

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

The six hundred twenty fourth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, Knight and Thomsen with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was also in attendance. Chiefs Veerkamp, Planje, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hidahl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then announced that the closed sessions on the agenda would be postponed until after Item XI Oral Communications.

Director Knight moved to approve the Consent Calendar which included the minutes of the 621st meeting, a special meeting, held June 5, 2008, the 622nd meeting held June 18, 2008, the 623rd meeting, a special meeting, held July 3, 2008, and the expenditures for June 2008, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Joe Harn, the El Dorado County Auditor, was in attendance at the meeting. The Board asked him what he thought the growth in property tax revenue would be. Mr. Harn stated that because of the high number of properties affected by Proposition 8 where the assessor is reassessing the property to a lesser value, it is taking a very long time to get the actual roll. He stated that he thought it would be about a 4% increase over last year, but that 3% may be a more conservative projection. The County should have final numbers after the first of August.

Correspondence was received from the Cameron Park C.S.D. thanking the District for help with coverage for their station during the fires. El Dorado Hills C.S.D. sent a letter thanking the District staff for the help with the Community Clean-up Day. A thank you

letter was also received from the Shingle Springs-Cameron Park Chamber thanking the District for bringing the ladder truck and crew to their Annual Golf Ball Drop at the Bass Lake Golf Course.

Counsel Cook advised that SB1617 relating to SRA land had been amended for the eighth time on July 14th and will probably be amended again. Counsel Cook informed the Board that the CA Association of Counties and the Rural Counties are opposing the bill. Staff will continue to monitor this bill and bring new information back to the Board.

President Hidahl requested that the Board oppose the bill now without waiting for further information. He also wanted this to stay on the agenda for further discussion.

Director Hartley moved to draft a letter opposing SB1617. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Counsel Cook stated that he had done some research on the name of the fire district at the request of the Board. He stated that the County Water District status did not compromise the District in the event that shifts were made in prior and future bills. In each ERAF Resolution, provisions that pertained to fire agencies referred to special districts that provide fire protection services. This District is an all fire service provider.

Counsel Cook went on to say that there are multiple powers that this agency enjoys because it is a County Water District. A change in status would go through LAFCO; however, there would be no public vote. The Board agreed that it is not necessary to put this on the agenda in the future.

Chief Veerkamp advised the Board that the architect was ready to submit the civil and landscaping drawings to the County. They are still working with the Army Corps of Engineers. This will be reviewed in Committee before submittal.

The Fire Committee did not meet regarding the Rules and Regulations.

The Fire Committee met with Counsel Cook and CFO Bair regarding the policy for recording meetings. The Committee recommended a pilot program using a DVD with a fixed mount. This would not substitute or replace the official minutes.

Director Thomsen stated that he was most concerned about having the information available for the public. He also wanted the recordings to provide assistance in reflecting accurate minutes if needed.

Director Hidahl stated that the Committee would like to work on the policy as the pilot program proceeds. They have not decided on the length of time to keep the recordings. He also stated that he did not want to spend money on the pilot program. The recordings would only be for regular and special Board meetings. Committee meetings would not be recorded.

Staff will draft a policy with Counsel. Staff will try and use the video camera the District currently owns for the August meeting. (It was noted that this was not the final solution due to the type of camera that it is.)

The Committee for Solar Power did not meet. Director Knight is getting copies of the PG&E bills for one of the solar companies to use for comparisons.

The Committee did not meet with Latrobe Fire. This will be continued until next month. Chief Veerkamp is reviewing information received from Latrobe.

Chief Planje gave the Operations Report. It was reported that the JPA was within its eleven minute response time. Medic 86 will go on line August 1. Chief Planje stated that the District continued to cover out-of-county assignments to help during this fire season. The Volunteer Academy was completed and there were eight graduates from El Dorado Hills. The Firefighter-for-a-Day program was a big success. The District had sponsored twelve events this year. The Board would like to see a presentation on this later in the year.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the JPA will be adding Medic 86 on August 1. The staffing will be as discussed last month. The JPA continues to work with the Redhawk Casino for a contract and to determine what impact the Casino will have to the system.

Chief Veerkamp reported that he is working on staffing back with volunteers for this program. The hurdle is staying within the FLSA rules.

The proposed JPA budget will be discussed next month. The Budget is due at the County for final adoption in September.

The Board reviewed the vacant lots that needed to be abated per our vacant lot ordinance. It appeared that there were consistent and repeat offenders in this program. Director Knight requested that this program be re-evaluated and the cost benefit explored. Chief Veerkamp stated that it was money well spent to protect our citizens and that as related to SB1617, the state would be wise to do the same.

Director Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2008-06, approving the cost of weed abatement and imposing the costs upon the properties which abatement has occurred. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

Chiefs Veerkamp, Planje and O’Camb had been out on strike teams or team assignments. They were requesting that the Board approve the stipend as listed. Director Hidahl requested that this policy be reviewed. He was concerned about equal opportunity for assignments, the funding and the burden when people backfill.

Director Knight moved to grant the stipends to Chiefs Veerkamp, Planje, and O’Camb as listed, seconded by Director Hartley and carried with Director Hidahl voting no.

Director Hidahl assigned this to an Adhoc Committee, comprised of himself and Director Durante for review.

The Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed as required by law. Counsel Cook also reviewed this policy.

Director Thomsen moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy as it is written and notify the County that the current policy requires no change. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

President Hidahl made a change in Committee assignments with the addition of Director Durante. President Hidahl assigned Durante and Hartley to the Latrobe Adhoc Committee, with Knight as the alternate.

Staff advised the Board that their Form 470, Campaign Disclosure Statement was due. Forms were given to all Board members.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6 to review and discuss Administrative wage and benefit negotiations and Public Employee Evaluation, Chief.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 10:34 p.m.

President Hidahl announced that no action was taken in closed session.

Director Knight moved to approve a 4.5% cost of living adjustment for the Administrative Staff, all groups, with maintenance of current benefits on a one-year contract effective July 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Director Durante moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary