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Board of Directors Summary for **September 6, 2001**

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WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors recognized six employees for attaining their 10-year milestones at EMWD. Honored were:

Lorraine Asimakopoulos, Senior Duplicating and Mail Assistant, Purchasing/Contracts;
Jane Davison, Software Support Specialist II, Information Systems;
Teresa Guerrero, Administrative Assistant I, Engineering;
Anna Marie Kalan, Operations Analyst, Water Operations Administration;
Rhonda Schafer, Accounting Supervisor, Finance
Maria Selby, Laboratory Technician II, Water Quality; .

...adopted resolutions amending Exhibit "A"-Classification of Positions, Exhibit "C"-Annual Salary schedule for the General Manager, Exhibit "F"-Automobile Allowance for the General Manager and the Assistant General Managers, and Exhibit "G"-Annual Salary Schedules of the Assistant General Managers.

...approved increases in the annual agreements with Engineering Resources for inspection from \$250,000 to \$450,000, and for construction management services, from \$100,000 to \$175,000. These changes were required because, during calendar year 2000, several task orders were written against annual agreements which continued into a new calendar year. Financing will be allocated from the respective projects' funds, as incurred.

...approved an engineering services agreements with CH2M Hill, Inc. in the amount of \$635,000 for design and preparation of construction documents for the Perris Desalter. This project will be initially financed from Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund, subject to reimbursement from a portion of a \$15 million state grant.

...approved funding for installation of oxygen/temperature sensors and recording devices on the five natural/digester gas-powered engines at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Funding in the amount of \$105,000 will be charged against the Service Area No. 34 (Temecula Regional Sewer) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund. This modification will bring five engines into compliance with new Title V rules from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

...in similar response to the same requirements on equipment at the Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation Facility, approved \$92,000 funding for the installation oxygen/temperature sensors and recording devices on four natural/digester gas powered engines. Financing will come from Service Area No. 31 (Hemet-San Jacinto Regional Sewer)

Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...heard from Joe Grindstaff, a former EMWD employee and General Manager at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. He updated the Board on a variety of issues, including the Santa Ana Regional Interceptor, finance and governance issues, a self-assessment of SAWPA, and a possible statewide water bond next year.

Dan McGivney, Senior Air Quality Compliance Analyst, related permitting changes, known as Title V, that affect EMWD's operations (see Board actions above re: funding for sensors and recording devices at Temecula Valley and Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation facilities). A discussion included potential impacts, including higher costs for more public hearings, higher permitting costs, a greater probability of stricter enforcement and fines, and no provisions for variances.

Under consideration is a tiered-rate proposal at Metropolitan Water District that could affect EMWD and other MWD member agencies by January 2003. **Larry Libeu**, Director of Legislation and Regulatory Affairs, reported that, once approved, the first tier will likely remain close to current wholesale rates. Under the new approach, Tier 2 rates would be structured to pay for growth in the water supply for the next two decades.

Jolene Allred, Education Specialist, gave her annual education program report. Among the aspects of the Community Involvement program are an annual poster contest, theater programs, tours, classroom presentations, career days, free water education materials, science fairs, teacher in-service training, special projects and activities and the Wetlands Water Education Program and facility. It was noted that EMWD's education program received the prestigious Clair A. Hill Award this year from the Association of California Water Agencies, comprising 438 public water agencies that are responsible for 90 percent of the water delivered statewide.

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