Verde Unified School District and WL Homes, as well as the Temecula Public Financing Authority and Wolf Creek Development, LLC.

...approved several annexations to improvement districts:

- 2.17 acres to Improvement District U-8 (Rancho California Sewer), Cynthia & Mark Lobb
- 75.07 acres to I.D. U-23 and U-24 (French Valley), Sheffield-French Valley & French Valley Development
- 30.01 acres to I.D. U-23 and U-24 (French Valley), Capital Pacific Homes, Inc.
- 7.96 acres to I.D. U-25 and U-26 (Tucalota Creek), Pulte Homes

...received the monthly staffing status report for July, which showed 492 full-time equivalents at the end of the month.

...ratified a modified agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for design of regional water related infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$5.3 million. The financial commitment is subject to the availability of federal appropriations of \$3,975,000 and local contributions not to exceed \$1,325,000. The Board appropriated \$50,000 for Phase 1 design and will seek future appropriations depending on availability of federal funds.

WORK SESSION

The Board heard a presentation from Christopher D'Arcy, a new vice president at Will & Carlson, Inc., a lobbying firm in Washington, DC., on the importance of forming alliances among water and agricultural interests. He noted that in order to further water industry interests, it 's not too soon to begin to address issues that could affect a new Farm Bill in a few years. He also discussed some issues and trends in Endangered Species Act reform.

Mike Garner, Resource Development Administrator, presented information regarding EMWD's core planning activities and how a new planner will soon be on staff to coordinate efforts among existing enterprise teams, the development review committee, New Business Development, master plans/capital improvement program, and system betterment/regulatory requirements. Among the continuing goals for improved planning, he mentioned increased involvement with local land use agencies and improved integration of planning data.

Director **Randy Record** presented MWD's current master plan and recreation budget for the Diamond Valley Recreation Program. Cost estimates this month from MWD's Asset, Real Estate & Infrastructure Policy Committee are currently \$123.3 million, including \$73.4 million for the East Recreation Area, \$40.9 million for the East Marina and \$9 million for trails.

Chuck Rathbone, Director of Finance, presented fiscal year-end financial information and the financial report for July. Of interest to employees, he noted wages, including vacation, holiday, sick and overtime pay totaled \$29.61 million, compared with \$27.74 million for the year before. Electrical and gas energy expenses totaled \$9.88 million, compared with \$8.85 million the previous year. Actual sewer operations for the year made improvements that were reflected in slight savings--\$1,286 per million gallons, compared with \$1,306 in 2001-2002. Water operating and maintenance expenses rose slightly to \$238 per acre-foot sold, compared with \$226 the year before.