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Board of Directors Summary for **February 23, 2000**

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WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors heard presentations by **John Brudin, Charlie Bachmann, Tony Pack** and **Ravi** on the issue of commercial customer brine disposal from the Temecula area. Investigations are underway to improve customer service--whether to continue with facilities operated in Corona through the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, or to develop a temporary brine holding facility at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Brine deliveries could then be made by truck or pipeline to a possible facility in Sun City, which then would continue down the Temescal Wash and eventual disposal through a brine line that discharges into the ocean.

Chuck Rathbone gave a brief financial update through the month of January. Acre-foot sales in most categories are generally above budget estimates. Connection fee revenues are about 75 percent of the annual budget estimate for the first seven months of the fiscal year. And total revenues at \$62.3 million are 109 percent of year-to-date budget, while total operating costs/allocations, at \$50.2 million are 105 percent for the same time period.

BOARD MEETING

After reviewing stated values and beliefs that were identified in 1996 in conjunction with the Mission Statement. The Board of Directors felt that identifying certain values and beliefs will continue to have a positive impact on all personnel. Senior management and the Board have adopted the values and beliefs as their own.

...approved and authorized an appropriation not to exceed \$56,144 for an 88-horsepower floating pump in the secondary effluent ponds at Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. This will permit secondary effluent deliveries to irrigation customers for feed and fodder crops when the plant operates near its 11-million-gallons-a-day-rated capacity for secondary effluent. The pump will improve the reliability of the reclamation system by enabling delivery of appropriate quality water to designated users. Financing will come from Improvement District H (Reclamation) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...ratified the administrative award of a contract (Spec. 763S, Winchester park Area Sewer) with Trautwein Construction in the amount of \$129,776. Although \$266,200 was appropriated, total project costs were kept to \$195,000. This permits the return of \$71,200 to the Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund of Service Area 35.

...ratified the total project costs of \$439,700 for a headworks odor scrubber system at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Originally authorized in February 1999 for \$426,700, unforeseen changes and additional work was mandated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Riverside County Health Department.

...approved and authorized awarding a contract with Amick Construction Co., Inc. for \$93,500 under specification No. 728W (Good Hope Water Pipeline Replacement). Undersized potable water lines, primarily in unpaved streets, have been damaged by street grading. The new pipeline will eliminate two pipe ends, which will improve water quality and flow. Total estimated project costs of \$173,900 will be financed from Service Area 41 (Mills Treatment) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved and authorized an agreement with the city of Temecula for construction of the Pujol Street Lift Station at a total project cost of \$943,000. A city bridge project over Murrieta Creek will affect EMWD's existing eight-inch gravity sewer main. To avoid problems, a new sewage lift station will convey sewage flows to the existing Pala Force Mains. The city agrees to contribute \$125,000 toward construction of the sewage improvements. The project will be financed from the Service Area No. 34 (Temecula/Murrieta) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve and Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund.

...adopted resolution No. 3345.3, amending Exhibit A Classification of Positions. Changes were made to selected classification titles and salary ranges.

...accepted a report from the California Department of Water Resources as of Feb. 18 which shows state snowpack at 92 percent of average, with statewide reservoir storage at 69 percent capacity.

...received the District staffing status report for January, indicating the net number of District employees increased by five to 487.

...adopted Resolution No. 3075.6, which allows the Board to postpone connection fees on a case-by-case basis to qualifying nonprofit organizations. In summary, qualifying nonprofit organizations could defer financial participation charges until the organization no longer qualifies. At that time, payment of then-current charges would be become due and payable.