



# Report!

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

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## Board Meeting

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The Board of Directors adopted Water Standby Assessments and Sewage and Waste Water Service Standby Charges for FY 2000-2001. Also known as "availability assessments," they are authorized by state law to equitably apportion the cost of facilities in relation to benefits received by property owners. EMWD expects to receive \$3.6 million from these assessments for FY 2001, which is about 3.6 percent of the District's \$100.1 million operations budget. There were no changes in the rates set for the 16 water improvements districts, 1 general district assessment and 20 sewer improvement districts.

In other action, the Board approved and authorized Assessment District No. 20 funding and acquisition agreement for water and sewer facilities in a proposed residential development in the Menifee Valley. Proposed facilities in what is known as the "Hovnanvian Development," include a pump station, approximately 5,000 feet of 24-inch-diameter water main, modification of the existing Antelope Road Lift Station and a sewer force main in Scott Road. In a separate matter, the time and place of the public hearing for the assessment district was set to be held at the EMWD headquarters board room on Sept. 20, 2000, 1 p.m.

...approved and authorized funding for information technology consulting contracts for FY 2001 for MACS, timecard and SPORT applications for a not-to-exceed amount of \$183,750. Funding will come from Information Systems/Computer Consulting and Programming.

...approved funding in the amount of \$58,858 for operational enhancements to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. Funding will initially be appropriated from the General District's Construction Fund, subject to reimbursement from the 1993A COP Construction Reserve and/or reallocated to the various system betterment construction funds of the impacted service areas.

...ratified an administrative award of contract to Advanced Business Graphics (ABG) for mailing services and extension of existing contract for printing services. Estimated costs for the six-month contract period, including postage, is \$228,872. District funds for these services will be charged to accounts 0100-56160-075200, 0100-56160-076700, 0100-54120-076700 and 0100-56560-075200.

### Work Session

The Directors heard from **Chuck Rathbone**, Director of Finance, for a monthly financial update and the FY 2000 year-end results. Total fresh water sales, excluding certain wholesale sales to EVMWD and RCWD, were 83,152 acre-feet, or 121 percent of budget. Recycled water sales were 23,445 AF. Budgeted sales for FY 2001 are 75,677 AF (fresh water) and 24,000 AF (recycled). Revenues stood at \$105,055,113, with the major expense being the cost of water at \$26,331,029, or 31 percent of costs. Regarding new connections, Rathbone noted there were 4,393 sewer equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) and 2,038 water EDUs for FY 2000. The current annual budget projects 4,700 sewer EDUs and 2,300 water EDUs.

**Tony Pack**, Deputy General Manager for Operations and Administration, told the board that EMWD's maintenance crews have been putting in long hours recently to correct electrical problems relating to Southern California Edison power interruptions, including rolling outages in the region. He noted they have been able to keep EMWD in power for the most part through connecting additional generators, and from the use of other local supplemental equipment, such as additional air-conditioning. He also noted that EMWD had reached a new peak-day demand of 136 million gallons on July 27, and that water operations staff were successfully meeting near-capacity water demands on a daily basis, or around 130 mgd.

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