

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

The six hundred twenty third meeting, a special meeting, of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, July 2, 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 not in attendance. Chief Planje and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hidahl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that this special meeting had been called to discuss staff recommendation to suspend the operations of Medic 285 at the request of the JPA.

Chief Planje reported that the JPA System Status Management Committee and the JPA Board recognize that Medic 285 has had a positive effect on the system as a whole and that it would be beneficial to have a second medic in El Dorado Hills. However, it was requested that in order to experience the full effect of the move-out and move-in policy changes instituted July 1, and to validate the data, the JPA would like thirty days without Medic 285 online. Chief Planje stated that the District has the authority to implement Medic 86 after the data is collected.

Director Thomsen questioned if the new medic in El Dorado Hills was being held hostage and stated that he was not thrilled with any reduction in service, let alone to prove a point for the JPA. He stated that computer modeling could plot the same statistics. He also noted that when the Casino opens up, things are going to change again for the medics.

Chief Planje stated that there was a second issue related to all the fires and strike teams. There are so many demands on the employees in the District related to coverage for all the fires that there may be a problem getting the unit staffed. Chief Planje stated that taking a

month off from staffing Medic 285 would ease some of the pressure. Chief Planje also mentioned that there was an El Dorado Hills engine staffed in Cool at a CalFire Station.

Director Thomsen stated that he was very unhappy that the ambulance would be idle because an engine was covering in Cool. He was concerned that this was not a mutual aid agreement or an automatic aid agreement. He questioned what kind of agreement would allow the District to have an engine company in Cool while leaving the El Dorado Hills citizens unprotected.

President Hidahl stated that the agreements and policies could be reviewed at a later date. He also stated that the residents are protected by backup engines, ambulances, and volunteers.

Chief Ballenger and Engineer Gygax both stated that as residents of El Dorado Hills, they were concerned at the cost of staffing Medic 285 to the District. They also stated that there were many days that the unit was not used and sat idle.

Director Hartley stated that he was most concerned about the community in a sentinel event and wanted to make sure Staff had a Plan B to cover the issues that may occur when Medic 285 was offline. He also wanted to ensure if the service was suspended for now, it would not be an impediment to Medic 286 coming online after the test.

Director Knight suggested that if the eleven minute response time is not met per contract, then staff would immediately bring Medic 285 back on line. Most of the Directors were in agreement with this as long as the sentinel events were also covered.

Director Thomsen moved to reject staff recommendation and continue utilizing Medic 285 with no break in service. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Director Hartley moved to adopt staff recommendation for the suspension of Medic 285 with careful monitoring for contract compliance for thirty days and if not compliant reinstitute Medic 285 and take all steps necessary to mitigate any sentinel events. The motion

was seconded by Director Durante and carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, Knight. Noes, Thomsen.)

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary