

**SIX HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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The six hundred fortieth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, August 20, 2009, at 6:00 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, Thomsen and Winn with President Hartley presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief O’Camb, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and Chief Veerkamp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief O’Camb praised the family and friends who performed lifesaving CPR on a near drowning victim on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at Folsom Lake. He also commended the outstanding efforts of the following Department First Responders as follows: E284 Volunteer Lieutenant Torres, Volunteer F/F Boeker, Volunteer F/F Brown, and Volunteer F/F Manriquez; T85 Captain Merino, Engineer DiMuccio, F/F Paramedic Lowe, F/F Paramedic Zarback; M-85 F/F Paramedic James Sommercamp and F/F Paramedic John Schurman and Battalion Chief Piper.

Chief Greg Scwab of the Georgetown Fire Protection District recognized Battalion Chief Piper with a plaque for his outstanding leadership and service in administering the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Mobile Data Terminal Project. He stated that Battalion Chief Piper’s work on this project has resulted in greater safety for every Firefighter in El Dorado County as well as better service to the citizens and visitors.

A discussion was held regarding Item III-A, Hearing for Employee's appeal regarding District Tattoo/Body Art/Piercing Policy. Chief Veerkamp reported that the Safety Committee and the Policy Review Committee met regarding the policy. After taking into consideration their findings and recommendations, Chief Veerkamp stated that he issued a new draft of the District Tattoo/Body Art/Piercing Policy. It is now in the 15 day review period and open for comments. He stated that the original policy required tattoos to be completely covered at all times; the newly drafted policy would not require cover up while working around the stations. Firefighter/Paramedic Bailey stated that the Union supports the policy draft that he wrote that would not require cover up of non offensive tattoos; he also stated that the Uniform Policy is in conflict with Chief Veerkamp's newly drafted policy. President Hartley suggested that the process be allowed to continue to work for the remainder of the 15 day review period. David Brady suggested that comments be submitted to Chief Veerkamp.

(Director Hidahl arrived at 6:25 p.m.)

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the consent calendar to include the minutes of the 637th and 638th meeting held July 16, 2009, and the minutes of the 639th meeting held August 3, 2009, as well as the Financial Statements for July 2009. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss item III-B, pursuant to Government Code 54957 (Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release); item III-C, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) Personnel Matter – Grievance/Complaint; item VIII-A.1, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Real Property Negotiations; item VIII-A.2, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.6 to review and discuss El Dorado Hills

Associated Firefighters wage and benefit negotiations; and item VIII-A.3, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Evaluation, Chief.

The meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m. During closed session, Counsel Cook reported that Item III-C will be continued indefinitely at the request of the grievant. The Board took no action on any of the items.

Director Hidahl raised concern over an e-mail correspondence received from Mr. Joel Miller regarding the Board's decision to "waive fees". He asked Chief O'Camb to provide the Board with documentation that was sent to the County stating the Board's position since Mr. Miller had obviously either misconstrued the Board's position or been given incorrect information.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update on the Training Facility. Chief O'Camb stated that a public forum for Four Seasons' residents is being planned for a future date to educate the public on the usage of the facility and how it might affect them.

Director Winn reported on the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting. Director Winn stated that the County had calculated the property tax for 2009-10; the final calculation was down about 4.6 percent from last year. The State would also be borrowing an additional 8 percent based on the 08/09 property tax. A discussion was held whether to use the general fund or the loan securitization program to supplement this. Further discussions will take place as more information becomes available. There was also concern that the District may not receive all of its 08/09 property tax. Chief Veerkamp stated that the tax numbers are not final and that we still have approximately \$800,000 allocated to reserve even with a possible shortfall from property tax. Chief Veerkamp reviewed the projection for revenue for next fiscal year. He reviewed some cost cutting measures as well as how to cover the 8 percent transfer to State. The

need to be more conservative in our budget projections was discussed as well as a review of items that may reduce the Budget going forward. The attrition plan was preliminarily discussed. Director Thomsen suggested exploring ways that could result in significant dollar savings on our apparatus purchase through standardization, etc. Chief Financial Bair stated that the Final Budget will be presented at the next Board Meeting for adoption.

The Monthly Operations Report was received and filed.

Chief Veerkamp updated the Board on the JPA. For the 12th consecutive month, the JPA has been in compliance with their contract. The Final Budget for the JPA for the year 2009/10 was presented.

Director Winn made a motion to approve the 2009/10 Budget for the JPA. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Chief O’Camb was out on a strike team and requested compensation. This had been reviewed by the Committee.

Director Durante made a motion to approve payment of the strike team stipend for Chief O’Camb. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

The Board discussed the Uniform Policy and it was decided to leave it in the Rules and Regulations. Chief Veerkamp stated that the Uniform Policy/Rules and Regulations will be brought to the next Board Meeting for approval.

The Board reviewed the noncompliant lots for weed abatement.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-07 confirming the report of the Fire Marshal related to the cost of weed abatement and imposing such costs upon properties which abatement has occurred. Director Durante seconded the motion. (Roll Call: Ayes; Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, Thomsen and Winn. Noes; none.)

The Auto Aid Agreement with Folsom Fire was discussed. Counsel Cook had reviewed the agreement.

Director Thomsen made a motion to approve the Auto Aid Agreement with Folsom Fire. The motion was seconded by President Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief Financial Bair asked the Board for direction as to how they would like to administer the Capital Replacement Fund. Director Hidahl requested that Staff bring back a resolution to allow for the transferring of funds totaling \$850,000 to the next Board Meeting.

Director Thomsen wanted the Board to know that the Chief had answered his previous questions; he also requested to meet with the Chief after the meeting for a few follow up questions so that the matter could be concluded.

Chief Veerkamp stated that we are a member of FDAC with a cost of an annual membership fee of \$550. Staff chose not to be a member of the CSDA because of the costly membership fee of approximately \$4,500; however, we do receive benefit of some of their updates. Chief Financial Officer Bair confirmed that all Board members are on the FDAC distribution list for updates.

Director Hidahl stated that he will be in Canada when the next Board Meeting will take place and requested to participate via teleconference.

President Hartley informed the Board of an upcoming Finance Seminar for Special Districts to be held October 22 and 23 in San Diego and encouraged interested Board members to attend. Director Durante commented that he attended and found it extremely valuable.

Chief Veerkamp announced that the Jeff Mitchell Field Dedication will take place on Saturday, August 29. Director Durante has organized a “Guns and Hoses” Softball Game and the Honor Guard will be performing as well.

Director Thomsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Approved:

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Jim Hartley, President

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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