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Board of Directors Summary for **July 18, 2001**

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BOARD MEETING

The Board recognized **Jeff Hale**, Field Program Coordinator, Resource Development, for 20 years of service. They also honored two employees for 15 years: **Gary Brown**, Control and Communications Systems Analyst I, Electrical Service, and **Mary Garry**, Executive Assistant, Community Involvement.

...endorsed the selection by IBEW Local 1436 Board of Directors of **Thomas Henderson** as Employee of the Quarter (July-September 2001). Tom is a Fleet Maintenance Mechanic II, Shop Services.

...ratified the administrative award of contract with Genesis Construction, Hemet, in the amount of \$552,145 for rehabilitation of Winchester Ranch Tank. The County of Riverside will reimburse EMWD \$384,500 for the cost of tank refurbishment, while upgrades and final design will be EMWD's responsibility at \$402,345. Total project costs of \$786,845 will be financed from Service Area No. 43 (Skinner Treatment) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...ratified an agreement with the City of Moreno Valley for the relocation of water facilities in Myers Ave. to Vance Corp., Rialto, the lowest responsive bidder at \$268,000. Total estimated cost for the project between Heacock and Perris, is \$419,800, and will be financed from Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved a request by EXCEED, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization to postpone payment of fees, valued at \$29,380.44. In addition to its tax-exempt designation, the Board concurred that the organization met secondary criteria that it provides for the health and welfare of local people and that its operations are exclusively humanitarian and charitable.

...approved an administrative award of contract with Albert A. Webb Associates for inspection services during construction of the Perris Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$160,000. The project will be financed from Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund and reimbursed from the 2001B COP Construction Fund.

...approved acquisition and grant of fee title to Riverside County Parks and Open Space District for the San Jacinto Seasonal Storage and Recovery Project. Mitigation requirements include setting aside 15 acres of occupied habitat to offset impacts to the five-

acre project site. The acquisition agreement specifies that EMWD will fund an annual maintenance fee of \$9,350 until such time as a larger habitat conservation plan is approved and funded.

...approved and authorized an agreement with the city of Moreno Valley for funding water and sewer improvements within San Michele Road between Indian Street and Perris Blvd. The board appropriated \$230,000, which will be financed from Service Area Nos. 41 (Mills Treatment, \$120,000) and 35 (Perris Valley, \$110,000) System Betterment and Replacement Funds. EMWD will be reimbursed through future front footage and financial participation charges.

...approved and authorized a second amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with CH2M Hill, Inc. for design of the Perris Water Treatment Plant. Due to the fast track nature of the design, the board approved the amendment for changes in the scope of work of the design for an amount not to exceed \$118,000, bringing the total value of the agreement to \$1,388,000. The project will be financed from the 2001B COP Construction Fund.

...approved major maintenance contracts for information and other technological systems for Fiscal Year 2001/2002. District funds are budgeted from several accounts for an allocation of \$634,000 from the Operations and Maintenance budget.

... approved a contract with Advanced Business Graphics, Inc. for bill printing and mailing services at an estimated \$341,000. District funds are provided for in the annual operating budget.

...agreed to hold a public hearing on Public Health Goals (PHGs) Aug. 22, 2001, 1:00 p.m. at District headquarters. The report, mandated every three years, provides public information in addition to the consumer confidence reports mailed to each customer annually. EMWD's water system complies with all health-based drinking water requirements of the California Department of Health Services and the United States EPA. No additional actions are recommended.

...approved additional funding for polymer expenditures at regional water reclamation facilities. The contract with CIBA Specialty Chemicals reflects increasing use and additional polymer applications from \$240,000 to an estimated \$440,000. This action requires an additional allocation of \$200,000 from Service Area Nos. 31 (HSJRWRF), 32 (MVRWRF), 34 (TVRWRF) and 35 (PVRWRF) operating budgets.

...approved an agreement with ERS Industrial Services, inc. for a complete rehabilitation of the five tertiary filters at Temecula Valley RWRF. funds of \$125,000 will be appropriated from Service Area 34 (Temecula Valley) replacement and system betterment construction reserves.

...set new water rates with Nuevo Water Company for domestic water to supplement its well supply (\$460/acre-foot) and Lake Hemet Municipal Water District for untreated ag water (\$344/AF).

...accepted a staffing status report showing the total number of district employees dropped

during June from 492 to 489. This includes employees on a full-time leave of absence, those on leaves of absence whose positions have not been refilled, student workers and part-time employees. The total number of full-time equivalents is 471.

...ratified District correspondence to state and federal legislators for the month of June.

...ratified an agreement with Will & Carlson, Inc. for services as legislative liaison in Washington, DC., with Stoorza Communications, Inc. for consulting services, and approving hourly rate increases requested by Redwine and Sherrill for legal counsel services.

...announced a reduction in force plan (RIF) within the Resource Development Branch by one position of Planner.

...approved CEQA certification of the Moreno Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility Tertiary Treatment Expansion Project. The expansion would increase the tertiary capacity from 7.0 million gallons per day to 15.8.

...under an emergency basis, approved funding for installation of two 30 kW microturbines at the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Appropriation of \$83,000 from Service Area 34 (Temecula Valley) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserves. The microturbines were obtained from the South Coast Air Quality Management District at no cost. Bids were solicited for total turn-key installation and to acquire and install a heat exchanger for future use.

...after closed session, Board President Rodger D. Siems read a letter from John Brudin stating the General Manager's intention to retire Dec. 31, 2001. The board took no action, but decided to take the matter under discussion in closed session on July 23, at 8:15 a.m. to consider his request for retirement and possible consideration of his successor.

...in another matter after closed session, the Board approved Resolution 3508, which endorses the sale of 4.2 acres of surplus property at Buena Vista Street and Esplanade Avenue in San Jacinto to Edelbrock Foundry Corp.

WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors recognized two employees for 10 years of service: **Mike Balkoski**, Water Reclamation Plant Lead Operator, Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility, and **Emery J. Papp**, Planner, Resource Development Administration.

...received a report from **John Brudin**, General Manager, and others on the status of biosolids. With the current and imminent restrictions, EMWD may face additional costs of \$500-700,000 to dispose of the wastewater treatment byproduct. Currently, we haul about half to Arizona and half to our local contractor, Synagro. It was also noted by Director **David Slawson** that resolving this predicament will need the cooperation of other agencies--EMWD won't be able to solve it alone.

...rejected EMWD's staff recommendation to reject all bids received under Specification No. 820W, Perris Water Treatment Plant, Phase I, and to rebid the project. After discussion, the Board reaffirmed the award to the low bidder (C.W. Roen Construction Co., Danville, CA;

\$16,231,625).

...heard from John Brudin regarding the North San Jacinto Pipeline Project for customers of Nuevo Water Co. Because of continuing drops in groundwater levels, discussions have been making progress on the likelihood of constructing a \$2.6 million water pipeline to convey Colorado River water. EMWD staff recommends constructing a 12-inch diameter pipeline or larger to serve an area which currently has 1,600 connections. According to **Ed Piester**, Nuevo Water Co. Operations Manager, that area will eventually need to serve more than twice that number. Once the scope of this project is agreed upon, financing will be determined.

...heard from several individuals on the status of the Menifee Desalter, scheduled to be operational in six weeks. According to **Charles Bachmann**, Assistant General Manager, Engineering, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers have interrupted completion of the Temescal Valley Regional Interceptor (TVRI), the brine disposal line. It is estimated that unless we resolve their concerns quickly, we would have only five days' worth of on-site brine storage. According to **Anthony J. Pack**, Deputy General Manager for Operations and Administration, we will be advertising again for job applications as Potable Water Treatment Operator III.

...received the fiscal year-end financial report from **Chuck Rathbone**, Director of Finance. Preliminary total revenues were \$107 million (107% of budget), while operating costs/allocations were \$87.2 million (108% of budget). The District sold 84,343 acre feet of domestic and irrigation water, and 20,462 acre feet recycled. There were 6,056 EDUs of new sewer connections, compared with 4,393 for the previous year. There were 2,811 new water EDUs for the year.

...heard from **Tony Pack** that for Fiscal Year 2000-2001, energy costs and related costs have been substantially over budget due to the state's energy problems. Electricity was \$130,000 over budget at \$5.1 million; natural gas was \$1.3 million over budget at \$2.6 million and biosolids disposal was \$276,000 over budget at \$1.04 million. A more detailed discussion of current projects to reduce energy consumption district-wide is continuing.

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