



EASTERN MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT

# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **May 3, 2000**

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## Work Session

The Board of Directors recognized **Monica Hofrock**, Civil Engineering Assistant in Water Operations, for ten years of District service.

...authorized a \$160,000 contract with SCW Contracting, Inc., to build a hydro-pneumatic pump station on Gunther Road in the Romoland area to relieve a chronic low water pressure situation. Total project cost is estimated at \$280,000, to be funded from the Service Area 41 Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund.

...authorized purchase of the Clark Well in the Moreno Valley area for \$160,000. Including construction and equipping of a replacement well on the property, the complete project is expected to cost \$609,000, funded from the General District's Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve fund. The new well is expected to produce between 800 and 1,000 gallons per minute.

...was informed by General Manager **John Brudin** that EMWD is investigating ways it might help provide a sewer system to the Enchanted Heights area of Perris; that the District is attempting to reinvigorate community efforts to better manage groundwater in the Hemet-San Jacinto area; and that the Hemet Fire Department will be using Eastern's old Oakland Annex for training.

...received an update from **Christie Crother** on status of the Hemet/San Jacinto Multipurpose Constructed Wetlands, after the first ten years of the innovative program. The wetlands provides wastewater treatment and water quality improvements to the H-SJRWF's effluent, as well as creating environmental habitat and an educational resource. The wetlands removes a number of constituents and "polishes" recycled water before discharge. Nearly 120 species of birds have used the site, and visitors from 34 countries have toured the facility. Community Involvement also operates a school education program facility there.

...heard AGM **Ravi Ravishanker** and Legislative Affairs director **Larry Libeu** discuss the District's past and continuing efforts to secure federal grants and low interest loans to finance a variety of infrastructure projects. Currently, Libeu said, the District is seeking funds for brine disposal lines to serve Temecula and Moreno Valley-Perris and to help fund a groundwater desalination plant in the Perris area, as well as assisting the City of Perris in obtaining federal funds to rehabilitate its water and wastewater systems. Ravi highlighted a variety of projects that could be viable candidates for federal funding. Those projects totaled over \$242 million and relate to water supply, water rights, conservation and reclamation, and advanced technology.

...heard **Dick Heil** summarize the District's response to a statewide inquiry by the Little Hoover Commission regarding the role of special districts. Eastern does not expect to be mentioned in the report.

...was updated by **Gary Ethridge** on environmental and regulatory requirements that the District faces in coming years. Compliance will be costly and involves air quality, vehicles, water quality, wastewater and recycled water, groundwater, daily discharge limits and disposal of biosolids.

...received an update from **Betty Gibbel** on plans for observance of the District's 50th anniversary.

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