

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

The six hundred thirty first meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, 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, Thomsen, and Winn, with President Hartley presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief Planje, Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

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

A presentation was made to Rusty Dupray and Helen Baumann recognizing them for their service on the Board of Supervisors for the past eight years. President Hartley stated that he has fond memories of working with them on the Senior Center and thanked them for their commitment to that project. He thanked them for their long-standing service to the County and the Community.

Helen and Rusty both thanked the District and stated that they were very honored.

A draft of Ordinance 34 establishing a schedule of fees governing the cost of services and the enforcement of regulations was presented to the Board. The Ordinance was properly noticed and there was no public comment either previously or from the audience. The Ordinance is written with an Exhibit for the fee schedule which can be changed without changing the Ordinance. The effective date of the Ordinance would be thirty days out.

Director Hidahl moved to approve Ordinance 34, an ordinance establishing a fee schedule at a cost of \$85 per hour. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all. Noes: none.)

Director Durante moved to approve the Consent Calendar which included the minutes of the 630th meeting held January 21, 2009, and the financial statements for January 2009. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Director Durante requested a change in the format of the Financial Statement. CFO Bair stated she would work with Director Durante to better understand his request.

Fred St. Jean, Vice-Chair of the Senior Support Council, thanked the firefighters for all of the support during the Christmas holidays and the Valentine's Party. He also thanked the Honor Guard for their presentation.

Chief Veerkamp stated that he would like to show a short video that was taken at a Junior Firefighter Program, one of our most outstanding programs. Our District has held this program for seventeen years and it is often requested.

A letter requesting to meet and confer was received from the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters. President Hartley assigned this to the Administrative Committee, Directors Hartley and Hidahl. They will meet with Dave Brady and Dave Merino from the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters. Director Thomsen stated that he would like to be an alternate on this Committee.

The Administrative Committee met with the Chief regarding his evaluation. They are zeroing in on a form they would like to be used externally and internally. President Hartley stated that the Chief Evaluation, Item VII-A.1, and the Property Negotiations, Item VII-A.2, will be deferred to a closed session later in the meeting after Old Business.

Chief Veerkamp received information from Dennis Dong, the architect, that all submittals for the Training Facility have been completed. Chief Veerkamp and Chief O'Camb will work on getting the application submitted.

Director Winn was concerned about the cost of the Training Facility. Chief Veerkamp stated that the District was just getting the permits at this point which would take

about a year. Chief Veerkamp stated that the Special Use Permit does not expire and the Building Permit does expire. It was explained that this project was being phased and this is one of the phases. Director Winn will be given a “Needs Assessment” for the training facility.

Directors Hidahl and Thomsen met with Staff regarding staffing the third station with four-person staffing. It was decided that this could start February 15 without making any major budget changes outside of Salaries and Wages. This was started per the Board’s conditional approval February 15. This will be reviewed monthly through the end of June.

Supervisor John Knight, speaking as a private citizen, reviewed concerns about the finances in the future. He was concerned about PERS costs, the financial dysfunction of the State of California, ERAF shifts, reduction in Ad Valorem taxes, and the amount of homes owned by banks in El Dorado Hills.

Director Thomsen echoed Knight’s comments and stated that he was promoting essential services only.

There was no progress with Latrobe Fire. This will be continued until next month.

The Board Policy Manual will be deferred until the next meeting. President Hartley assigned the Policy Manual and the amendment of the Conference Room Policy to Directors Hidahl and Thomsen.

Chief Planje gave the Operations Report for January. He also reviewed the Building, Prevention and Training Reports. Chief Planje reported that the response times were met per the contract. With the help of the Volunteer Association, the District has started a new program for kids in need of helmets. The Volunteer Association has purchased helmets to give away to children biking or skating without a helmet. The helmets will be carried on the engines and staff vehicles.

The Annual Report was distributed to all Board members. President Hartley thanked staff for the report and all the work that goes into it.

Chief Veerkamp updated the Board on the JPA. The Board requested that the JPA be formally asked for reimbursement to staff Medic 285 for the three months. The Board would like to make this request for reimbursement and the President will sign the letter. It was requested that the Board representative to the JPA carry this item forward to the JPA Board.

Director Hidahl moved to submit a formal request for reimbursement of costs incurred for Medic 285 for the three month period to provide a higher level of service. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

The JPA has formulated their 2009/10 budget. Chief Veerkamp has submitted a mid-year report for their revenue and expenditures. It appeared that the JPA funds were 45% spent which was very acceptable for mid-year.

Quotes were received for the hose racks at Station 85 and 86, however, only one contractor bid on the job. Staff recommended awarding the bid to Nielsen Construction in the amount of \$18,500 for both hose racks.

Director Durante moved to approve staff recommendation to purchase a hose rack for Station 85 and 86 for a total of \$18,500. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

The quotes for solar power for three stations were received. There was discussion as to timing, the market, and the cost savings. The quotes received had many variables and were not easy to review. A letter had been submitted to President Hartley from Kirk Uhler of Solar Power, Inc., stating that his bid was not accepted because it was late. He would like consideration for his bid due to circumstances described in the letter.

Counsel Cook stated that he would like the Board to take a position to possibly reject all quotes based on the challenge from Mr. Uhler. Staff assured the Board that no

information other than who had submitted quotes had been released. The Board would like to consider granting an extension to all bidders for fifteen days which Counsel Cook said would be fair.

Director Hidahl moved to go with the Counsel recommendation to notify all persons who submitted proposals and other interested parties that the deadline would be extended fifteen days and their bid may stay in place or a new bid could be placed. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

With the appointment of a new Board member, new signatures need to be obtained for Bank of America.

Director Durante moved to authorize a new signature card with all Board Members signing for Bank of America, seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

President Hartley assigned the Fire Committee to conduct a mid-year review of the 2008/09 Budget. He also requested that they take a preliminary review of the 2009/10 budget.

Director Thomsen stated that he would like to step down from these Committee assignments and Counsel Cook will review this.

A new meeting date and/or time was discussed, based on a conflict discussed at the last meeting for Director Thomsen.

Director Durante moved to change the meeting date and time to the fourth Wednesday of March, April and May, at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

Director Hidahl wanted to investigate filing costs to insurance companies for vehicles accidents. This had also been discussed as it relates to out-of-district incidents and D.U.I.s.

Director Hartley thanked the Department for the help with the Senior Valentine's Party.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:19 p.m. to discuss Item VII-A.1 pursuant to government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Evaluation and Item VII-A.2 pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Real Property negotiations.

The meeting reconvened at 10:36 p.m.

President Hartley announced that during closed session it was discussed to have Station 84 on Francisco Drive appraised and the potential land under discussion for Station 84 appraised, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Director Hidahl moved to have Station 84 appraised and to have the potential land discussed for Station 84 appraised, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 total, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Approved:

Jim Hartley, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary