

**SIX HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred nineteenth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 4:05 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Hartley, Hidahl, Thomsen and Knight with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was also in attendance. Chiefs Veerkamp, Planje, O’Camb, Kennedy, Piper, Roberts, Ballenger and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance. (The regular meeting of April 16, 2008 was postponed until April 30, 2008 due to the death of Director Ramona Gilmore.)

President Hidahl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the minutes of the six hundred eighteenth meeting held March 19, 2008, the expenditures for March 2008, and the ratification of the release of the final retention to Allen Bender Construction for Station 87. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

Mr. St. Jean, a community member, thanked the Department for all that they did for the services for the late Director Moni Gilmore.

A letter was received from Dr. Curtiss Weidmer regarding Chief Veerkamp requesting that the newspaper not publish his article. Chief Veerkamp responded that he had not pressured any newspaper to publish or not publish an article or letter to the editor. Roberta Long, Managing Editor of Life Newspapers, stated that Chief Veerkamp had no responsibility for her editorial decision. She chose not to publish the letter based on relevance and timing.

Director Thomsen stated that he spoke with Dr. Weidmer and he stated that he was not going to pursue this issue any further. Director Knight spoke with Roberta Long of the Village Life. Counsel Cook stated that unless the formal response from Chief Veerkamp is unsatisfactory, the issue probably doesn't need to go any further. If Dr. Weidmer makes an appeal within the 30 day period outlined in the Board Policy Manual, then it will probably have to go to closed session with alternate counsel. President Hidahl stated that he would talk to alternate Counsel to get advice and will let staff know if it needs to be agendaized for the next meeting.

Two letters were received of a personnel nature and Counsel Cook requested that they be discussed later in the meeting after New Business. It was also requested to move Agenda Item VI-B.1, Amendment to the Rules and Regulations, to follow New Business.

A letter was received from the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters regarding an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding. The amendment relates to the Captain Prevention Specialist position. President Hidahl would like the Fire Committee to review this letter. He assigned himself as the second member of the Fire Committee with Director Thomsen.

Station 87 is complete and with the release of the final retention can be removed from future agendas. The Open House is scheduled for May 8th at 3:00 p.m.

The Administrative Committee reported that the architect is working on grading plan submittals for the Training Facility. They are also working on the permits with the Army Corps of Engineers which is expected to be a long process.

The Administrative Committee also met regarding the Five Year Plan and Development Fee. The Development Fee is currently at \$1.02, and with the changes to the Five Year Plan the fee is calculated to be \$1.40. The consensus was that the Board did not want to make that large of an increase and sent it back to Committee for a recommendation.

Director Knight moved to set a public hearing for the next meeting, May 21, 2008, to review and discuss the Five Year Plan and adopt the Development Fee. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

Chief Veerkamp stated that included in the Five Year Plan is the staffing pattern which includes the Fire Inspector and the additional Administrative Staff position, both which will be filled with new employees starting in May 2008. The Staffing Committee will be meeting to discuss the Captain Training Specialist position, the 1000 hour employee, maintenance of equipment, and the Shift Battalion Chiefs.

The Adhoc Committee for Solar Power met two times. It appears that the State refunds for Solar Power have diminished some. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. may be interested in showcasing the site and the Committee is working to contact them. They want to make sure that solar power is a long term cost reduction and will continue to pursue it.

Chief Planje gave the Operations Report. It was reported that Medic 285 is picking up calls as expected.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the JPA has an interim Executive Director at this time and that the Executive Director was put on Administrative Leave. Three new medics units were ready to be delivered and in the absence of an Executive Director, one of our personnel went to Florida to inspect the medic units.

A workshop is set for May 20th at 2:00 p.m. with the Board of Supervisors, the JPA, and the Health Department to discuss CSA7 funding.

The 2008/2009 JPA Budget was discussed. The total budget was \$10,670,869 and included an additional medic unit. There was nothing in the budget about where the additional medic would be placed. The Board would like to see identified funding for Medic 285 in the Budget and will continue budget discussions until the May 21st meeting.

Chief Piper reported that the grant for the new computers on the engines in the County is still in process. He is working on getting M.O.U.s from all of the Districts solidifying their participation in the grant. He would like this completed before he asks the Board to sign a contract for the purchase and maintenance of the equipment. Chief Piper stated that if he could get the contract signed at the May 21st meeting, he would still be able to meet the timelines of the grant. Chief Piper stated that El Dorado Hills Fire will receive five mobile computers from the grant which will be placed in the staff vehicles.

Chief Financial Officer Bair gave the Board the proposed LAFCO budget for 2008/09. She also gave the Board an updated and amended Financial Audit for 2006-2007, correcting the typographical errors from last month, and an amended Board Policy Manual, correcting the code section references.

Counsel Cook requested to continue the discussion of the Rules and Regulations until the May 21st meeting. The correspondence received from the two firefighters regarding personnel issues was reviewed. He stated that they should also be brought back to the May 21st meeting, as there were procedural and substantive issues with both. The Association representative was advised that the matter would be continued.

With the passing of Director Gilmore, there is an unexpired term that the Board can appoint a replacement for. El Dorado County Elections is to be notified within fifteen (15) days of the vacancy, which has been done by staff. The Board can then make a decision to fill the vacancy or let it go to vote. Counsel advised them that they had sixty days to appoint a replacement and notify the elections. This appointed term will expire the first Friday in December. An unexpired two-year term will be on the ballot in November.

The consensus of the Board was to seek qualified candidates and try to appoint a replacement. It was decided to conduct the interviews at the regular meeting on May 21st as

early as 6:00 p.m., depending on number of candidates. Directors should get two questions for the applicants to President Hidahl. He will compile the questions for the interviews. Staff was directed to notice the vacancy.

Director Hartley requested that the Board and Chief go on record supporting that the Senior Center be named after Director Ramona Gilmore. It was decided to incorporate this into a Resolution of Appreciation for Director Gilmore and send it with a cover letter to the Board of Supervisors. This will be on next month's agenda.

The Sheriff's Department has approached staff about having an office at Station 85. This will be discussed further.

Director Hidahl asked the Board if they would be interested in supporting Measure Q as a Board. It was decided that this should be done personally and not as a Board.

The Grand Jury Report has been released and supports Fire District consolidations. The Chief has been talking to Latrobe Fire along this line and Rescue Fire has also expressed some interest. President Hidahl asked that the Grand Jury Report be on next month's agenda.

Director Thomson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President