



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **October 4, 2000**

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## Work Session

The Board of Directors honored six employees for ten years' service to the District. Those recognized were:

- **Carol Darby, Sr.**, Executive Assistant, Engineering Branch;
- **Mike Espejo**, Distribution Operations Supervisor, Water Operations and Distribution Dept;
- **Debbie Felbinger**, Customer Service Representative I;
- **Maria Foster**, Customer Service Representative II;
- **Julie Georgiow**, Operations Representative I;
- **Jaretta "Penny" Mead**, Customer Service Field Representative II.

...joined with Treasury Manager **Pat Elliott** and the members of the Customer Service Department in proclaiming October 2-6, 2000 as National Customer Service Week. Throughout this week, refreshments are being provided to visiting customers in the AC main lobby, as the District expresses its appreciation to its more than 80,000 customers.

...received reports from General Manager **John Brudin** on several board committee meetings. Of particular note, the Resource Development and Research Committee is examining groundwater usage in the San Jacinto Valley and the status of the District's long-time efforts to have a groundwater management plan established in the Hemet-San Jacinto area. The same committee is also tracking EMWD's progress in developing a supplemental water supply system for the Lakeview-Nuevo area.

...ratified an increase of \$95,000 to \$270,000 in the standing purchase agreement with Aqua Metric Sales Company for water meters from 5/8 inch to 2 inches in size. The increase is needed because of the increase in the number of new services being ordered.

...heard Director **Dick Hall** report on matters related to SAWPA, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. The agency is facing a possible requirement to relocate the SARI industrial waste line out of the Santa Ana Riverbed, because storm water flows over the years have diminished the amount of cover over the buried line, leading to concerns about possible line breaks. Director **Rodger Siems** noted that this same item is a matter of concern with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. The project, if accomplished, could cost upwards of \$50 million with the five SAWPA member agencies -- including EMWD -- possibly having to pay all or a large part of the bill. The matter is still under discussion.

...was briefed by **Claire Harrison** and **Roger Turner** on the new Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) regulation published by U.S. EPA, governing the amount of point and non-point pollutants that can be discharged into "impaired" water bodies. About 88% of the concern in California relates to non-point source runoff; EMWD is a point source discharger in compliance with permits it has been granted. The program, when implemented, is expected to cost EMWD about \$500,000 per year. All wastewater agencies and many other kinds of organizations are affected.

...was updated by Human Resources and Risk Management Director **Angela Carman** on the District's personnel recruiting and hiring practices. District policy is in accordance with EEO laws while being oriented toward hiring of the best qualified applicants. EMWD job announcements, when advertised for outside applicants, are sent to over 70 agencies, of which 20 are specifically for minorities and disabled veterans.

...viewed a demonstration of the District's new Internet web site, which has been under construction for many months. Information Systems Director **Dan Ashley** and Director of Community Involvement **Dick Heil** made the presentation. The Directors approved public display of the site, and it is expected to be openly available to anyone by late Thursday, Oct. 5, at [www.emwd.org](http://www.emwd.org).

...received a status report from District Counsel **Gerald Shoaf** regarding on-going discussions between EMWD and the City of Hemet related to wastewater service boundaries of the two agencies in the city. The matter continues under discussion.

There was no formal board meeting today. The next work session and formal meeting will take place October 18, 2000.

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