

# *Report!*



Board of Directors Summary for **August 5, 2009**

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## **Work Session**

### **I. General Manager's Report**

**(Pack)**

#### **Past Activities**

- I attended the BIA Event on the July 16. I missed the Board members who attended but I did spend some time talking to both Mark and Borre.
- We continue to meet with Fish and Wildlife and we have just about agreed on the terms to be incorporated in the Biological Opinion with the exception of the retention of the current spreading pond. Staff will be meeting again this week to deal with the remaining issues.
- We hosted the second MWD sponsored Community Leaders Forum on July 24. Senator Benoit could not attend as he had just finished an all night session on the State Budget, but he did manage to call in.
- California Fish and Game has contacted us and wishes to renew discussions on a joint project at the San Jacinto Wildlife Refuge. We are also discussing the DVL recycled storage project with MWD and the City of Hemet at the East Dam.

#### **Future Activities**

- I will be going to Washington, DC, tonight to participate in a meeting with ACWA and MWD on organizing the Public Projects Roundtable. On Friday (August 7), I will be visiting the agencies with Thane to discuss our efforts with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the possibility of obtaining reprogrammed funds.
- We have a number of issues with the City of Perris so Charlie and I will be setting up another meeting with the City Manager next week.

#### **Follow Up From Previous Board Meetings**

- I mentioned that we had agreed to take five young people under the County funded youth work program. They have performed very well and we are intending to bring more on board.

- We have looked at several options for modifying our employee recognitions that we do at the beginning of the Board meetings and will be presenting a recommendation to the Board Committees next week.
- There are a number of follow up items on the Work Session agenda from previous Board meetings.

### **Operational Highlights**

- We received a check from the State for \$1.2 Million as part of the \$5 Million grant funding for the San Jacinto IRRP (the recharge project).
- We have had several discussions with Josh Johnson of the Senate Energy and Water Committee over the impacts on wastewater treatment from lower liquid flows due to conservation inside the home and use of gray water.
- Next week I will be starting another round of employee meetings to congratulate the employees for achieving over 425 days without a lost time accident and an update on the economy and the District.
- Next time you drive in you might notice that we have increased the height of our communication tower by an additional 40 feet, totaling 120 feet. This increase was necessary to provide more room for antenna and ensure we have a clear microwave shot to the billing building.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- The State has asked for a groundbreaking “media” event for our Acid Phase Anaerobic Digester (APAD) Project to highlight the State’s success in getting the stimulus money out. State officials, not yet designated, will attend. We will advise the Board when we have more information. The event was requested by Washington Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (*We are working on scheduling this event sometime during the week of August 24*).
- I have to report for jury duty on Monday, August 17.
- Tonight is the Public Scoping meeting for the Soboba Proposed Trust Acquisition and Casino/Hotel Project.
- Tomorrow is a SAWPA GM meeting to discuss the Washington, DC, Trip for October, and the Upper/Lower Santa Ana Watershed issues. I will have Behrooz cover for me.
- Next Friday, August 14, we will hold a meeting for all recycled water agricultural users in the Board Room at 2:00 p.m.
- The MWD Southern Coalition meeting will be held next Friday, August 14. The MWD Board meeting is a week later than normal this month.

### **Organizational and Administrative Changes**

- We are moving ahead on improvements to our customer service functions. We will be interviewing next week for a Call Center Department Head and Training Coordinator. In addition, we are hiring additional Customer Service Reps, we are upgrading our software for automated bill payment and hardware for our phone system, we have made some improvements to our website (and have more to make), we are reviewing our business processes, and lastly, we are preparing for a move to the new building at the end of the month.

- A. Recap of Board Committee Meeting
  - 1. Planning Committee (*July 24*)
  - 2. Operations & Engineering Committee (*August 3*)
- B. Items of Information

**II. DGM/AGMs/CFO Reports** (Ravishanker/Bachmann/Luker/Mortazavi/Rathbone)

**III. Board Secretary's Calendar Report** (Howell)

**IV. Introduction of Guests** (C.I. Officer)

**Public Comments** – (*Any subject within the jurisdiction of EMWD. Speakers are requested to limit comments to 3 minutes*).

**V. Directors' Activities Report** (Sullivan)

- A. Board Attendance of EMWD Related Conferences, Meetings and Events:
  - 1. BIA - Meet the Builders (*July 16*) (Kuebler/Sullivan/Paule)
  - 2. HOA Meeting Menifee (*July 16*) (Sullivan)
  - 3. Wake Up Moreno Valley (*July 17*) (Slawson)
  - 4. Menifee Lakes HOA Meeting (*July 21*) (Sullivan)
  - 5. Menifee Council Meeting (*July 21*) (Sullivan)
  - 6. ~~Monday Morning Group (*July 22*)~~ (Kuebler)
  - 7. One Water One Watershed (OWOW) (*July 23*) (Sullivan)
  - 8. Community Leaders Briefing w/Senator Benoit (*July 24*) (Slawson/Sullivan/Record)
  - 9. DAC Meeting at RCWD (*July 28*) (Kuebler)

Not attended

- B. (Others?)

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

- A. Review of August 5, 2009 Agenda Items
- B. (Others?)

**VII. Presentation To EMWD (Guest Speaker)**

**VIII. Response Items / Status Reports / Information Items**

- A. MWD Update (10 minutes) (Record/Harrison)
- B. SAWPA Update (10 minutes) (Sullivan/Pack)
- Deferred* C. TVRWRF Project Update (15 minutes) (Mouawad)
- Handouts only* D. Tier/Variance Update (10 minutes) (Rathbone)
- E. Water Supply Assessment Update (20 minutes) (Mortazavi)
- F. Social Networking Follow-Up (15 minutes) (Rountree)
- G. G.O. Bond Update (10 minutes) (Turner)
- Deferred* H. Property Tax Update (10 minutes) (Harrison/Turner)
- Deferred* I. Conservation Priorities (10 minutes) (Mortazavi)

**IX. Matters of Interest to the Board Members**

- A. Follow-up – Old Business
- B. New Requests by the Board Members

(Sullivan)

**X. Closed Session**

*Discussed following Board Meeting*

- A. Re: Camp Pendleton Four-Party Agreement Claim  
Government Code Section 54956.9  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
One Potential Litigation

*Discussed following Board Meeting*

- B. Re: Real Property Proposal/Negotiations  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Conference with Legal Counsel

*Discussed following Board Meeting*

- C. Re: EMWD vs. San Jacinto Z, LLC  
Government Code Section 54956.9  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
One Litigation Case

*Discussed following Board Meeting*

- D. Re: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Negotiations Update  
Government Code Section 54957.6  
Labor Negotiator: Anthony J. Pack  
Employee Organization: IBEW Local 1436

**Adjournment**

(Sullivan)

**Board Meeting**

**I. Recognitions**

(Sullivan, C.I. Officer)

*None*

- A. Service Awards
- B. VIP Leadership Excellence Award, 2nd Quarter 2009 – Melita Caldwell
- C. Proclamations/Academic Achievements/Others
  - 1. *Proclamation in Recognition of Randy Record for Receiving his Pilot's License*

**II. Public Hearing**

*O-148*

- A. **Hearing to Adopt Ordinance No. 148**, Establishing Schedule of Water Standby Assessments and Sewage and Waste Standby Charges for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010

**III. Discussions and/or Comments by Board Members**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- M-170/09** A. Regular Meeting of July 15, 2009  
1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

**Receive & File** **V. Board Committee Reports**

- A. Planning Committee (*July 24*)  
B. Operations & Engineering Committee (*August 3*)

**VI. Letters of Correspondence to the Board of Directors**

- Reply emailed 8/06/09** A. An email was received from C.P. Gillen regarding the District's sewer rates.

- Reply mailed 8/06/09** B. An email was received from Ms. Nicole Phillips regarding a request to change billing date and poor customer service.

- Reply emailed 8/06/09** C. An email was received from Jon on a water saving device he has created.

**VII. Consent Calendar**

- M-171/09** A. Approve and Authorize an Engineering Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for Final Design of the Sun City Force Main and Recycled Water Pipeline Replacement

- M-172/09** B. Approve and Authorize a Construction Change Order for Pipeline Relocation Conflicting with Lasselle Avenue Street Improvements in the City of Moreno Valley

- Receive & File** C. **Reports for the Month of July, 2009**

*The back up materials and/or reports indicated (\*) are on file with the Secretary of the District and will be made available for inspection, upon request, by any person or persons interested.*

- \* 1. Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2009

**(End of Consent Calendar)**

**VIII. Letters From the General Manager**

- M-173/09** A. Approve and Authorize the General Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Recycled Water Agreement (Agreement No. 04-07) with the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

- M-174/09** B. Approve and Authorize Participation in the Public Projects Roundtable

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

- M-175/09** C. Approve and Authorize an Agreement with Elan Associates, Ltd., to Provide Services Related to Development of Funding Applications

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

- Deferred** D. Approve and Authorize the Appropriation of Funds for Rebates to Customers in the Residential and Commercial Sectors

1. **Consider Adoption of Minute Order**

R-3410.9

- E. **Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 3410.9**, Establishing General Obligation Bond Tax Rates, Water Standby Assessments, Sewage and Waste Service Standby Charges, And Community Facilities District Special Taxes for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

**IX. Closed Session**

*The judge issued a ruling for the defendant on all counts. All charges against EMWD have been dismissed.*

- A. Re: Camp Pendleton Four-Party Agreement Claim  
Government Code Section 54956.9  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
One Potential Litigation

*Status report provided by Legal Counsel - No action taken*

- B. Re: Real Property Proposals/Negotiations  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Conference with Legal Counsel

*Status report was provided by Legal Counsel regarding court proceedings - No action taken*

- C. Re: EMWD vs. San Jacinto Z, LLC  
Government Code Section 54956.9  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
One Litigation Case

*Status report was provided by David Moore, Director of Human Resources, and Board provided direction on how to proceed.*

- D. Re: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Negotiations Update  
Government Code Section 54957.6  
Labor Negotiator: Anthony J. Pack  
Employee Organization: IBEW Local 1436

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** - (if any) *In Accordance with §54954.2 of the Government Code (Brown Act) Two-Thirds Vote Required for Action Items (Upon a determination by two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take action arose after the Agenda was posted).*

M-176/09

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 9:00 a.m.*