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Board of Directors Summary for **September 24, 2008**

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Work Session

I. General Manager's Report

(Pack)

Past Activities

- Director Slawson and I met with the Mayor, City managers, as well as our chief engineers to talk about past and future projects in the City of San Jacinto.
- Last week Director Sullivan, Claire, and I, visited our delegation and various agencies in Washington, D.C. to discuss funding request for the Perris II Desalter and other requests.
- Last Friday (September 19), I attended a Community Advisory Committee meeting with KB Homes. Presentations included a housing status briefing from Steve Ruffner and an economic briefing from John Husing. Neither presented a very bright picture for the housing market. Steve Ruffner is setting up a meeting for me to meet the next Executive Director of the BIA.
- Yesterday (September 23), we met with a firm that provides "smart" manhole lids that can alert you of overflows. While a useful technology, we have only a limited application at this time because of our record of minimizing sewer spills and maintenance program. We are evaluating use of the product and expect we will find some applications.

Future Activities

- On October 2, we will be meeting with Director Record, Lewis Operating Corp. (Randall Lewis, Leon Swails, Darren McCleve, and Andy Petitjean), and Webb & Associates (Bruce Davis), on the Villages of Lakeview conservation measures.
- I will be out of the office during the week of October 6 to attend a meeting on the Tax Credit Bonds, a water conservation conference, and a meeting with the Bureau in Boulder City. I will miss the rescheduled Board meeting and John Benoit tour on October 8.

Follow Up From Previous Board Meetings

- Several Board meetings ago, one of the Board members asked about the relative costs of wastewater and potable water treatment. I have attached a comparison and provided a paper copy to discuss.

- We have begun an extensive informational outreach to our employees through e-mail, paycheck stuffers, FAQ's, and talking points on the tiered rates development so they will be informed and can respond to customer questions. We will be duplicating the effort on our "Water Use It Wisely Campaign".

Operational Highlights

- We continue to track water consumption in the District and compared meter readings in three categories:
 - For Foreclosures/vacancies - we looked at meters that had consumption in 2007 and were turned off in 2008. We saw about 4 percent of the meters that were turned off in 2008 (averaged about 200 acre-feet of monthly demand reduction).
 - For conservation - we looked at the accounts that showed consumption both in 2007 and 2008. We saw about 7 percent conservation (averaged about 340 acre-feet per month).
 - For growth - we looked at meters that did not have consumption in 2007 and were turned on in 2008. We saw about 4.5 percent of the meters that met this criteria (averaged about 230 acre-feet of new demand per month).
- The draft revisions for the Best Management Practices (BMP's) have been published and there is a State Water Resources Control Board meeting scheduled for October 1 in Sacramento to consider development of an urban water conservation regulatory plan. We will be discussing in a Board Committee and have a workshop session next month when we have more information.
- Master Permit: On September 5, 2008, the Santa Ana Regional Board approved the District's Master Permit that replaces the former discharge permits for PVRWRF, SJVRWRF, MVRWRF, and the portion of the recycled water pumped into the watershed from TVRWRF. This permit provides the District with the authorization to store and use recycled water throughout the San Jacinto River Watershed. The substantive changes in this Master Permit are standardization of compliance requirements for all of the San Jacinto Watershed RWRFs, and approval of the mitigation plan for excess salt and nitrogen that enters the groundwater basins from the recycled water that is stored in ponds and irrigated. The mitigation plan allows the use of recycled water in basins with low water quality objectives for salt and nitrogen as long as the same excess mass of salt and nitrogen used in these basins is mitigated. Mitigation includes the pumping from the desalter wells, recharging of the State Project Water, and determining the nitrogen uptake in soils and wetlands. Implementation of the approved permit took effect on September 5, 2008.

- State Water Resources Control Board's Recycled Water Policy: In February 2008, the State had proposed a Recycled Water Policy that was not well received by the stakeholders. The stakeholders proposed to have a focus group work on this policy to develop a document that could be supported by the stakeholders. In September 2008, the stakeholders presented their revised policy with positions on critical items that both the agencies and the non-governmental organizations could support. The stakeholder effort was generally well received by the Board members, who individually expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the group. Board members Fran Spivy Weber and Dr. Gary Wolff, who participated in many of the stakeholder group meetings, spoke to the in-depth discussion of the issues that took place and the carefully crafted compromises that led to agreement on such seemingly intractable issues as constituents of emerging concern, anti-degradation, groundwater monitoring and mandates. The State Water Resources Control Board directed its staff to use the stakeholder draft as a basis for a proposed State Water Resources Control Board policy that will be prepared and circulated for public review and comment in a few months' time.
- We have experienced significant telephone delays on our billing and customer service lines in the past several weeks. One problem was caused by a software problem which has been found and corrected. We do not have a sufficient number of incoming lines which will be corrected in mid-November when we install the new lines to handle the Voiceover IP project. We do not have enough Customer Service reps and cannot add more because of a lack of space. We are currently evaluating the option of leasing an office space at the new business park on Ethanac and will be discussing with the Board at the committee meeting next month.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- The Legislative Summit for SW Riverside will be held at Pechanga on October 2.
- The Riverside Special District GM meeting is scheduled for October 2 in Beaumont, and I plan on attending.
- Our next meeting with RCWD is scheduled for Friday, October 3. Please provide any agenda items.
- SAWPA is hosting a 20% by 2020 Symposium on October 14.

Organizational and Administrative Changes

- MWD published its tabulation of the assessed valuation of the member agencies. EMWD has declined by roughly \$569 million or 20 percent and 57 votes. I have provided the Board members copies of both 2007 and 2008 tabulations.
- Chuck and I are interviewing this week for the Financial Manager position. We will pick the final two for Director Kuebler to interview. Director Kuebler participated in selecting the "short list".

- We have also interviewed several firms to replace the remarketing agent on the 2008 A and B now being marked by Bank of Albany. We have seen better rate results on our other Variable Rate Bonds than they were achieving.
- Our last annexation request was withdrawn because the water demand was grossly overestimated. The estimate has now been recalculated and will be resubmitted if Director Record concurs. The non-growth agencies in MWD are objecting to annexations and we need to discuss our policies next month in committees.

A. Recap of Board Committee Meeting

1. Administrative (*September 9*)
2. Operations & Engineering (*September 9*)
3. Executive (*September 10*)
4. Planning (*September 10*)

B. Items of Information

II. Comments and Matters of Interest to the Board Members (Pack)

III. Directors' Activities Report (Pack)

A. Board Attendance of EMWD Related Conferences, Meetings and Events

Deferred

1. Wine Country Community Meeting (*September 3*) (Kuebler)
2. Joint Mixer (*September 4*) (Sullivan)
3. City of San Jacinto (*September 4*) (Slawson)
4. Special District Conference (*September 4 - 5*) (Paule)
5. Southern Coalition (*September 5*) (Record)
6. Mash Bash (*September 6*) (Slawson/Sullivan)
7. WRCOG Executive Committee (*September 8*) (Paule)
8. Monday Morning Group Retreat (*September 10*) (Record)
9. WMWD March WWRF Expansion Groundbreaking (*Sept. 11*) (Slawson)
10. State of the City (Moreno Valley) (*September 11*) (Slawson)

Not attended

11. Valley Group (*September 12*) (Record)
12. Western Center for Archaeology (*September 13*) (Record/Paule)
13. Mead Valley Health Fair (*September 13*) (Slawson)
14. ACWA Federal Affairs (*September 15*) (Record)
15. Washington D.C. (*September 15 - 17*) (Sullivan)
16. Hemet Unified School District (*September 16*) (Paule)
17. IRP (Ontario) (*September 16*) (Record)
18. Riverside County Task Force (*September 16*) (Record)
19. Interview Channel 3 (*September 16*) (Record)
20. I-215 Corridor Summit (*September 18*) (Paule/Record/Slawson/Sullivan)

Not attended

21. Packard Governmental Affairs/Hydronex (*September 23*) (Paule)
22. Maze Stone Village HOA Meeting (*September 23*) (Paule)

B. (Others?)

IV. Discussion on Matters Which Will Require Board Action (Pack)

A. Review of September 24, 2008 Agenda Items (*If Needed*)

1. Regular Agenda Item No. VII.A.: Approve and Authorize Additional Appropriation of Funds for the Sun City Lift Station Repair and Slide Rail System Installation
2. Regular Agenda Item No. VII.D.: Water Supply Assessment
3. Regular Agenda Item No. VII.E.: Approve and Authorize a Project for the Direct Installation of an Additional 5,500 High-Efficiency Toilets

B. (Others?)

None **V. Presentations To EMWD (Guest Speakers)**

VI. Response Items / Status Reports / Information Items

A. MWD Update (*10 minutes*) (Record)

Deferred B. SAWPA Update (*10 minutes*) (Slawson/Sullivan/Pack)

C. Benefits Gained from Asset Management, Including Upgrade to Maximo 5.2 (*20 minutes*) (Iverson/T. Foster/Agner)

Cancelled Item D. Water and Recycled Water Usage (*10 minutes*) (Ghaderi)

Deferred E. August Financial Report (*15 minutes*) (Robinson)

VII. Follow-up or Update on Previous Closed Session Item(s)

VIII. Closed Session

Not discussed A. Re: Camp Pendleton Four-Party Agreement Claim
Government Code Section 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel
One Potential Litigation

Not discussed B. Re: EMWD vs. Ventyx
Government Code Section 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel
One Potential Litigation Case

Not discussed C. Re: Two Potential Claims
Government Code Section 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel
Two Potential Litigation Cases

Not discussed D. Re: Conference with Negotiator on Real Property
Government Code Section 54956.8
Conference with Legal Counsel
One Potential Litigation Case

Adjournment

Adjourned the Work Session at 12:04 p.m.

Board Meeting

I. Recognitions (Slawson, C.I. Officer)

A. Service Awards *Ronnie Haworth and Chris Teason, 20 years*

M-243/08

B. Service Plus! Quarterly Excellence Award, 3rd Quarter – Bill Stephens
1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

M-244/08

C. Approve and Authorize Recognition and Award to Michele Burris for Her Excellent Work in Obtaining Support for the Water For People (WFP)
1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

M-245/08

D. Proclamation in Observing October 6-10, 2008 as National Customer Service Week
1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

M-246/08

(Item Voted on)

E. Proclamations/Academic Achievements/Others:
1. Academic Achievement Award for Karen Collins, Bachelor of Science Degree

II. Discussions and/or Comments by Board Members

III. Approval of Minutes

M-247/08

A. Regular Meeting of September 3, 2008
1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

Receive & File

IV. Board Committee Reports

- A. Administrative Committee (September 9)
- B. Operations & Engineering Committee (September 9)
- C. Executive Committee (September 10)
- D. Planning Committee (September 10)

V. Letters of Correspondence to the Board of Directors

Reply mailed 9/25/08

A. An email was received from Mr. Hector Diaz in regards to the wait time for customer service.

Reply mailed 9/25/08

B. An email was received from Ms. Beverly Anderson in regards to observed water runoff.

Reply mailed 9/25/08

C. An email was received from Mr. Andre Bleau, Nationwide Pumping Systems, Inc., in regards to opportunities in doing business with the District.

VI. Consent Calendar

M-248/08

A. Approve and Authorize the Award of Contract Under Specification No. 1140S for Construction of the Murrieta Area Sewer Improvements

M-249/08

B. Approve and Authorize an Amendment to the Schuler Engineering Contract Under Specification No. 1090S, Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWF) Plant 1 Primary Clarifier Influent Channel and Domestic Sewage Lift Station Rehabilitation

M-250/08

C. Approve and Authorize an Engineering Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers for Final Design of Perris Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility Fuel Cell Cogeneration Project

- M-251/08** D. Approve and Authorize an Amendment to Environmental Services Agreement with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc.
- M-252/08** E. Approve and Authorize the Replacement of the Meter Reading Equipment and Software
- M-253/08** F. Approve and Authorize a Project to Implement Phase 2 of the Maximo Upgrade from 5.1 to 5.2
- Deferred** G. ~~Approve and Authorize Two Agreements with Tule Ranch/Magan Farms for Removal and Reuse of District Generated Biosolids~~

Annexations

- H. Annexation of Parcel No. 3-08-1 to Improvement District No. 3 (M. J. Nejad - APN 481-140-021)

- M-254/08**
 - 1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**, Approving the Map and Legal Description for Parcel No. 3-08-1 and Order Such Map and Legal Description Filed With the Secretary; and
- R-4862**
 - 2. **Adopt Proposed Resolution Nos. 4862**, Annexing Parcel No. 3-08-1 to Improvement District No. 3 of EMWD
- I. Annexation of Parcel Nos. U-35-08-10 and U-36-08-10 to Improvement District Nos. U-35 and U-36 (Haros Nursery - PM 8604)

- M-255/08**
 - 1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**, Approving the Maps and Legal Descriptions for Parcel Nos. U-35-08-10 and U-36-08-10 and Order Such Maps and Legal Descriptions Filed With the Secretary; and
- R-4863, R-4864**
 - 2. **Adopt Proposed Resolution Nos. 4863 and 4864**, Annexing Parcel Nos. U-35-08-10 and U-36-08-10 to Improvement District Nos. U-35 and U-36 of EMWD

- Receive & File** J. **Reports for the Months of July and August, 2008**
 - 1. Employee Reimbursement Reporting Specific Charges Greater Than \$100
 - 2. District Staffing Status Report by Classification
 - 3. EMWD Claims
 - 4. Special Funding Districts Status Report
 - 5. Water Supply Conditions
 - * 6. Change Orders to Specifications Issued July and August, 2008
 - * 7. Treasurer's Report for the months of July and August, 2008
 - * 8. **Post Audit of Checks for the month of August, 2008**

(End of Consent Calendar)

VII. Letters From the General Manager

- M-256/08** A. Approve and Authorize Additional Appropriation of Funds for the Sun City Lift Station Repair and Slide Rail System Installation
 - 1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

M-257/08

- B. Approve and Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Funding Contract between the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) and Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD)

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

M-258/08

- C. Approve and Authorize the Water Supply Assessment for the Revised Tentative Parcel Map No. 33530, Nuevo Business Park Phase II, Proposing 104 Acres with Seven Industrial Warehouse Buildings, Located North of Nuevo Road, West of Harvill Avenue and I-215, in the County of Riverside, Proposed by First Industrial Trust

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

M-259/08

- D. Approve and Authorize a Project for the Direct Installation of an Additional 5,500 High-Efficiency Toilets

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

R-4860

- E. **Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 4860**, Authorizing Application Filing for the Construction of the Moreno Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facilities' Preliminary Treatment and Acid Phase Anaerobic Digestion (PT-APAD) Project, and Designating an Authorized Representative

R-4865

- F. **Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 4865**, Authorizing Application Filing for the Recycled Water Retrofit Program Planning Study Grant and Designating an Authorized Representative

Claim

M-260/08

- G. Deny Claim Against the District, Filed by Southern California Gas Company for Property Damage (Newport Road)

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

VIII. Follow-up or Update on Previous Closed Session Item(s)

IX. Closed Session

Not discussed

- A. Re: Camp Pendleton Four-Party Agreement Claim
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Conference with Legal Counsel
One Potential Litigation

Not discussed

- B. Re: EMWD vs. Ventyx
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Conference with Legal Counsel
One Litigation Case

Status report provided by Legal Counsel on the two potential claims – no action taken

- C. Re: Two Potential Claims
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Two Potential Litigation Cases

Board provided instructions to Legal Counsel on how to proceed

- D. Re: Conference with Negotiator on Real Property
Government Code Section 54956.8
Conference with Legal Counsel
One Potential Litigation Case

M-261/08

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 9:00 a.m.