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Board of Directors Summary for **January 3, 2001**

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Work Session

For his years of service on the employees' Security Trust committee, Board President **Clayton A. Record, Jr.** was presented a plaque by **Michael Creighton**.

The Board of Directors recognized **Dan Duffield**, Senior Source Control Inspector, on earning an award by the Santa Ana River Basin Section of the California Water Environment Association. SARBS recently selected Dan as the Industrial and Hazardous Waste Control Person of the Year.

A presentation was made by representatives from Southern California Edison on electric power issues. It was stressed that new electrical generation has not kept pace with load growth statewide, and that SCE would be requesting price increases from the Public Utilities Commission on the magnitude of 30-60 percent.

In a related presentation on EMWD's Energy Management Strategy, **Tony Pack** and **Dan Howell** noted that last year, EMWD experienced several Stage 2 notices (Interruptible loads affected) and one Stage 3 (Interruptions extend to firm service customers). The probability for recurring rolling blackouts will remain high for the next two years. For fiscal year 1999-2000, EMWD's expense for electricity was \$4.7 million, while natural gas was \$1.2 million. Because of Y2K preparations and training, EMWD is in better shape than otherwise would be the case. EMWD's energy management strategy is to (1) monitor energy use/conserves where possible; (2) maximize district generation capability, and (3) develop new generation.

Chuck Rathbone indicated that current water and sewer rates seem to be sufficient to meet projected expenses for calendar year 2001. The board asked him, given the uncertainty of future energy expenses, to present a more detailed report at the next board meeting, Jan. 17. Consumption charges on water have remained the same since Jan. 1, 1996. Sewer rates were last adjusted Jan. 1, 1997.

The board heard **Chuck Rathbone** recommend selected changes for fee-for-service charges. Not related to water or sewer rates, fee-for-service charges reflect labor, overhead, materials and time and are reviewed annually. Several charges were reduced, including those for temporary meter set-ups, as-built engineering charges and existing sewer lateral inspection charges.

...adopted a resolution amending certain recycled water rates effective Jan. 1, 2001. Agricultural user rates were adjusted based on the November consumer price index of 3.8

percent. Municipal rates were increased by 8.5 percent. As recommended by the Reclaimed Water Advisory Committee and adopted by the board July 1, 1999, recycled water rates are to be adjusted over 10 years.

...approved and authorized an award of contract with SS Mechanical Corp., of Huntington Beach, for \$127,730. This is for froth-spray piping repairs at the Hemet/San Jacinto Regional Water Reclamation Facility. The project will be financed from the Service Area No. 31 Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve fund.

...approved and authorized an agreement for professional engineering services with SC Engineering for design of the Highway 74-Good Hope Water Pipeline Relocation. The agreement was in the amount of \$60,074, and will be financed from Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve fund. The relocation is in response to the Riverside County Transportation Commission and CalTrans, which have developed plans for widening and realigning State Route 74 from north Ethanac Road to Seventh Street in Perris. Total estimated cost for the project is \$1.45 million.

...approved and authorized an engineering services agreement with Carollo Engineers for the design of the Moreno Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility tertiary plant expansion from 7.0 to 15.8 million gallons per day. The board appropriated \$790,000 for the estimated cost for the design phase. The project will be financed from Improvement District H Recycled Water Facilities Expansion fund. The total estimated project cost is \$9.6 million.

...approved and authorized an amendment to the existing reimbursement agreement with the city of Temecula to build the Pujol Street Lift Station and Force Main. During construction, it became necessary to increase the depth of the wet well and dewater a larger excavation. The increased costs are estimated to be \$522,000, bringing the total project cost to \$1.58 million. The project will be financed from Service Area No. 34 (Temecula/Murrieta) Sewer System Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve and the Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund.

Tony Pack and **Dan Howell** made a presentation updating the board on the Computerized Maintenance Management System. CMMS is a process for managing more than \$1 billion in assets. Upcoming activities include selecting a vendor to develop a detailed integration and implementation plan, to make changes to some current job positions and to establish new positions.

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