



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **August 8, 2001**

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## Board Meeting

In an adjourned regular meeting today, the Board heard from **Dick Heil**, Director of Community Involvement, on the recent recognition for communications efforts in national communications competition sponsored by the DALTON Pen Awards. The EMWD website ([www.emwd.org](http://www.emwd.org)) earned an award of merit. Richard Shimko and Yvonne Maurais-Shimko, website designers and owners of tWrite, Inc., and **Dan Ashley**, Director of Information Systems, attended. Earning an award of excellence was EMWD's 50-year anniversary book, Building the Future: The Story of the Eastern Municipal Water District, written by Phil Brigandi and **Gene Knott**, retired employee.

The Board held a public hearing on water standby assessments and sewage and waste service standby charges for FY 2001-02. There were no rate increases. The Board heard from several property owners who had questions about the program. It was explained that these annual charges form a portion of EMWD's revenue mix, including rates, property taxes and connection fees. These revenue streams give property owners an equitable way to pay their fair shares, commensurate with benefits received. All property owners benefit, regardless of whether they receive service from EMWD because all lands within our service area are significantly more valuable than they would be if service were not available. During FY 2001-02, EMWD expects to receive \$3.8 million from standby assessments, or only 3.6 percent of the District operations budget. Staff was directed to investigate the ramifications of allowing some 160 property owners in the Tukulota Valley to deannex from the district.

...adopted a resolution establishing G.O. bond tax rates, water standby assessments, sewage and waste service standby charges, assessment district fixed charges and delinquent water and sewer assessments for FY 2001/02.

...held a public hearing on a proposed community facilities district (CFD) and adopted resolutions and an ordinance associated with financing for Springfield II/Arbor Glen, a housing development by Pacific Century Homes in Hemet.

...adopted a resolution of intention to amend the contract between PERS and EMWD to provide a special death benefit. Should death be a direct consequence of a violent act while on the job, this new benefit provides a monthly allowance to the member's surviving spouse equal to ½ of the member's final compensation.

... adopted several minute orders and resolutions relating to annexations:

Improvement District 19 (Sunnymead), 10 acres;  
67th Fringe Area (Audie Murphy Ranch, ), 154.31 acres;  
70th Fringe area (Howard Omdahl, et al.), 9.6 acres;  
71st Fringe Area (John F. Firestone), 34.1 acres;  
I.D. Nos. U-23, U-24 (Debra Nowak/Beazer Homes), 4.15 acres;  
I.D. Nos. U-29, U-30 (Albert Womble), 57.5 acres;  
I.D. Nos. U-31, U-32 (Citation Communities), 13.63 acres.

...approved a lease with Cox PCS Assets, LLC (Sprint) for a telecommunications tower at the Dutch Village tank site.

...approved the purchase of 4.41 acres in Hemet at Kirby Street and Commonwealth Ave. for an amount not to exceed \$180,000. The property will provide a site for a future membrane filtration freshwater treatment plant of northern California water supplies from our EM-14 connection with MWD. The project will be financed from the General District's Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

...approved an \$86,300 agreement for professional engineering services and environmental review with Kevin Cozad & assoc. for design of the First Street sewer in Temecula. The project will be financed from Service Area No. 34 (Temecula/Murrieta) Restricted Sewer System Expansion Fund (50%) and Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve (50%).

...approved a \$253,000 contract with Utah Pacific Construction Co., Inc. For construction of the Temecula Creek Sewer Replacement project. Financing will come from Service Area No. 34 (Temecula/Murrieta) Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve.

At the conclusion of the board meeting, the board reviewed several items during a brief work session.