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Board of Directors Summary for October 6, 2004

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WORK SESSION

General Manager Tony Pack reported:

- He met with attorneys last Friday to discuss the status of the Santa Margarita lawsuits. The downstream parties have asked for a meeting to negotiate on the 19th. Ravi attended the meeting on Monday to discuss hiring a new watermaster, due to the upcoming retirement of the current watermaster.
- Staff has met and we have assigned responsibilities and suspense dates to accomplish all the admin requirements of the SRF loan for the Hemet Water Treatment Plant.
- We have been experiencing telephone problems and long customer waits. We have devised a plan to improve performance by adding additional lines, new procedures, additional staff, and some new equipment and software.
- The managers of the MWD "growth" agencies have agreed to meet monthly to discuss MWD matters. We would like to involve the directors of these agencies, but have issues with the Brown Act we're still working on.
- We held a luncheon meeting of the Special District's Association on the property tax shift. The Groundwater Policy Committee met and discussed the options for governance.
- Staff will be meeting with the agencies that take water from Skinner and MWD to discuss an allocation plan for next summer.
- Several of the SAWPA managers are planning to meet with the state controller to discuss the property tax shift. This meeting will be followed by a meeting of ACWA, CASA, and CSDA representatives on the same issue.
- As you know, EMWD was the first water agency in the State to win a Eureka level CAPE award. There is more interest in the program from water agencies and three other agencies attended the CCE conference last week. We intend to apply for the state CAPE award again next year. In 2006 public agencies can compete for the National Malcolm Baldrige Award for the first time; unsure if we'll be ready by then.
- No new hires this period.

- Cubicle modifications in Human Resources and Community Involvement have been completed. We have done a study on the impacts of future retirements and found no significant impact. We are continuing our study on future personnel needs for one/five/ten year periods. We will need another month to complete this study.

Director of Maintenance Toussaint Williamson reported that we have begun installation of four new microturbines onsite. Recycled water pond maintenance continues, preparing us for the winter, when the greatest need for storage occurs; Case Road Pond and Skiland Ponds may be deferred until next year. The District has begun using Cyberlocks, which records entrance/exit activity, at 12 sites to ensure security. Sanderson Lift septage station will be operational within 30 days.

Assistant General Manager of Engineering Charlie Bachmann reported that members of engineering and inspection conducted a facilitated “partnering session” with the designers, contractors, and sub contractors for the TVRWRF expansion project. He mentioned the meeting with EMWD, MWD, RCWD, and Pechanga Development Corp. regarding potential delivery of raw water for the planned Pechanga golf course was cancelled by Pechanga Development Corp. Lastly, Inland Empire Utilities Agency consulted EMWD regarding our Project Management System, which tracks projects from pre-design through the construction process.

Director of Finance Chuck Rathbone reported that EMWD needs to appoint two Board Members to the Joint Finance Authority Board, which was established by RCWD and EMWD to accommodate financing needs of the two agencies. (Later in the Board Meeting, the Board **appointed EMWD Board President Dick Hall** and **Board Member Ron Sullivan** to represent EMWD.)

Response Items / Status Reports / Information Items

MWD Update:

- **EMWD Director and MWD Representative Randy Record** reported that the Diamond Valley Lake Oversight Committee is recommending a recreation lake – size to be determined. **GM Tony Pack** added that MWD will conduct a vote for the new Board Chairman on October 12.

SAWPA Update:

- **EMWD Board President Dick Hall** reported that SAWPA will conduct a search for the GM position. He spoke in support of Daniel Kozad, who is Acting GM for SAWPA.

Strategic Plan Priority IV.A.: Implement Integrated Processes and Systems to Provide for the Efficient Allocation of Resources and Enhance Decision Making:

- **Director of Maintenance Toussaint Williamson** gave a presentation on EMWD’s District-wide Asset Management System. This system (Maximo) is fully deployed at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility; plans include phased deployment throughout all wastewater, water, and recycled facilities, thereby eventually involving over 270 facilities.

Strategic Plan Priority II.F.: Implement Conjunctive Use Programs to Increase Operational Yield and to Protect the Integrity of the Groundwater Basins by Working With Other Water Agencies and Private Producers:

- Deferred

BOARD MEETING

Recognitions:

Service Awards

Christine Thomsen, Customer Service Manager, 15 years

David Lopez, Meter Services Manager, 15 years

Kevin Kaitukoff, Facilities Maintenance Crew Leader, 15 years

Donna Jacomet, Executive Assistant, 15 years

Clay Hamilton, Maintenance Planner/Scheduler II, 20 years

Richard Gingras, Area Manager, Water Operations, 20 years

Recognition for Service to the Security Trust Board:

The Board recognized **Treasury Manager Pat Elliott** for her work and congratulated her on her retirement.

Public Hearings

The Board:

- A. Adopted All Items Pertaining to CFD No. 2004-28 (Quinta Do Lago)

Consent Calendar

The Board:

- A. Approved and Authorized Joint Project Funding for the City of Perris Sewer Rehabilitation
- B. Adopted Proposed Resolution No. 4022, Approving a Joint Community Facilities Agreement with the Menifee Union School District and Shadow Ridge II, LLC, for Community Facilities District No. 2004-4 of the Menifee Union School District
- C. Adopted Resolution No. 1962.9, Fixing the Employer Contributions for Medical Insurance Premiums for all Active and Retired Employees

Annexations

The Board approved:

- D. Annexation of Parcel Nos. U-31-04-3 and U-32-04-3 to Improvement District Nos. U-31 and U-32 (Menifee Development LLC - Tract 30705 Thru 30705-4)
- E. Annexation of Parcel Nos. U-31-04-2 and U-32-04-2 to Improvement District Nos. U-31 and U-32 (Ryland Homes - Tract 31564)

Letters From the General Manager

The Board:

- A. Approved and Authorized Execution of Agreement with Elan Associates, Ltd., to Provide Services Related to Development of Funding Applications for District Projects and to Provide Liaison with Environmental Resource Agencies and the Appropriation of Funds
- B. Approved and Authorized Funding and Acquisition Agreements for Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-12 (Temecula Creek), Improvement Areas A and B
- C. Approved and Authorized Funding and Acquisition Agreement for Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2003-16 (Promontory Park)
- D. Approved and Authorized a Negotiated Settlement with Rotoco, Inc., D.B.A. Roto-Rooter, to Pay Penalties for the Illegal Discharging of Septic Waste from Soboba Casino into an Unauthorized Location
- E. Adopted Resolution No. 1768.12, Appointing and/or Reappointing the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer of the District; the Secretary of the District and to the Board of Directors Thereof and Deputy Secretaries of the District and to the Board of Directors Thereof
- F. Withdrew Resolution No. 4029, Supporting Proposition 1A, Protection of Local Government Revenues; taking a neutral position at this time
- G. Adopted Resolution No. 4030, Approving the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Between Eastern Municipal Water District and Rancho California Water District Creating the Western Riverside Water and Wastewater Financing Authority