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Board of Directors Summary for **December 17, 2003**

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BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors recognized two employees for 15 years of service:

Cary Miller, Meter Services Supervisor, Customer Services Department

Al Javier, Biologist, Water Quality Department.

John Wuerth, Maintenance Planner/Scheduler, Maintenance Services Department, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the District for continuing his benefits while on deployment for the past 10 months with the U.S. Air Force Reserves. John is a Communications/Navigation Avionics Technician for C-141 cargo aircraft. During active duty, he was stationed initially at an air base in England, and later at March Air Reserve Base. Unlike some reservists' experiences, he said EMWD provided three benefits he and his family appreciated: He said he knew he would have a job at EMWD when he completed his active duty. Secondly, his family was able to continue their preferred health insurance instead of having to be covered under a military plan. And he said his family did not have to undergo any financial hardship because his income remained stable through a "matched-pay" commitment from EMWD. He also expressed his thanks to the many co-workers whose understanding and encouragement were appreciated while he was overseas.

The Board...

...approved and authorized a water supply assessment for Riverwoods specific plan. This project of 690 units is located in City of Perris.

...approved and authorized an engineering design services agreement with Kevin Cozad and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$34,400 for the Nuevo Road/I-215 water transmission pipeline crossing replacement project. Funding is from Service Area No. 41 replacement, system betterment construction reserve, and General District water system expansion fund.

...approved and authorized an award of contract worth \$269,260 with Utah Pacific Construction Co. for the Golden Triangle 45" waterline cathodic protection. Funding is from Service Area 43 replacement and system betterment construction reserve.

...approved and authorized execution of a joint agreement with County of Riverside and City of Perris regarding Perris Valley Industrial Corridor Infrastructure Project. Project will be funded by a federal grant, Riverside County and City of Perris. Project is estimated to cost more than \$6 million.

...authorized expenditures in the amount of \$315,000 for installation of security improvements at facilities throughout the District, as recommended by Telemus Solutions.

Funding is from General District's replacement and system betterment construction reserve.

...approved and authorized additional funds of \$30,000 for chlorine generation at wells 27 and 28. This will be financed from replacement and system betterment reserve fund.

...approved and authorized five-year agreement beginning January 1, 2004 with Barry's Security Services estimated at a full-term amount of \$2,426,000.

...adopted resolutions in connection with the establishment of community facilities districts:
Resolutions 3867 and 3868, CFD 2003-16 (Promontory Park), located in Moreno Valley at Cactus Avenue and Moreno Beach Drive
Resolutions 3869 and 3870, CFD 2003-19 (Eastridge/Westridge), located in Menifee at Craig Ave. and Hanover Lane

...and resolutions approving joint communities facilities agreements with:
Resolution 3873, CFD 2003-1 (Cove One Partners, LLC and the San Jacinto Unified School District), located off Warren Road
Resolution 3874, CFD 2003-2 (San Jacinto Unified School District, Empire Homes S.J. 137, LP and Gateway Inland, LLC), near Lyon and Cottonwood Avenues
Resolution 3875, CFD 2003-3 (San Jacinto Unified School District and CDI-San Jacinto I, LLC), near Cottonwood Avenue and Kirby Street
Resolution 3876, CFD 2004-1 (Romoland School District and Menifee Development, LLC), near Menifee and Simpson Roads

...adopted resolutions 3877 and 3878 annexing 0.34 acre parcel of land in Lenk Development to improvement districts U-33 and U-34 of EMWD. Location is at Haines and Hicks in Mead Valley.

...approved and authorized CEQA certification of leaky pipe replacement project 2003. This includes projects in Sun City, Quail Valley and Moreno Valley.

...noted EMWD staffing at the end of November was 524, or a total of 502 (full-time equivalents).

...adopted a number of fee-for-service, recycled water rates, freshwater rates and sewer rates effective Jan. 1, 2004. Second-year increase estimates are to be brought back to the Board for approval next year. The Board decided that rate increases will be adjusted according to the prior year's consumer price index and will include any increases from Metropolitan Water District. Rates will still reflect expenses associated with serving different communities. Depending on the community, typical residential water customers might see their monthly water bills increase by approximately \$1, including commodity and daily service charges. Sewer rate increases will average \$0.051/day, or about \$1.50/month, on a weighted average. Customers will see the increases beginning with the bills they receive in February.

WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors heard an appeal from Wright Septic Tank Pumping Company on a

public hearing regarding violations of their waste hauler permit in using EMWD sewage facilities. The volume of septage use from all private waste haulers has increased substantially in recent years, from 2.6 million gallons in 2001 to 9.6 million gallons this year. One-third of the septage volume originates outside EMWD's service area. The Board will issue a written judgment no later than Feb. 20, 2004.

State Assemblyman Russ Bogh (R-Yucaipa) presented a resolution to EMWD for Cal/STAR recertification. He said he hoped employees appreciate the importance of the safety program. From a strictly financial basis, he said that EMWD's commitment to safety helps to hold down costs on workers' compensation claims, which at EMWD, have dropped by several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Representatives from the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) made a presentation on proposed enhancements to the Santa Ana River Interceptor (SARI). As a member of SAWPA, EMWD uses the SARI to convey reject water that is high in salts out of our watershed to the ocean. If completed, the proposed 22-mile pipeline would improve water quality of the watershed. It would enable direct ocean outfall of up to 50 million gallons a day of saline water (brine) from the five members that comprise SAWPA—Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Western Municipal Water District and EMWD.

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