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Board of Directors Summary for **September 10, 2003**

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WORK SESSION

Recognitions

Jolene Allred, education specialist, recognized **Leo Dooley**, an Eagle Scout candidate from Moreno Valley Troop 520. Dooley coordinated 25 scouts and approximately a dozen adults to complete a community service project for EMWD – painting fire hydrants. Partnering with EMWD and Moreno Valley Fire Station 58, Dooley orchestrated the painting of 300 fire hydrants in Moreno Valley.

Public Hearing

The Board by minute order, approved and authorized all matters pertaining to **CFD No. 2003-12 (Temecula Creek)**

General Manager's Report

Among several items, General Manager **Tony Pack** announced:

- he will be meeting with the Caltrans district director to discuss **recycled water use**
- The City of Riverside has been trying to gain control of WMWD's customers within the city limits and provide all services from the meter. This would result in a reduction for those customers but would increase the rates for the existing Riverside utility customers. EMWD has about 60 accounts that are also in the Riverside City limits, and Riverside has indicated their wish to provide services to those accounts also. The District is sending a **letter of opposition** to the City of Riverside.
- An article in ACWA News covered our **Grants and Loans Program**.
- The **Menifee Desalter Dump Station** accepted 1,159,200 gallons during August, or about 37,400 gallons a day and generated \$17,388 in total revenue, of which \$3,477 was rebated to Hexfet and \$6,955 went to SAWPA for OCSD treatment. Hexfet remains our only customer.
- The Joint Legislative Audit Committee has announced they will conduct **an audit of enterprise water districts**; Directors will be included in the audit. There is also the LAFCO review of all water agencies and a special audit of MWD underway.

The Board...

...adopted **Resolution No. 3788**, authorizing the preparation, sale, and delivery of approximately \$96,000,000 principal amount of **water and sewer adjustable rate revenue refunding certificates of participation**. It is estimated that the difference in interest rates between a fixed and variable rate issuance is approximately three percent, which can yield savings over the life of the bond.

...approved and authorized by minute order **expansion of the Interactive Voice**

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Response (IVR) System, Phase II from Selectron Technologies, Inc. This expansion will allow customers to pay their water bill over the phone using a check or credit card, and will allow them to make payment arrangements, providing up to a 14-day extension.

...approved and authorized by minute order the administrative award of contract under **Specification No. 875S** and associated consultant agreement for the **Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWF) Return Water Pump Station** upgrade.

...approved and authorized by minute order an amendment to the engineering services agreement with Carollo Engineers for the San Jacinto Valley, Moreno Valley, and Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facilities **digester heating systems**

...approved and authorized by minute order the administrative award of contract and construction support services agreements for the **MVRWF Bardenpho modifications project under Specification 886S**

...approved and authorized by minute order the administrative award of contract to construct **Phase 1B of the Temecula Recycled Water Pipeline and Booster Station project**. Phase 1B is a subproject to the overall 12.3-mile-long Temecula Recycled Water Pipeline Project, and will distribute effluent from the TVRWF to the existing Reach IV pipeline in Lake Elsinore.

...approved and authorized by minute order additional appropriation of funds for **Brackish Water Well Development Program**. Test wells will be located in the southern part of the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. Wells will be pumped and sampled to verify groundwater conditions, water quality, well yields, and performance. Wells found to have adequate yield and water quality will be equipped as production wells for use initially by both the Menifee and Perris I Desalters and later by the Perris II Desalter.

...approved and authorized by minute order a contract with Ashbrook Corporation to furnish and **install a sludge dewatering belt press** at the Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility to accommodate higher flowrates.

Metropolitan Water District Update

- The legislature is going to audit MWD's link to the **Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) Center for Water Education**.
- The MWD Board appropriated funds, awarded the construction contract, and authorized construction inspection/support services for the North Hills segment of the **Diamond Valley Lake Trails Program**. This segment will link the East Recreation Area to the future West Recreation Area. It will include six miles of trails improvement and two trailhead sites
- The Board further discussed the **unspent funds for the DVL** project. These unspent funds total \$92 million.
- The **first draft of the DVL Master Plan concepts** were presented to the Board Committee on Assets, Real Estate, and Infrastructure Policy. Initially, the focus will be on the East Recreation Area. They are hoping that the East Recreation Area will be paid for by fixed funds and disposition of the north area land (land north of Domenigoni Parkway

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owned by MWD that may be developed for residential and commercial purposes). The schedule for the completion of the final master plan is April 2004.

- MWD is putting the final touches on DVL in anticipation of the pre-opening events and the public opening. **The public opening, October 3 – 5, is sold out.** All pre-opening events are catch and release — starting October 3 fishermen can keep their fish.

- The West Dam at DVL will be named in honor of the late MWD Director Don Owen.

- MWD's total sales in F/Y 2002/03 were 2.34 million acre-feet, the third highest sales per year on record and the third year in a row of above-average sales. Expenditures totaled \$980.8 million, and receipts totaled \$1.1 billion. MWD's maximum reserve level is \$353 million; therefore the amount over the maximum is \$36.3 million. The Board has several options as to what to do with the funds; staff recommended using the \$36.3 million to cash defease outstanding debt. No action was taken on this issue; it will be further discussed in the future.

- MWD General Counsel discussed the **Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA)**. Implementing legislation has passed out of committee. It abides by MWD's principles:

- 1) Beneficiaries pay
- 2) Prop 50 funds are reserved for local projects (other than those specifically targeted for the Salton Sea)
- 3) Canal lining projects remain funded by the state
- 4) Conveyance of SDCWA transfer water via MWD/SDCWA exchange

The MWD Board will hold a special meeting to discuss and vote on the QSA package on Tuesday, September 23.

- The Board Water Planning, Quality, and Resources Committee was provided an informational presentation on **Las Vegas wastewater discharge alternatives**. The three Las Vegas area wastewater agencies are anticipating substantial flow increases in the future, thereby increasing the discharge of wastewater into Lake Mead. All options under consideration include bypassing Las Vegas Wash. This may improve the feasibility of perchlorate remediation. The options include discharging to the mouth of Las Vegas Wash; Las Vegas Bay; Calville Bay; or Hoover Dam. MWD is involved as a stakeholder in this process. They are advocating for no degradation for downstream users and expedited construction of the bypass. Some Board members were concerned about what to do right now with the perchlorate contamination problem since this bypass project isn't expected to be completed until 2008. Gastelum noted that there is not much MWD can do, since MWD is limited to providing comments only, unless MWD is willing to pay for a quick fix.

- The Board granted **conditional approval for the 76th Fringe Area Annexation to EMWD and MWD**. The annexation property is 5.9 acres in the city of Murrieta near the corner of Old Jefferson and Elm Street. EMWD will pay a fee of \$25,065 if annexation is completed prior to 12/31/03, if it is completed after that date, the rate will be adjusted to the current rate. In this matter the Board also approved EMWD's proposed Plan for Implementing Water Use Efficiency Guidelines and adopted a resolution of intention to impose a water standby charge.

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Other Reports

Assistant General Manager of Operations and Maintenance Mike Luker, presented a *Water and Sewer Systems Reliability* presentation. In the event of a regional power outage, EMWD has alternative energy sources that can supply power for critical facilities, keeping customers in service.

Education Specialist Joleen Allred presented the annual Education Program Update. Over 65,000 students have participated in the program in the past year, through field trips, tours, teacher in-services, etc.