



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **December 13, 2000**

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## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors presented a proclamation to Etha Sabel, publisher of the Perris Progress newspaper recognizing its 100th year in publication. The newspaper is the oldest, independently owned newspaper and the last legally-adjudicated newspaper in western Riverside County.

...adopted the 2000 Urban Water Management Plan, which is required by the state Department of Water Resources. EMWD, along with most other urban water providers, is required to submit revised plans every five years. EMWD began its plans in 1985.

...adopted a resolution of necessity to acquire, by eminent domain proceedings, easements for the La Piedra Road Water Transmission Pipeline Extension in the Menifee area.

...made several organizational changes. **Mary White** administered the oath of office for four-year terms on the board of directors beginning Jan. 8, 2001 to **Marion V. Ashley** and **Randy A. Record**. The board accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Clayton A. Record, Jr.**, as EMWD's representative to MWD, and appointed Marion Ashley to succeed Clayton Record as EMWD's MWD director effective Jan. 9, 2001. The board also approved a proclamation expressing appreciation and commendation to Clayton Record on his retirement from the EMWD board and as EMWD's representative to the board of directors of MWD.

...approved and authorized a change order of \$38,240 to specification No. 761W, Undersized Water Pipeline Replacement Project 1999 for a revised total project amount of \$526,992. This project will be funded from Service Area Nos. 41 (Mills Treatment), 42 (Hemet/San Jacinto) and I.D. 24 (Fruitvale Replacement and System Betterment) Construction Reserve.

...approved and authorized water demand assessments according to provisions in the California Water Code. They included:

- Specific Plan No. 322: BSA Properties, Winchester (702,620 gallons per day),
- Specific Plan No. 310: Domenigoni--Barton Properties, Winchester (3,582,860 gpd).

...approved an engineering services agreement with consultants for an estimated \$35,700 to develop the 6.8-million-gallons Rose Hills Tank and Supply Pipeline. The total project cost of \$3,891,500 will be financed from Service Area No. 41 (Mills Treatment) Restricted Water Tank Fund.

...approved and authorized an award of contract with Genesis Construction, of Hemet, for \$897,358 under Spec. No. 801W Menifee Desalter Transmission Pipeline. The total estimated project cost is \$1,379,400, and will be financed from the General District Restricted Water Facility Expansion Fund. This project is subject to reimbursement from the state-funded Agricultural Drainage Loan Program.

...approved and authorized an administrative award of contract with several engineering companies and other consultants under Spec. No. 794S for the four-million-gallons-a-day expansion of the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility to 12 mgd. The total estimated project cost is \$33,300,000 and will be financed from the Service Area No. 34 Restricted Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Fund.

...approved development of a numerical groundwater model for the San Jacinto Watershed. Total project cost is not to exceed \$150,000, with funds budgeted in the FY 2000/01 Resource Development Branch Special Projects and Research Budget.

...approved a \$349,935 award of contract under Spec. No. 792W with Bakersfield Well and Pump for development of the Salt Creek desalter well. Total estimated project cost is \$871,635. This project will be financed from the General District Restricted Water Facilities fund.

...accepted a report showing that as of Dec. 11, precipitation in the northern Sierra 8-station index was 6.7 inches, or 55 percent of normal. Reservoir storage statewide is 61 percent of capacity.

...accepted the November staffing status report, showing 467 full-time-equivalent employees at month-end. The total number of district employees, including those on full-time absence, student workers and part-time employees, was 486, down four from the previous month.

...adopted Resolution No. 3324.1, setting the compensation for board directors and for the district's representative on the board of directors of MWD. Last increased in 1998, the new rate will be adjusted beginning Jan. 1, 2001 from \$160 per meeting to \$168 per meeting, a five percent increase. The daily rate applies for a maximum of 10 meetings per month.

...approved adjustments to the compensation of the remaining 19 Y-rated employees whose salaries remain frozen as a result of 1997 classification and pay adjustments. The Y-rated employees will receive a lump sum payment equal to the 1.5 percent salary increase other employees received last June. They will also now be eligible for the full range of possible lump sum performance bonuses.

...added and approved an emergency item dealing with an agreement initiated by the Mt. San Jacinto College District on land condemnation in the Menifee area. In the agreement, if an existing EMWD pipeline needs to be relocated, the college district has agreed to pay all associated costs.

In closed session, legal counsel gave status reports on three separate claims dealing with Soboba Indian Water Rights, the city of Hemet and the city of San Jacinto. No action was taken.

### **Work Session**

Members of the Board recognized two employees for 10 years of service. They were **Gary Chamberlain**, Contracts Quality Assurance Inspector, Field Services and **Pernilla "Penny" Taylor**, Senior Customer Service Representative, Customer Service.

**Mike Garner** made a presentation on the new Urban Water Management Plan for 2000. The plan is required by the state every five years and helps in developing and understanding urban water management within EMWD's service area. The primary objective is to provide for conservation and efficient use of water.

**Ravi Ravishanker** presented background information relating to the present status of Hemet/San Jacinto groundwater basins. This was part of a white paper recommendation to the board to renew efforts to work with other agencies, private producers and other stakeholders to establish a cooperative groundwater management plan.

Several staff discussions concerned a variety of groundwater-related programs, including plans for Hemet and San Jacinto (**Charlie Bachmann, Tony Pack**), desalters/membrane filters (**Bachmann**), seasonal storage in the San Jacinto River (**Bachmann, Joe Lewis**) and a groundwater management plan (**John Brudin**).

**Pat Elliott** and **Chris Thomsen** gave an introduction to a new billing format for customers beginning in January 2001. The changes are intended to provide customers with additional information, while making the bill easier to read and understand.

...received finance director **Chuck Rathbone's** monthly financial report. Fiscal-year-to-date fresh water sales through November were 45,027 acre-feet (114 percent of budget); recycled water sales totaled 10,620 AF (70 percent of budget), and total revenues year-to-date were \$42.5 million (106 percent of budget). Water EDUs added since July 1, 2000 totaled 1,052, while 2,092 EDUs of sewer service were added.

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