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Board of Directors Summary for **March 22, 2000**

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Board Meeting

The Board of Directors voted to proceed by eminent domain to acquire property necessary for the first well to support the Menifee Desalter project. The property is located at the intersection of McLaughlin and Evans Roads in the Menifee area.

...appropriated \$137,000 from the General District's Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Account for cleaning and rehabilitation of Fruitvale Well #25.

...appropriated a total of \$1,310,300 and approved administrative award of contract by the general manager for the Cherry Hills Boulevard water pipeline replacement in Sun City. The project is financed by the Service Area 41 Replacement and System Betterment Reserve Account, which will eventually be reimbursed with funds from the Proposition 204 water bond measure adopted several years ago.

...awarded a contract of \$365,050 to Schuler Engineering of Corona for upgrade of return activated sludge system at Moreno Valley RWWF in order to improve plant operating efficiency. Total project cost of \$574,000 will be funded by the Service Area 32 Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Account.

...agreed to participate in a joint community facilities agreement with the City of Murrieta and Lennar Green Ranch Venture, LLC, in the Murrieta area.

...authorized funding of \$90,000 from the Research and Development Reserve Account to support the Arsenic Research Partnership, Alliance for Radon Reduction, Water Resources Institute at California State University in San Bernardino, and a Technology Assessment Committee of various southern California agencies to help determine industrial coatings for water and wastewater facilities.

...approved the use of \$76,800 from the Information Systems Department's annual operating budget for improvements to the Oracle Financial System.

Work Session

The Directors expressed their pleasure and pride in the winning essay on Diamond Valley Lake by Hemet High School student Kristen Duffin. Miss Duffin read her essay as a part of the excellent lake dedication observance conducted last weekend by Metropolitan Water District.

...heard from AGM **Charlie Bachmann** about discussions concerning several EMWD facilities in the general Sun City/Menifee area that the County of Riverside wants the District to relocate at District expense to make way for county projects. The total cost to EMWD could be a million dollars.

...received a presentation by **Mike Garner** regarding proposals that SAWPA agencies and others join together to form a joint powers agreement to administer Prop. 13 monies for projects in the area. At present, the matter remains under discussion.

...heard from EMWD's MWD Director, **Clayton Record**, that "Met" continues to make progress on development of a strategic plan and that State Senator Dave Kelley's bill to restructure MWD remains alive in the Legislature.

...were briefed by Finance Director **Chuck Rathbone** about progress in development of the FY 2000-2001 budget. No water or wastewater rate increases are proposed.

- Chuck also gave his monthly financial report. For eight months through February 2000, total domestic and irrigation water sales of 56,745 acre feet are at 118% of budget while recycled water sales of 15,738 acre feet are at 93% of budget. New sewer connections for the same period total 2,950 EDUs, 78% of the annual budget, while water EDUs total 1,422, 95% of the annual budget; most of the growth is being experienced in the Temecula-Murrieta area.