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Board of Directors Summary for **February 2, 2000**

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WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors heard from **Mike Garner**, who presented background information on the second draft of a joint powers agreement, known as the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority. EMWD is a proposed member. The purpose of forming such a government entity would be to manage funds from the State Water Bond, if approved by voters statewide March 7. Of interest would be funds dedicated for watershed and water quality improvements in the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto areas. Further discussions are expected later this month among proposed members, including the City of Canyon Lake, Elsinore Valley MWD, City of Lake Elsinore, County of Riverside and the Flood Control and Water Conservation Department, Western MWD of Riverside County and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

...awarded a \$352,480 contract with Robison Prezioso, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs, for re-coating of the Upper and Lower Las Brisas Tanks No. 2 in Murrieta. Contract will be funded from Service Area 43 (Lake Skinner) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved and authorized an increase in values of annual agreements for water facility relocation construction services from \$200,000 to \$400,000, and increased the maximum amount for task orders under these agreements from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Due to the volume and complexity of road improvement projects scheduled by the county this year, current agreement values and task order limits are not adequate to compensate contractors for the scope of work involved in the facility relocations. Financing will be allocated from the respective projects' construction funds, as incurred.

...approved a prepayment provision amendment to the Santa Ana River Interceptor (SARI) Pipeline Capacity Agreement with SAWPA. In December 1998, EMWD entered into an agreement for 2.378 million gallons per day capacity in a brine disposal pipeline. Since then, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has agreed to participate in financing under the Agricultural Drainage Loan Project. Having received \$4,250,000 in funds by SWRCB, it is now necessary to pre-pay a portion of the original SAWPA loan. The payment will reduce EMWD's debt obligations and reduce our borrowing costs.

...met with board members and staff from Lake Hemet MWD for a discussion on Hemet/San Jacinto groundwater basin issues.