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Board of Directors Summary for **November 21, 2001**

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BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors recognized **Sherry Stockton**, Engineering Projects Analyst, for 20 years of service to EMWD.

...approved and authorized an administrative award of contract (Spec. No. 828W) for bids to be received Nov. 29 for the Dawson Road 33-inch pipeline cathodic protection project. Approximately two miles of pipeline need to be bonded for impressed current cathodic protection. The total estimated project cost is \$516,500 and will be financed from the Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) water facilities expansion fund.

...declared as surplus a 1988 Ford L8000 (unit No. 422) and awarded purchase of a sewer cleaning truck from Haaker Equipment Co. in the amount of \$195,044.80. This includes a trade-in allowance of the surplus vehicle. Funds will come from the Fiscal Year 2001-02 capital outlay budget.

...adopted Resolution No. 3345.9 amending Exhibit "A"--Classification of Positions.

...adopted Resolution No. 3548, directing the general manager to file an application with the California Department of Water Resources for a grant of \$227,600 pursuant to the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000. The funds would be used to develop a regional water resources database relating to the West San Jacinto Groundwater Management Plan.

...adopted Resolution Nos. 3549 and 3550 annexing Parcel Nos. U-31-01-5 and U-32-01-5 to Improvement District Nos. U-31 (sewer) and U-32 (water). The 20.39-acre property in Homeland is owned by Fiesta Development, Inc.

...received the staffing status report for October, which showed the number of District employees at the end of the month was 495, which is comparable to 476 full-time equivalent workers.

...approved and authorized acquiring hardware, software and support services to upgrade the Customer Online Information Networked System (COINS) computer platform. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$278,515.

WORK SESSION

P. Ravishanker, Assistant General Manager, Resource Development, reviewed historical activities relating to groundwater management activities in the San Jacinto Valley, known as the East Valley. He also reviewed recent activities of the Policy Committee.

The October financial report from **Chuck Rathbone** indicated FY 2001-02 budget projections are all on track as projected. Year-to-date total revenues stand at \$36,142,952, with total operating costs/allocations at \$34,741,453. Acre-feet sales, including irrigation and recycled water, totaled 48,995 AF. New connections for both water and sewer are up--2,104 for sewer and 1,110 for water, with total connection fee revenues of \$8,599,158.

Angela Carman, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, informed the Board that the Cal/STAR recertification process will begin officially in January 2002. Cal/STAR, the state's special designation for organizations who have demonstrated a vigorous safety culture, requires recertification every three years. The inspection by Cal/OSHA will be conducted in September 2002. One of the positive and unusual aspects regarding EMWD's safety history, compared with many other organizations statewide, is that both management and labor have signed a statement of commitment "to the achievement and maintenance of the Cal/STAR program requirements and to the goals and objectives of the California Voluntary Protection Program (Cal/VPP). "

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