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Board of Directors Summary for **February 19, 2003**

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BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors recognized several employees for their years of service and for their educational achievements:

- **James Green**, Supervisor, Mechanical Services (20 years),
- **John Nieblas**, Construction Inspector III (20 years),
- **John Mora**, Supervisor, Water Operations (25 years),
- **Frances Orr**, Accounting Operations Supervisor (30 years),
- **Lisa Phillips**, Accounting Technician I, Finance (Masters in Public Administration from Cal State San Bernardino),
- **Kevin Shaw**, Water Reclamation Plant Manager, Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (Bachelor of Science in Business and Management from the University of Redlands),
- **Rosemarie Howell**, Senior Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Master of Arts in Management, University of Redlands).

...approved and authorized a five-year agreement with Mission Linen and Uniform Supply for an estimated amount of \$625,000. Annual costs are estimated at between \$112,500 and \$136,700 and are provided for in each year's annual operating budget. Services include supplying, laundering and maintaining shirts, pants, shorts, laboratory jackets, floor mats, shop towels and aprons.

...adopted three resolutions approving joint community facilities agreements:

- Temecula Public Financing Authority and Lennar Homes of California, Inc. for Temecula Public Financing Authority Community Facilities District No. 03-1 (Crowne Hill)
- City of Murrieta and Winchester 700, LLC for Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Murrieta Springs);
- Val Verde United School District and Perris Partners for Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Citation Homes).

...adopted a minute order and resolution annexing 31.55 acres (John Firestone) to Improvement District No. U-8 (Rancho California)

...adopted a minute order and resolution requesting LAFCO to annex 26.53 acres (Fieldstone Communities, Inc.) in the Murrieta area to EMWD and MWD.

...accepted the district staffing status report that indicates 498 full-time equivalent staff as of Jan. 31.

...authorized execution of an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 with Elan Associates, Ltd. to provide services related to development of funding applications and providing liaison services with environmental resources agencies. Funding will come from the General

District Restricted Reclamation Expansion fund and Water System Expansion fund for State Revolving Fund loan applications. Specific projects include the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility Effluent Pipeline and the Hemet/San Jacinto Water Treatment Plant. Other funding will come from the Resource Development Special Projects budget for professional consulting services.

...adopted a resolution requesting the consent of the board of Supervisors to the formation of and construction of improvements for the benefit of Assessment District No. 19-A (Rancho Glenoaks Water System) in the Temecula area.

...adopted resolutions to establish Community Facilities District (CFD) 2002-10 (Summit Ridge), a 53-acre project in French Valley.

WORK SESSION

Board members received a presentation from the city of San Jacinto staff and volunteer organization members on the application for a landscape demonstration project grant for the Francisco Estudillo Heritage Park. In later board action, a \$25,000 grant was awarded. Funding came from an appropriation in 1991 (M-100/91) to encourage the installation of water efficient landscape and irrigation projects.

Larry Libeu, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, gave an update on activities at Metropolitan Water District, including their new fluoridation policy, an agreement with EMWD to fund certain infrastructure upgrades for Diamond Valley Lake recreation, and a groundbreaking March 19-20 for a water museum and related facilities.

Chuck Rathbone, Director of Finance, presented a mid-year budget review, which indicates most accounts are on track, with revenues running about 8 percent above budget. He also gave an update on water rates, which have not been adjusted since 1996. More work is underway to simplify EMWD's 66 different rates. It's likely that more discussion will continue next month on rate restructuring and a slight rate increase to be effective this spring.