

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

The six hundred thirty second meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Durante, Hidahl, Hartley, and Winn, with President Hartley presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was in attendance. (Director Thomsen was absent.) Chief Veerkamp, Chief Planje, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

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

President Hartley made a presentation to John Knight recognizing him for his service on the Board of Directors and wished him well with his new position on the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Knight stated that it was an honor to work with this Board.

President Hartley stated it was time to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Hidahl asked Director Durante if the Fire/Budget Committee had reviewed the midyear financial statements for inconsistencies. Director Durante stated that there were no inconsistencies and the financial statements passed the midyear review.

Director Hidahl moved to approve the Consent Calendar which included the minutes of the 631st meeting held February 19, 2009, and the financial statements for February 2009. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Counsel Cook stated that Director Hidahl had contacted him regarding a new section that was added to the Brown Act. Counsel Cook stated that this clarifies the law; however, it is nothing new to this Board because he has been advising the Board of the same for many years. The new law basically prohibits non-public meetings by any majority of the Board. It clarifies the serial meeting concept and addresses the problems with communication through

voicemail and email. His legal advice to the Board is that each member is individually obligated to comply with the Brown Act. Counsel Cook handed out copies of the Brown Act to the Directors in attendance.

President Hartley stated that the Item VII-A.1, Chief Evaluation, Item VII-A.2, the Property Negotiations, and Item VII-A.3, Wage and Benefit Negotiations will be deferred to a closed session later in the meeting after Oral Communications.

Chief Veerkamp updated the Board regarding the Training Facility. He stated that the Special Use Permit submittals will be taken to the County the next day.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the Committee met regarding the Solar Power Proposals. They released a request for proposal and a question was raised regarding timing. Based on the confusion, the deadline for the proposals was extended fifteen days. In that fifteen day period, there were an additional five new proposals submitted, making a total of ten proposals.

Counsel Cook stated that in the midst of all of this, there were two challenges to the process. Counsel recommended that the Board reject all bids and start over. The Committee reviewed the proposals. President Hidahl stated that it appeared that there was more homework necessary as it related to federal or state credits, and new programs and/or legislation available from the government. He stated that there may be an opportunity to restart this process on a smaller scale. It was also noted that since the inception of this project, the District budget and financial issues have changed.

Wendy Kritzberg of Premier Power suggested that the Board reserve their rebate. The rebates are continually decreasing as the money available decreases. She stated that it cost very little money to reserve the rebate and the money is refundable if the Board decides not to move in that direction. Pete from Premier Power stated that their office would be happy to submit for the rebate lock at no obligation. It was noted that this is a one-year lock.

Director Hidahl moved to reject all proposals and send this item back to the Committee for further analysis for more opportunities for funding and timing. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

President Hartley extended his apologies to the vendors who put in considerable time and effort in preparing the proposals. He thanked the vendors and staff for their work on this project.

Director Durante, reporting for the Fire Committee, stated that they met for the midyear review and growth projections. They have set another meeting to review some items in depth for projections. Chief Veerkamp asked what staff should be prepared for as it relates to this meeting. Director Durante stated that there was some correspondence from the Union that Director Thomsen was bringing forward. President Hartley clarified that the purpose of the midyear review is to make sure the financials are on target for the period of July 1 to December 31, in case there is a need for a midyear correction.

The Fire Committee brought forward a 2009/10 forecast with zero percent (0%) growth in revenue and a two percent (2%) growth in expenses.

There was no progress with Latrobe Fire and this will be continued until next month. Chief Veerkamp reported that there were discussions regarding the Aid to Fire from El Dorado County as this significantly affects the smaller districts' budgets.

The Board Policy Manual will be deferred until the next meeting. President Hartley changed this Committee assignment of the Policy Manual and the amendment of the Conference Room Policy to the Admin Committee.

The Operations Report for February was received and filed.

Chief Veerkamp updated the Board on the JPA. A letter was sent to the JPA with President Hartley's signature requesting reimbursement of \$83,442 for Medic 285 as discussed at

the last meeting. A letter was received in response from the JPA denying that request. The Board is considering appealing this decision.

Director Hidahl thanked the Firefighters Association for their hospitality at their recent dinner meeting and encouraged other Board members to attend and participate. Director Hartley also attended. Director Hartley would like to see some research done on the retirement benefits for volunteers.

Chief Planje stated that the District was conducting an internal testing process for Engineer. An Honor Guard Camp conducted by Engineer Beckett is being held next week. There is a badge pinning for the Honor Guard Wednesday evening which the Board is invited to. A pancake breakfast is being held in May as a fund raiser for the Jeff Mitchell Memorial.

Chief Financial Office Bair informed the Board that LAFCO is holding a nomination for a special district representative. This will be on the agenda for next month. She also reminded the Board that the Form 700s were due to her at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss Item VII-A.1 pursuant to government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Evaluation, Item VII-A.2 pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Real Property negotiations, and Item VII-A.3 pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6, Wage and Benefit Negotiations for the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters.

The meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

President Hartley announced that during closed session the Board took no action and gave direction to all committees.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:

Jim Hartley, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary