

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

The six hundred twenty seventh meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, October 15, 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, Hidahl, Hartley, Knight and Thomsen with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief Planje and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

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 626th meeting held September 17, 2008, and the expenditures for September 2008, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Chief Financial Officer Bair submitted correspondence to the Board that was received from CalPERS regarding the impact on rates to the recent market downturn.

Thank you letters were received from Shasta State Historic Park related to the help on the Lightning Fire. The two ladies that were hit on the bicycles sent a thank you to the great employees and the emergency response.

Director Knight stated that he and Director Hartley have reviewed the evaluation form for Chief Veerkamp. It was suggested that they add volunteers to their list of people reviewing the Chief. President Hidahl stated that he found the evaluation form from the past and submitted it to the Committee.

President Hidahl announced that the Closed Session, Item VI-A.1 would be postponed to next month.

Director Knight stated that he had spoken with Mr. Cemo regarding the waterway on the Training Facility property. He stated that there was no permit required at the time they put in the culverts. He stated that they will set up a meeting with Gene Thorne to review the old engineering. Counsel Cook concurs with talking to Gene Thorne, along with Gibson and Skordal. Counsel Cook stated that the waterways must be addressed with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Fire Committee did not meet regarding recording meetings.

The Committee on Solar Power continues to meet and work towards a Request for Proposal.

Chief Veerkamp, Chief Financial Officer Bair, Directors Hartley and Durante met regarding contracting with Latrobe Fire. Chief Veerkamp reported that he would be getting back to Chief Couper of Latrobe Fire with the Committee's questions regarding contracting, and having a joint meeting with them. He will also request a meeting between a select group of the volunteer organizations.

President Hidahl asked if hard costs and revenues were being discussed regarding Latrobe. The Chief and Committee reported that no costs had been discussed at this time.

A stipend policy for out of county incidents/exempt employees was discussed. The Committee had met and stated that the policy appeared to meet the needs of the District. Time constraints were added to the policy and the caveat that the payments would go back to the Fire Committee prior to being brought to the Board. The policy needs to be formatted per the Board Policy Manual and incorporated into it.

Director Thomsen moved to approve the policy for payment of exempt employees as discussed and add it to the Board Policy Manual. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

The Volunteer Stipend Policy was also discussed. Chief Veerkamp had concurrence from legal counsel (Stacy Sheston) as to the parameters of this policy. This policy incorporated the 20% rule for payment of stipends to volunteers for participation over and above normal volunteer duty expectations as described in the policy. The Committee is recommending approval.

Director Hartley moved to approve the policy for payment of volunteer stipends for participation over and above normal volunteer duty expectations, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Chief Planje gave the Operations Report. He also reviewed the Building, the Prevention and Training Reports. Chief Planje reported that for the second month in a row the response times were met per the contract.

There was no progress on the Pandemic Flu policies. This needs to be a joint effort with the County and the JPA.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the JPA rolled over approximately \$560,000 creating a \$5.6 million fund balance. The Board members stated that they would still like to see another ambulance in El Dorado Hills, and they would like to have a refund of the money spent earlier this year for the ninety-day trial period of Medic 285.

The JPA approved the extension of the contract for the Interim Administrator, Bob Signor, for another six months. They have recently ordered four new ambulances.

The vendors for vehicle maintenance were brought back to the Board as requested. A correction was made in the rate of Doug Veerkamp Maintenance lowering it to \$75. Chief Planje stated that staff would determine availability, skills, turnaround time, etc., prior to any repair of a vehicle.

Counsel Cook stated that he had continued to look at the Conflict of Interest issue. He stated that Chief Veerkamp has no direct conflict or financial interest in the Veerkamp shop

and there was no promise of exclusivity. Counsel stated that this was brought forward to make sure the public was aware and that everything was above board. He stated that favoritism or steering would be wrong but a reduced rate is a reason to choose a vendor. The rate could also change.

Director Hidahl moved to approve staff recommendation to add Doug Veerkamp Maintenance to the vendor list for vehicle maintenance, seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

Two requests for development fee refunds were reviewed. The requests were from Toll Brothers and Shamrock Homes. The Board stated that these requests could be on the consent calendar in the future.

Director Knight moved to refund the development fees as requested, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief Piper stated that there was an OES Grant that was supplementing the mobile computer grant for homeland security in the amount of \$134,000. The County is handling this grant. With the proper agreement, the County is delegating the authority to the District to use the District's purchasing process for the county purchasing. This grant is being used for all the docking stations. At this time the agreement between the County and the District is in the County Counsel's office. Counsel Cook has also reviewed the agreement and approved it. The Board of Supervisors will still need to approve the agreement.

Director Hartley moved to delegate the authority to the President to sign the Purchasing Agreement with the County of El Dorado. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

The Card Lock Fuel System for all stations was discussed. Three bids were received and the low bid is Interstate Oil in the amount of \$38,400. They will also be providing

the fuel at all stations which will be a change from Hunt and Sons. Chief Veerkamp recognized Engineer LeBlanc for his work on this project.

Director Hartley moved to approve Interstate Oil to install the card lock systems at all stations as specified. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

The Third Quarter Goal Reports were reviewed with the Board.

The Board meeting for December was discussed. It was requested to move it forward one week to avoid the week of Santa Run.

Director Hidahl moved to set the December Board Meeting for December 10, 2008, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The date for Strategic Planning was also discussed. It was proposed to follow the same process as last year. It was suggested to forego the November 19th regular meeting and set the Strategic Planning Meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21.

Director Hidahl moved to set the Strategic Planning Meeting for Friday, November 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., subject to availability of Director Durante, and to postpone the regular meeting of November 19, 2008 to that date. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

The Chief reported that feedback was received from the Union regarding the Training Captain position. The Union had made a motion to suspend the Training Captain position for one year. The Chief will meet again with the Union. Chief Veerkamp stated that this was complicated due to the fact that this could move the Prevention Captain back to line which would then be another position to fill. Director Thomsen stated that this was an economic issue and staff should follow the recommendation of the Union. Director Hartley stated that the Chief should bring back a proposal as planned.

The Chief reported that the Oktoberfest went well for the seniors. The Honor Guard attended the National Memorial in Washington DC. The Chief will be out of state for the next couple of weeks.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary