



# Report!

Board of Directors Summary for **April 18, 2001**

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## Board Meeting

The Board of Directors honored **Raymond Eichler**, Fabrication Welder II, Shop Services Department, as Employee of the Quarter for April through June 2001.

...recognized **Kim Domenigoni**, Distribution Operator II, for 20 years of service.

...recognized **Peter Odencrans**, Public Affairs Officer, for 15 years of service.

...adopted a proclamation declaring May 2001 as "Water Awareness Month" and joining EMWD with water agencies statewide in observing this special occasion.

...quitclaimed an unneeded EMWD sewer easement to facilitate the proposed Enchanted Valley elementary school site in the Perris area.

...adopted a resolution effective today incorporating several penalty fees for individuals who illegally turn their water back on after it has been turned off by the district or who damage district facilities while illegally turning water back on.

...authorized a refund of \$2,502 to Lowe's HIW, Inc., because of overpayment of standby charges due to a faulty calculation of parcel size.

...at the request of the owners, annexed a total of 213 acres of land into the district:

- Winchester area, U-26 (water), 12.9 acres
- Menifee Valley area, U-31 (sewer) and U-32 (water), 33.4 acres
- Dutch Village/Temecula area, U-23 (sewer) and U-24 (water), 160 acres
- Menifee Valley area, U-35 (sewer) and U-36 (water), 6.7 acres

...approved a five-year agreement with Lincoln Security Services, for \$249,000 for the first 12 months, to continue providing security services for district facilities. Funding is from the general district operating fund.

...approved a five-year agreement effective July 1st with NetVersant, Inc., to maintain district security system equipment, with the first year's fee to be \$62,565. Funding is from the general district operating fund.

...approved filing of a negative declaration of environmental impact for the Sanderson Lift Station project.

...accepted reports showing:

- statewide water supply conditions through April 16 to be 68% of normal precipitation in the region supplying the State Water Project; snowpack water equivalence at 69% of normal; and statewide reservoir water storage at 76% of capacity and 107% of historical average. With conservation measures, the relatively full reservoirs should get us through this dry year.

- that the district had 491 total employees (472 full-time equivalents) as of March 30, 2001, compared with 494 a month earlier.

## WORK SESSION

The directors honored two employees for 10 years of service to the district:

- **Erma Crowder**, Management Analyst, Resource Development Administration department.

- **Pamela Moore**, Mapping Technician II, Engineering Services department.

...received Finance Director **Chuck Rathbone's** monthly financial review that showed 62,082 acre feet of domestic and agricultural water sold year-to-date through March, which is 107% of the amount budgeted. Another 13,817 acre feet of recycled water (75% of the amount budgeted) was sold through March. Overall, water sales are at 99% of the budgeted amount. Sewer service sales are similarly close to target at 101% of budget. New sewer connections through the same period are 110% of budget at 3,881, while new water EDUs total 1,775, or 103% of budget.

...received the final wrapup of the Reach IV recycled water discharge project from **Tony Pack**, Deputy General Manager for Operations and Administration. The dedication of the water operations crews was praised, and it was noted that stringent preparations prevented environmental problems. A total of 304.5 million gallons of recycled water was discharged and the project cost \$313,000.

...learned the current status of the water system from **Pack** and Director of Water Operations **Khos Ghaderi**. A number of new connections providing additional sources of water will help the district meet peak demand this summer. The new SCADA system, new main transmission system valves and thorough winter system maintenance will also ensure the district can meet demand this summer.

...heard Contracts and Purchasing Director **Dan Howell**, with **Tony Pack**, discussing expectations for the rest of the year in regard to electricity and natural gas costs and availability. On average, expect the district's energy costs to go up about 40%, costing over \$1 million for the rest of this fiscal year, with increased costs expected to reach as high as \$2.5 million in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001.

...were updated on developments at Metropolitan Water District by Director **Marion Ashley** and Legislative Affairs director **Larry Libeu**. The MWD board has approved the Cadiz underground water storage project in the San Bernardino County high desert. "Met" has also reached agreement to obtain additional supplies from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. Improvements at the Skinner water filtration plant and expansion of the Mills plant will help MWD meet future demand.

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