

**Board of Directors
October 7, 2020**

SUBJECT:

General Manager's Report

I. Updates from the October 2, 2020 Weekly Report

- a. Murrieta Focused Municipal Services Review Update: On October 1, 2020, the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) consultant that is completing the Murrieta Focused Municipal Services Review (FMSR) analyzing future water service options for this area of Western MWD's service area provided a status update on the completion of the FMSR and process. A revised report was transmitted to LAFCO at the end of last week. LAFCO is completing its final comments on the report and its consultant will incorporate edits and have a final report back to LAFCO by the end of October. LAFCO will then be evaluating when to schedule the release of the final report to the agencies and public. Given the continued COVID-19 restrictions, LAFCO will also be contemplating when an in-person public meeting to present the report's findings can be held in a safe manner. Preliminary indications from LAFCO are that the Final FMSR will be released to the participants and public simultaneously sometime in November, with a public meeting being held to present the report and obtain public input sometime in early 2021.

II. Past and On-going Activities

- a. Governor Newsom Signs Bill Supporting Water Districts' Ability to Recover Fire Fighting Related Costs Through Water Rates Under Proposition 218: On September 28, 2020 Governor Newsom signed into law SB 1386 (Moorlach) Local Government: Assessments, Fees, and Charges, which specified that fire hydrants, fixtures and water that is used for fighting fires are part of the system of public improvements included in the definition of water and are eligible expenditures under Proposition 218. SB 1386 had been one of EMWD's highest priority bills throughout the 2020 legislative session with the District providing significant support for the bill by submitting letters, testifying in policy committees in support of the bill, and participating in outreach and education efforts.

III. Items of Interest to the Board

- a. San Jacinto Wildlife Area Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Litigation: On August 24, 2020, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) acting as lead agency filed a Notice of Determination certifying the PEIR for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area Land Management Plan. The Land Management Plan and associated

environmental document outlined CDFW's proposed actions to protect, restore and enhance habitat for sensitive species and enhance overall biological resources for the wildlife area. Included in the LMP, as previously reported to the Board, is a proposal for the on-going use of up to 4,500 acre-feet per year of recycled water acquired from EMWD. On September 14, 2020, Mr. Tom Paulek and the Friends of Northern San Jacinto Valley environmental organization filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate (petition) in Riverside Superior Court challenging the adequacy of the PEIR and alleging the CEQA process was not properly followed. Staff is reviewing the petition and will subsequently brief the board on any implications to EMWD.

IV. Operational Highlights

- a. Potable Water Production and Demands: Water consumption was at 109 MGD. The potable supply blend was 17 percent from potable wells, seven percent from the Desalters, 20 percent from imported raw water treated at EMWD's plants, and 56 percent from imported, treated water.
- b. Water Filtration Facilities: The Perris Water Filtration Plant (PWFP) produced 17.5 MGD. The Hemet Water Filtration Plant (HWFP) produced 3.8 MGD.
- c. Menifee and Perris I Desalters: The Menifee and Perris I Desalters produced 7.2 MGD.
- d. Recycled Water: The average daily demands were 43 MGD. Tertiary recycled water storage is at 535 MG, or 23 percent of total capacity.
- e. Wastewater Treatment Facilities: All four regional water reclamation facilities (RWRFs) met their water quality objectives for the past week treating a total daily average of 47.5 MG.

V. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- a. 10/8/20: Temecula Student of the Month Virtual Event (Corona)
- b. 10/8/20: Special Board Executive Committee (Slawson/Sullivan)
- c. 10/8/20: Meeting with General Manager (Slawson)
- d. 10/8/20: RCWD Board Meeting (Corona)
- e. 10/8/20: Meeting with General Manager (Record)
- f. 10/8/20: Rivers and Lands Conservancy Event (Paule/Sullivan)