



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **November 3, 2004**

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## WORK SESSION

### General Manager Tony Pack reported:

- EMWD hosted a meeting with Fitch Rating service. Directors Hall and Siems attended. This was primarily a “get acquainted” meeting and we have several options to pursue if we wish to apply for a rating and a possible upgrade.
- EMWD met the Temecula Bureau of Reclamation office to discuss project funding under the CalFed Bill, which the president has now signed.
- At the Groundwater Policy Committee meeting last week the agencies tentatively agreed on the governance structure, an extension of the recharge program, and a commitment for a larger program next year. City of Hemet has approved the decisions. The governance organization was one of the last major decisions, so we are now drafting the language for the stipulated judgment.
- Staff has provided status reports on the Strategic Plan priorities. Most of the priorities are moving along on schedule.
- General Managers from San Diego County Water Authority, Western Municipal Water District, Rancho California Water District, and EMWD continue to meet and discuss next summer's operations at the Skinner Treatment Plant, which operated at capacity during hot spells this past summer.
- A house in Moreno Valley was flooded with about two inches of raw sewage. A development contractor was tying in an 8-inch line from his project to our pipelines and left the line plugged in an open excavation. The excavation flooded, the plug washed out and all the water and dirt entered our line, caused a blockage and then backed up into a house. The contractor has admitted fault, and we're working with the contractor's insurance company. We have moved the family to a motel.
- We are going to apply for the California Award for Performance Excellence (CAPE) again next year. During the next round of committee meetings the Board will determine their level of participation.
- The Western Riverside Water and Wastewater Financing Authority met for the first time. Officers were elected, outside staff members were appointed, and two ordinances were adopted.
- The amount of recycled water in storage has been increasing. The Regional Board will consider the renewal of our discharge permit on Friday. No problems are anticipated and we plan to begin a low volume discharge the second week of November. The recycled water pressurization project is on track for the end of November, so when we begin the higher discharges we will not impact our customers.
- We have taken surface flows into the old MWD reservoir in San Jacinto for recharge. We gained an estimated 500 AF of recharge. The river recharge ponds at Grant Street were washed away.
- We have set a new record for projects received this year, but the total number of units will probably be less than last year.

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- We have completed drafts of the Directors Compensation Ordinance and the Ethics Policy and we will be bringing those to the various committees starting this week.

- We will be presenting the future staffing needs at the Planning Committee on Thursday.

**Response Items / Status Reports / Information Items:**

**Director Randy Record** reported that MWD would begin its search for a new CEO, replacing Ron Gastelum, who has announced his retirement. The Recreation Committee will report directly to the Board. Also reported the President of the U.S. has signed CALFED.

**Chuck Rathbone, Director of Finance**, presented proposed water, sewer, and connection fee increases to be considered by the Board at the next Board Meeting. Proposed water rates are on average 4.4% higher, sewer rates will increase on average less than \$1 per month or about 5.8%, and connection fees will increase 8.2%.

**Behrooz Mortazavi, Director of Water Resources Management**, presented Strategic Plan Tactic 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.

## BOARD MEETING

**Service Awards:**

**Bill Stephens**, Conservation Program Representative II, 20 years

**Robert Van Doren**, Civil Engineer Associate I, 15 years

**Beverly Cross**, Senior Construction Administration Representative, 15 years

**Rosemarie Howell**, Secretary to the Board and Assistant to the GM, 15 years

**The Board:**

A. Approved and Authorized Execution of a Lease Agreement with James J. Weber, who will use the District's vacant 10-acre parcel in Menifee to provide additional pastureland for his horses and cows; eventually the District will need the parcel for constructing a new tank.

B. Approved and Authorized a Project to Retrofit the Tertiary Effluent Filters at Moreno Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility and the Award of Contract for Maintenance and Retrofitting Services

C. Approved and Authorized OASyS SCADA Hardware Replacement; this improves security and allows for upgrading the system

D. Adopted Proposed Resolution No. 4043, Approving a Joint Community Facilities Agreement with the Moreno Valley Unified School District and D.R. Horton Company, Inc., for Community Facilities District No. 2004-6 of the Moreno Valley Unified School District

**Annexations**

E. Approved Annexation of Parcel Nos. U-23-04-3 and U-24-04-3 to Improvement District Nos. U-23 and U-24 (Shea Homes - Tract 29214)

F. Approved Annexation of Parcel Nos. U-35-04-7 and U-36-04-7 to Improvement District Nos.

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U-35 and U-36 (Forecast Homes - Tract 30330)

G. Approved Annexation of Parcel Nos. 22-04-3, 23-04-3 and C-04-3 to Improvement District Nos. 22, 23 and C (Clinton Keith-Murrieta, L.P. - Tract 31171)

H. Approved Annexation of Parcel Nos. 22-04-4, 23-04-4 and C-04-4 to Improvement District Nos. 22, 23 and C (George Christie - PM 12211)

**Letters From the General Manager**

A. Ratified Award of Change Order No. 1 Under Specification No. 904P, Palomar Recycled Water Booster Station, to construct dechlorination facilities in order to discharge to Wasson Canyon

B. Approved and Authorized an Agreement with AC Ramona LLC for Construction of the North San Jacinto Sewer, Phase 1

C. Adopted Proposed Resolution No. 4054, Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of 2004 Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2002-05 (Crown Valley Village) and Approving Certain Documents and Authorizing Certain Actions in Connection Therewith