**Frank Mellon – EBMUD Board of Directors**

Frank Mellon, a frequent speaker at the Club, represented the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) was the program for the day. He was elected to the EBMUD Board of Directors in 1994 to represent Ward 7, which includes the areas of Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, and parts of San Leandro and Hayward in Alameda County as well as a part of San Ramon in Contra Costa County. More information about EBMUD is available at [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com).

Frank was re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018, and appointed in 2012. His current term expires December 31, 2022. Director Mellon served as President of the EBMUD Board from 2003-2004 and 2015-2016. As an EBMUD Board member, he serves on the EBMUD Retirement Board, as a Board member on Dublin San Ramon Services District/ East Bay Municipal Utility District (DSRSD/EBMUD) Recycled Water Authority (DERWA), and on the Special Districts Association of Alameda County.

Director Mellon is a Navy veteran. He graduated from the University of Hawaii with a B.A. in Management and earned a MBA from St. Mary's College in Moraga with a MBA. Director Mellon resides in Castro Valley and his children are graduates of the Castro Valley Unified School District.

During his presentation, Director Mellon emphasized the importance of recycling and the conservation of water. He strongly believes that we live in a drought environment with intermittent rain. Due to back-to-back droughts in recent years, the land is sinking and the capacity of the underground water system has shrunk. Since 1949, the population has been continuously increasing while the water supply has decreased by 10%, which has created a great deal of pressure on water management in the area. Since no new sources of water have been developed during the past 70 years, the limited amount of water must be managed through conservation and recycling in order to deal with flooding during rainy seasons and drought during the rest of the year. This type of management requires careful planning and cooperation among various competing water distribution, treatment, conservation, and managing boards and authorities in conjunction with the State and Federal Authorities that oversee underground water resources.