

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

The six hundred eighteenth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, March 19, 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 Gilmore, Hartley, Hidahl, and Knight with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was also in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief Planje, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance. (Director Thomsen arrived at 7:46 p.m.)

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

Director Knight moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the minutes of the 617th meeting held February 20, 2008, the expenditures for February 2008. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Mr. St. Jean, a community member, noted that it was the second meeting Director Thomsen had missed and asked if the Board had rules on that. President Hidahl stated that the Board would review the rules.

A date for the Open House at Station 87 was discussed. It was proposed to be a weekday afternoon early in May to accommodate the business owners and the seniors in the area.

The Administrative Committee met regarding the Training Facility. They reviewed a draft site plan revised by Dennis Dong. Staff will forward this plan to the Army Corps of Engineers for their approval. Staff will also submit to El Dorado County for a special use permit.

President Hidahl requested an Adhoc Committee to review solar power at the three stations. He would like the Department to prepare a specification sheet and solicit quotes

from various vendors. President Hidahl assigned himself and Director Knight to this Committee and stated that they will move quickly to facilitate the time constraints discussed.

Director Thomsen arrived at this time.

Chief Planje reviewed the Activity Report with the Board. The Medic statistics were reviewed and discussed.

The Chiefs have explored staffing a 12-hour car in El Dorado Hills to better serve the community. The JPA is budgeting for a car in the 2008-09 budget, but it may or may not be housed in El Dorado Hills. It was discussed to staff up Medic 285 10-12 hours per day on a trial basis, month-to-month. The Board directed staff to implement this additional unit on April 1, 2008 and bring back a report of finances and response times.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the truck was out of service and was going through a major repair to install a rigid rear-end. This should eliminate some of the problems that have occurred over the years.

The Ambulance JPA will be holding their regular meeting on Thursday, March 27. Agendas are in the packets. The Operations Committee has been changed to the Systems Management Committee. They are working on a replacement for Dan Francis whose contract is up on June 30. The County will be conducting a JPA audit.

Request for Proposals had been sent out for weed abatement for our vacant lot program. Three bids were received and staff recommended that the District continue to use Scott and Sons based on their track record and knowledge of the requirements.

Director Knight moved to approve the bid from Scott and Sons, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

The Resolution approving the vacant lots to be abated was reviewed by the Board.

Director Knight moved to approve Resolution 2008-01, a resolution to abate weeds that constitute a public nuisance. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

Two bids were received for the revised hose rack at Station 87. The low bid was \$32,700 from North Star Repair. The next highest bid was \$70,000.

Director Hartley moved to award the contract to North Star Repair in the amount of \$32,700, seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

Amendments to the Rules and Regulations were discussed. Chief Planje informed the Board that the recent documents the Board had adopted were somewhat in conflict with the Rules and Regulations. Staff is trying to fix some of the conflicts and will continue to update this document. This request included an amendment to the area of driver's licenses, uniforms, dress policy and the forty hour work week schedule.

President Hidahl requested that the Fire Committee meet with the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters and staff to review and agree to these changes. This will be agendaized for the next meeting.

The Mission Statement and the Vision Statement were discussed. Both had been changed when the Core Values Manual was brought forward. Neither statement had been formally adopted by the Board. The Mission Statement reads, "To serve the community of El Dorado Hills with integrity and excellence." The Vision Statement reads, "We will be a leader in emergency services. We will be a diverse workforce that provides quality fire and life safety services through proactive and innovative training, education, code enforcement, risk assessment and community service."

Director Hidahl moved to approve staff recommendation to adopt the Mission Statement and the Vision Statement for El Dorado Hills Fire Department as discussed. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

The Five Year Plan was discussed. President Hidahl assigned the Administrative Committee to meet with staff to review the plan and bring back recommendations to the Board.

The overtime budget was discussed. This will be discussed further as the year progresses. Director Knight requested that a committee be assigned to review the audit prior to it being sent out to the Board.

Two Directors have requested to attend the FDAC Conference with the Chief in South Lake Tahoe.

Director Thomsen moved to authorize Directors Hartley and Knight to attend the FDAC Conference in South Lake Tahoe, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Director Knight requested that the Health Insurance investigation be continued along with the Medical Retiree Actuarial. Staff advised that both of these items are being worked on.

The Chief congratulated Director Gilmore who was formally recognized as an honorary life member of the Rotary.

The Board was advised that there is a problem with barking dogs next door to Station 86. The District has been in contact with Animal Control and the Sheriff's Department.

Battalion Chief Piper advised the Board that he is working on the Request for Proposal for the grant. Due to time constraints imposed by the grant, a special meeting will be needed at the end of April or first of May for approval of the bid proposals. A date will be set at the next meeting if necessary.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Approved:

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John Hidahl, President

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary