



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **November 7, 2001**

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## WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors paid tribute to **Gail Rawding**, Engineering Technician II, who passed away Nov. 1. Among her family members in attendance were her daughters Lea Fiedler Steffens, Cheryl Fiedler Bauer and April Fiedler, and her grandson, Joshua. **Betty Gibbel** gave a summary of her career and personal background, while **Raul Esparza**, a co-worker, related his work experiences with her. Members representing IBEW Local 1436 and other employees also attended.

...recognized **Dennis Bone**, Control & Communications Analyst II, and **Jon Severns**, Facilities Location Technician, for their 10 years of service at EMWD.

In a summary of recent activities, **Tony Pack**, General Manager, noted that a redistricting proposal of the five Directors' division boundaries is expected to come before the Board before the end of the calendar year. In other items, he noted that the recent change in federal regulations for arsenic (Maximum Contaminant Level reduced from 50 to 10 parts per billion) should not have much impact on EMWD or its water customers: Most EMWD wells report less than 2 ppb. The highest level from any current EMWD well--at 8 ppb--is distributed to customers only after it has been blended with low-arsenic-level supplies.

**Mike Garner** made a presentation on the Recycled Water Advisory Committee, a group of individuals representing recycled water users. He noted proposed upcoming meetings to get advisory committee input on a number of issues--pricing, market development, regulatory issues, storage, system development, groundwater management plan issues and priorities of service.

Among MWD-related news, Director **Marion Ashley** reported that the Boating Regulation Special Committee is scheduled Nov. 20 to make a recommendation to the full board allowing kayaks, sailboats, electric-powered and new 2001 California standards-compliant gas-engines as part of recreation at Diamond Valley Lake. In non-DVL-related news, he reported that MWD expects to review again the issue of the proposed Cadiz groundwater storage plan. He also said that water transfer negotiations between Imperial Irrigation District and San Diego County Water Authority are moving more slowly than hoped, and that the U.S. Department of the Interior indicated it might interject its staff more aggressively into the process.

**Director Hall** thanked EMWD's staff for helping him to negotiate with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority a "dump station" policy favorable to EMWD.

The Board approved and authorized an award of contract with J.R. Filanc Construction Co. in the amount of \$42,000 for repairs to the Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation Facility secondary clarifier #7, which has been in service since 1980. This project will be financed from the Service Area No. 31 (Hemet/San Jacinto) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...approved an additional appropriation of \$56,500 to cover project costs associated with the WMWD/EMWD Intertie at Alessandro Boulevard. The total estimated project cost, including this appropriation, is \$261,200 and provides for an additional 3-4 cubic feet per second (about 2,000 gallons per minute) of filtered water into Moreno Valley. Funds are to come from the Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund.

...approved and authorized the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CALPINE for the provision of recycled water to the Inland Empire Energy Center. The project is a natural gas-fueled electric generating facility, located in Romoland, and scheduled to be operational beginning in 2005. When available, EMWD will provide up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of tertiary recycled water. Until that amount is available, EMWD agrees to make unfiltered fresh water available for CALPINE's operation.

...approved rejecting the sole bid for erecting a new radio antenna at the District's corporate yard. The estimated \$136,000 project will be rebid. It will be financed from the General District's Water and Sewer Expansion Funds.

...authorized the General Manager to execute a lease with Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership (Verizon Wireless) for a telecommunications tower at the Walnut tank site, near the Ramona Expressway and Lake Perris.

In other news, the recent annual auction of surplus District materials netted \$85,048.

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