



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **January 19, 2000**

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## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors honored **Claudia Bewley**, Assistant Buyer, Purchasing Dept., as Employee of the Year for 2000; **Judy Adams**, Executive Assistant, Environmental / Regulatory Compliance Department, as Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2000; and **Michael Leone**, Plant Control Technician II from Perris Valley RWRf, who has been selected Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year by the Santa Ana River Basin Section of California Water Environment Association.

Directors also recognized several employees for long and faithful service to the District. They include **Robert Lane**, Senior Civil Engineer, 20 years; **Bill Stephens**, Conservation Program Representative, 15 years; and **Timothy Zanin**, Contract Quality Assurance Coordinator, 15 years.

...approved and authorized a number of routine annual agreements for a variety of services.

...approved and authorized \$50,000 for a 200 horsepower variable frequency drive on a booster motor at Rancho Club Booster for flow from Temecula Valley RWRf. The improvement will simplify operation, reduce power costs, maintain uniform pipeline pressure and improve service to customers. It is funded from the S.A. 34 Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve fund.

...awarded an agreement to Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. and authorized other related costs for a total of \$191,000 for a San Jacinto River Conservation Plan, funded by the General District Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved up to \$800,000 total project cost for recoating of the interior of the Chambers (Romoland) and Broderson (Moreno Valley) Tanks, funded from S.A. 41 Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...at the request of the owner, annexed 27.28 acres south of Perris into water and sewer improvement districts U-31 and U-32, for the purpose of future development.

...restricted to purposes of maintaining and improvement of sewer facilities in the assessment district, remaining funds in AD 3-R, North Perris Sewer system, in accordance with resolutions adopted at the time of the original bond funding.

...adopted resolutions requesting the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the City of Murrieta to approve formation of AD 20 to fund water and sewer facilities serving about 50 properties east of I-215 in the Menifee Valley.

...adopted a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve formation of AD 21 to fund construction of a public water system in an area east of I-215 in the Menifee area. Formation of the AD was requested by a number of property owners experiencing low or no water production from their private on-site wells. Cost to the property owners for building the system is estimated to be about \$1,280,000.

...received reports:

- showing precipitation year-to-date in the area supplying the State Water Project to be 64% of average, down from 73% last month, as of Jan. 14. Statewide snowpack averages 4 inches, which is 29% of average. Reservoirs statewide are at 65% of capacity, which is 110% of historical average.

- indicating EMWD had 485 total employees (467.5 fulltime equivalents) as of Dec. 31, 1999; that is the same as the previous month.

### WORK SESSION

Eastern's Directors noted plans for a Feb. 2, 2000 joint meeting with Lake Hemet Municipal Water District's Board, at 10:30 a.m., in the EMWD Board Room (immediately following EMWD's regularly scheduled Work Session, which will be limited to 9-10:30 a.m.). The primary reason for the meeting, noted General Manager **John Brudin** in his report, is to discuss mutual efforts to develop a groundwater management plan in the Hemet area. Mr. Brudin invited **Behrooz Mortazavi** to outline the concept for such a plan, which will stress a cooperative approach among EMWD, Lake Hemet MWD, the cities, private pumpers and the Soboba Reservation. The plan would preserve private water rights and involve broad stakeholder participation.

...heard a report from **Larry Libeu** in regard to Metropolitan Water District's strategic plan and the related rate structure the MWD board hopes to adopt in February or March. The rate structure document would be a matter of policy and philosophy, rather than setting specific water rates. Mr. Libeu also noted the MWD board will soon hire a consultant firm which will develop a request-for-proposal for a master builder firm to finalize and market the recreation facilities at Diamond Valley Lake.

...received Finance Director **Chuck Rathbone's** mid-year financial review. Overall water sales through Dec. 31 were 57% of normal and well production was 27% of total fresh water sales. Revenues were up about 9% from budget projections while operating costs and appropriations were up a similar amount. The increase was largely due to the warm, dry winter. Water and sewer connection EDUs were up slightly compared to the same time last year and compared with budget projections, meaning we may have the highest level of new connections in many years. Figures show the district now has 80,517 water customer accounts and 131,421 equivalent sewer accounts.

...were presented a report by **Dick Heil** on the District's outreach program, which is a continuing effort to ensure community leaders throughout the service area accurately understand EMWD's role and activities.