Historical Background on Naming MWD District Facilities

NAME OF DISTRICT FACILITY:	ORIGINATING NAME:	REASON NAME WAS CHOSEN:
PUMPING PLANTS		
W. P. Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant- Lake Havasu	W. P. Whitsett Years of Service: 1929-1947 *(He was still serving as Board Chairman at the time of the dedication in 1941.)	Feb. 9, 1929, W. P. Whitsett, a Los Angeles land developer and founder of the town of Van Nuys, was elected MWD's first board chairman and served as such for nearly eighteen years. W. P. Whitsett was honored when his name was given to the Intake Pumping Plant at Lake Havasu, for his involvement in developing the Plant. The W. P. Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant is located at Lake Havasu where the Colorado River water starts its journey to the coastal region.
Gene Pumping Plant	Gene (California Miner) Gene Wash Reservoir Gene Wash Dam	The story behind the name Gene Wash Reservoir and Dam and Gene Pumping Plant is a colorful one. In the late 1800s there was a very friendly Gold prospector named Gene. The folklore about Gene: He was not a very good prospector, but folks loved him. He acquired a mail-order bride who

	Gene Wash, cont.	took in laundry to help ends meet. Everyone knew Gene and his bride and could find "Gene's Camp" if they needed to have laundry done. You might even find the "Gene's Wash" sign in front of their cabin. In fact, many of the washes - or gulches - in the desert area were named after settlers who staked a specific area. Old maps of the region will show "Johnson's Wash," "Smith's Wash,", etc.
Iron Mountain Pumping Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Julian Hinds Pumping Plant	Julian B. Hinds Years of Service: 1930-1951 *(He was deceased at the time of the renaming dedication from Hayfield to Hinds.)	Julian Hinds was brought on board at MWD in 1930. Hind's genius was design and many elements of the Colorado River Aqueduct reflect his innovations. Hinds would later succeed Weymouth at MWD as General Manager.
Lake Perris Pump Back Facility.	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source
FILTRATION PLANTS		
F. E. Weymouth Filtration Plant	Frank E. Weymouth Years of Service: 1929-1942	Frank Weymouth was MWD's first Chief Engineer as well as General Manager and played a key role in determining the type and route of the Colorado River Aqueduct after an exhaustive

	*(He was alive and still serving as First General Manager and Chief Engineer at the time of the dedication in 1940.)	review of seven years of surveying data. He then assumed responsibility for the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct.
Robert A. Skinner Filtration Plant	*(He was alive at the time of the dedication on October 2, 1976.)	Robert Skinner worked as an aqueduct engineer on the original Colorado River Aqueduct construction project. As General Manager, Skinner was distinguished for handling the \$3 billion expansion of Metropolitan's distribution system and negotiations of Metropolitan's contract with the state for the State Water Project.
Robert B. Diemer Filtration Plant	*(He was alive and attended the dedication on Jan. 15, 1964.)	Robert B. Diemer served as one of Weymouth's lieutenants in the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct. As Distribution Engineer, he was credited as being unusually talented and brilliant. He eventually became General Manager and Chief Engineer at MWD. During his tenure, his extensive knowledge of the Colorado River Aqueduct helped him to direct the \$220 million expansion program to the current capacity of 1 billion gallons a day.
Henry J. Mills Filtration Plant	Henry J. Mills Years of Service: 1930-1971	Hank Mills is the first General Manager who started as a worker on the Colorado River Aqueduct project. His career growth emulated MWD's. He

*	Henry J. Mills, cont. *(He was alive at the time of the dedication in 1979.)	went on to direct the expansion of Metropolitan's distribution system and played an integral part in Metropolitan's involvement in the State Water Project.
Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant	Joseph Jensen Years of Service: 1949-1974 *(He was still serving as Board Chairman at the time of the dedication in 1972.)	Chairman of MWD's Board of Directors, Joseph Jensen, was described as resolute when it came to negotiating MWD's business. He guided the board through many conflicts over water rights and major aqueduct expansions on the Colorado River as well as the sensitive State Water Project.
RESERVOIRS		
Garvey Reservoir	Garvey Ranch	The 1500-acre-foot reservoir is located on the Garvey Ranch in Monterey Park, and therefore was named Garvey Reservoir.
Lake Mathews Reservoir	W. B. Mathews Years of Service: As General Counsel, 1929-1931	W. B. Mathews, MWD's initial General Counsel, was responsible for negotiating MWD's 1 million-plus acre- foot share of water from the Colorado River, and contracting 36% of the power produced at Boulder Dam. He
	*(He was deceased at the time of the Memorial Dedication, Nov. 16, 1940.)	was also instrumental in winning Congressional passage of the Boulder Dam Project Act.
Live Oak Reservoir	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.

Lake Skinner Reservoir	Robert A. Skinner	See Skinner Filtration Plant
Orange County Reservoir	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Palos Verdes Reservoir	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
San Joaquin Reservoir	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
POWER PLANTS		
Greg Avenue Power Plant	Street Name	Greg Avenue Power Plant was acquired from Calleguas Municipal Water District and already had the name of Greg Ave., named after the street closest to its proximity.
Lake Mathews Power Plant	W. B. Mathews	See Lake Mathews Reservoir
Foothill Feeder Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
San Dimas Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Yorba Linda Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Sepulveda Canyon Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Venice Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Rio Hondo Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Temescal Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Corona Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Coyote Creek Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Perris Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Red Mountain Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Valley View Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.
Etiwanda Power Plant	Geographic	Taken from a geographic source.

^{&#}x27;No precedent was established: Name dedications were given to both living and deceased honorees.