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Board of Directors Summary for **April 2, 2003**

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WORK SESSION

The Board approved:

- formation of Community Facilities Districts for Summit Ridge (Murrieta) and a joint Community Facilities Agreement with the Menifee Union School District.
- and authorized the General Manager to execute water supply agreements with property owners participating in the North San Jacinto Water Supply Initiative. Staff has been working with property owners on conceptual plans to develop facilities to deliver supplemental water to the dairies and agricultural businesses located adjacent of the Ramona Expressway between San Jacinto and Lakeview. This water will ensure the survival of these businesses in the event that salinity intrusion or declining groundwater levels reduce the availability of local water supplies. Board approval allows staff to proceed with this project.

The General Manager reported the following:

- EMWD completed the discharge to Lake Elsinore on Saturday, March 23, at 1498 AF, and billed EVMWD and the City for \$213,244. We are not discharging at this time, but we do plan to discharge again the week of April 6.
- EMWD and Barratt American, Inc. issued a joint press on Tuesday, April 1 announcing that Barratt has dropped their lawsuit against EMWD. After a lengthy investigation, Barratt concurred that our connection fees are "fair and reasonable."
- Senator Jim Battin (R-La Quinta) will be meeting with the General Manager this Friday for a "get acquainted" visit.
- We have engaged Empire Economics to provide employment and housing growth forecasting for the EMWD service area through 2025.
- Discussions are being held regarding future development and/or sale of the 84 acres on the east side of Trumble Rd.
- We have renamed our treatment facility the San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility, in keeping with our naming protocol for the other facilities.
- We are in the process of updating our Strategic Plan. Emphasis this year will be on implementation - developing action plans and performance measures tied to the Strategic Plan.

Rick Bishop, Executive Director for Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), provided an overview of the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF), a fee (approximately \$6,600) to be paid by developers for each new home or business constructed in Riverside County, and likely passed on to buyers, that ensures that new development pay its fair share of transportation needs – i.e. the regional arterial and highway system. To date, 13 of 15 cities in Riverside County have adopted the TUMF, with Lake Elsinore and Calimesa expected to follow suit in the next few weeks. Cities who adopt the TUMF are eligible to receive their share of Measure “A” money – a half-cent sales tax collected for local freeway improvements. WRCOG feels the combination of Measure A and TUMF provides Riverside County with leveraging for receiving matching funds from the state and federal government for transportation needs associated with local growth.