



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **November 15, 2000**

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## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors honored three employees for extended service to the District:

- **John Purchase**, Construction Inspection Supervisor, 25 years.
- **Roger Briscoe**, Lead Plant Maintenance Technician, 20 years.
- **Robert Milholland**, Field Services Supervisor, 15 years.

...recognized **Dawn Fiscus**, Administrative Assistant II, Inspection Dept., for completion of her Bachelor of Science degree in business and management from the University of Redlands.

...passed proclamations recognizing the fiftieth anniversaries of **Elsinore Valley** Municipal Water District, **Inland Empire** Utilities Agency, and **Three Valleys** Municipal Water District.

...continued until Jan. 17, 2001 a public hearing on establishment of the proposed Assessment District 20, sponsored by K. Hovnanian, in the Menifee Valley.

...set Dec. 13, 2000 at 1 p.m. (next Board meeting) as the time and place for a public hearing on possible eminent domain proceedings for the La Piedra Road water transmission pipeline project in the Menifee Valley.

...awarded a \$292,000 contract to Robison Prezioso, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs for improvements to Petit Tank in Moreno Valley. A total of \$382,000 is appropriated to the project, from the Service Area 41 Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...awarded a \$247,787 contract to Schuler Engineering Corp. for replacement of four primary clarifiers and grit air piping at the Moreno Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (RWRf). A total of \$348,875 is appropriated to the project, from the Service Area 32 Replacement and System Betterment Construction Reserve Fund.

...approved a number of annual agreements for a variety of engineering-related, routine services in CY 2001.

...authorized the general manager to award a contract not to exceed \$65,600 for water pipeline replacements in Strip Drive and Flight Street in Moreno Valley. The area is part of the old Sunnymead Mutual water system. A total of \$99,000 is appropriated to the project from the Service Area 41 Replacement and System Betterment Fund.

...approved payment to the City of Moreno Valley of \$108,779.13 for services rendered by the city's contractor during the reconstruction of Nason Street when it was discovered that compaction had failed on parts of the sewer line under the street. Funding is from the S.A. 32 Replacement and System Betterment Fund.

...approved rejection of all bids received and authorized rebid of the Mission Canyon 2 Tank Replacement project in Diamond Valley.

...set 1 p.m. on Dec. 13, 2000 (next Board meeting) for a public hearing prior to adopting the District's Year 2000 "Urban Water Management Plan". The plan is required to be updated every five years and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by December 31st.

...approved leases with Nextel and Mediacom California to install communication equipment at the Sun City and Hemet-San Jacinto RWRFs. The equipment is part of the companies' networks and not related to EMWD's system.

...approved a 3-year agreement with U.S. Filter of Corona to provide the District with several types of valves, as needed.

...annexed a number of parcels into the District, at the request of the owners, so that water and/or sewer service can be provided. The annexations totaled 956 acres and included:

- 481 acres within Murrieta County Water District, in the City of Murrieta, the area to be known as the 65th Fringe Area.
- 150 acres in the Murrieta area, known as the American Beauty Development, and to be termed the 66th Fringe Area.
- 46 acres at the southeast corner of Laselle and JFK in Moreno Valley, site of the city's new high school, in Improvement District (I.D.) 22.
- 167 acres known as Tucolota Creek in the Temecula Area, in I.D. U-26.
- 19 acres for National R.V. in the City of Perris, in I.D.s 27 and 28.
- 3 acres on the northwest corner of Perris Boulevard and the Ramona Expressway in the City of Perris, in I.D.s 27 and 28.
- 90 acres in the Sun City area near La Ladera Road and Honeyrun Road, in I.D.s 35 and 36.

...approved a joint community facilities district with the City of Murrieta (CFD # 2000-02). EMWD's participation will involve water and sewer facilities.

...approved the Water Demand Assessment required by law for the proposed Domenigoni Barton development project in the Winchester area. The District can accommodate the water demand generated by the project.

...approved award of a contract not to exceed \$1.1 million with CH2MHill and Carollo Engineers to design a Perris Water Treatment Plant to be operated by EMWD and located at the site of the Perris II connection to the Colorado River Aqueduct. The plant will allow EMWD to meet increasing water demand in the region by taking Colorado River Water and treating it at an EMWD facility, then distributing it through the domestic water system. The District expects to have the plant operational by summer of 2002. Total project cost is estimated at \$19.5 million, financed from the S.A. 41 Restricted Water Facilities Expansion Fund.

...accepted reports showing:

- season precipitation (through Nov. 7) in the northern Sierra watersheds that are tributary to the State Water Project to be 110% of normal at 4.7 inches. Statewide snowpack is 6% of annual average at 2 inches. Reservoir storage statewide is at 62% of capacity, which is 114% of historical average. (Reservoirs cannot "fill to the brim" with water storage, because emergency floodwater capacity must be maintained.)
- the District had 490 employees as of Oct. 31 (470 fulltime equivalents), the same as a month earlier.

### **Work Session**

Members of the Board recognized **Jack DuBois**, Systems Control Operator I, Water Operations and Distribution Dept., for 10 years' service to the District.

...listened to a report by **Joe Grindstaff**, general manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) on availability of funds authorized in the March 2000 Proposition 13 vote for water projects in our region. It is hoped that the funds (more than \$200 million, in total) will be ready for the SAWPA board's approval next month. That means several projects could get underway in 2001.

...heard from general manager **John Brudin** that groundwater levels in the Hemet-San Jacinto area are continuing to decline. It was noted by Mr. Brudin, several Board members, and deputy general manager **Tony Pack** that EMWD needs to take a leadership role in fostering reasonable groundwater management in the area to resolve these serious problems. A more detailed discussion of the matter has been scheduled for the Dec. 13th Board meeting.

...received finance director **Chuck Rathbone's** monthly financial report. Through October 31st, fresh water sales were at 40,369 acre feet (119% of budget); recycled water sales totaled 9,444 acre feet (73% of budget); wastewater revenues totaled \$8.544 million (99% of budget). Water EDUs added since July 1, 2000 total 864 while 1,786 EDUs of sewer service have been added.

...heard government affairs director **Larry Libeu** report on several items related to Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The new rate structure continues to be the focus of attention, with the plan gaining greater acceptance by MWD directors. MWD is also experiencing problems with construction of its Inland Feeder pipeline and is taking a preliminary look at possible alternative ways to move water to Diamond Valley Lake.

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