

**SIX HUNDRED FORTY FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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EI DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred forty first meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, September 17, 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, Thomsen and Winn with President Hartley presiding. Director Hidahl attended via teleconference. Counsel Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief Planje, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

Director Winn made a motion to approve the consent calendar to include the minutes of the 640<sup>th</sup> meeting held August 20, 2009 as well as the Financial Statements for August 2009. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

Chief Financial Officer Bair stated that two pieces of correspondence had been received that were not agendized; one being an informational letter from PERS regarding rate smoothing and plans to mitigate the impact of market declines and the other from the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors announcing that they will be preparing an ordinance that would allow homeowners over the age of 55 or disabled that are moving to El Dorado County to be able to maintain the same property tax rate from their previous residence. They invited the Board to provide input on this matter. President Hartley requested that both of these items be moved to New Business for later discussion.

President Hartley stated that the Administrative Committee Reports, Item VIII-A.1, Real Property Negotiations, Item VIII-A.2, El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters Wage

and Benefit Negotiations, and Item VIII-A.3, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Chief will be moved to the end of the meeting in closed session.

Director Hidahl joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:11 p.m.

The Committee presented the Budget and Revenue Summary. The Chief stated that the shortfall expected from the County for property tax for fiscal year 2008/09 has been reported. This brought revenue for the year to approximately 101 percent of projected and the 2008/09 rollover up to \$1.5 million which is more than estimated. The Revenue and Expense Summary in the Final Budget reflects these numbers. The County projected a 4.6 percent negative growth for fiscal year 2009/10. Concerned with the County's projections, the Committee set aside monies for a contingency; in addition, monies were set aside for the possibility of an Attrition Plan. These contingency funds can be utilized without amending the Budget and would allow for a possible 11 percent shortfall from the County. The Budget Advisory Committee presented an Attrition Plan; however, Staff is still in negotiations with the Admin (Negotiating) Committee. The funding for the Admin Captain for Training was removed from the Budget. The contingency fund has been set at \$1,160,000 and the reserve has been adjusted to balance the Budget.

The amount that the State of California will be borrowing was set by the County at \$1,110,109. The tentative plan is to use the Securitization Program and get the funds back from the State of California immediately.

Director Hidahl requested clarification on the recommendations for the Budget Shortfall and the Budget History page.

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the Budget which is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

The Monthly Operations Report was received and filed. Chief Veerkamp commented that the call load is significantly down over 300 calls from last year.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update regarding the JPA. He reported that for the 13th consecutive month, the JPA has been in compliance with their contract. He also stated that Diamond Springs Fire is trying to pull the JPA into its lawsuit with County Fire. Director Hackett is working on a Two Year Review presentation to all Boards. The JPA Budget has been adopted by all Districts and will soon be placed before the County Board of Supervisors; the budget has a \$657,000 rollover.

Chief Veerkamp recommended to compensate Deputy Chief Planje for his participation as a Strike Team Leader in the Lockheed Fire in the amount of \$24,580. This request was reviewed and approved by the Fire Committee.

Director Durante made a motion to compensate Deputy Chief Planje for his participation as a Strike Team Leader in the Lockheed Fire in the amount of \$24,580. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Chief Veerkamp stated that there was nothing new to report relative to the Training Facility.

Counsel Cook summarized the law regarding Appropriation Limits. The Appropriation Limits were set for the 2009-2010 fiscal year at \$24,307,736.

President Hartley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-08 adopting the Appropriation Limits for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

The Final Budget was reviewed. \$10,000 was added to the Maintenance of Stations and Grounds category to cover new HVAC and dry rot at Station 84.

Director Durante made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-09 adopting the 2009/10 Final Budget as amended, authorizing the expenditure from Reserve Funds including the Authorized Staffing Plan and the correction in the amount of the loan to the State of California. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

More discussion was held relative to the Board of Supervisors' correspondence regarding the implementation of an ordinance which allows homeowners over the age of 55 or disabled who move to El Dorado County to transfer eligible property tax base assessments from their previous residence.

President Hartley made a motion to take this ordinance proposal up as an emergency item to discuss and take action if deemed appropriate. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Director Winn to take no action on this item. Director Durante seconded the motion. (Roll Call: Ayes, Directors Durante, Hidahl, Thomsen and Winn. Noes, President Hartley.)

Director Winn and President Hartley complimented the Department on the success of the Wine, Cheese and Brew Festival. Chief Veerkamp also expressed his appreciation to those that volunteered to put on the Wine, Cheese and Brew Festival for our community to enjoy. He also thanked everyone for all their hard work and expressed his gratitude that everyone has continued to come home safely, which is a tribute to our training. Director Durante commented on the compliments received from a contractor relative to the outstanding team effort of the volunteers and crew who worked together to preserve a home from a fire on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Planje expressed his appreciation to the Board for their good planning that has in turn allowed the Department to be able to participate and respond to every major fire in the State.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Item VIII-A.1, pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, Real Property Negotiations; Item VIII-A.2, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6 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 Performance Evaluation, Chief.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m. President Hartley announced that during closed session, the Board took no action and gave direction to all committees.

President Hartley also stated that Item VIII-A.3, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Chief will be continued to September 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

(Director Thomsen left at 7:15 p.m. and Director Hidahl disconnected from teleconference at 7:30 p.m.)

Director Durante moved to adjourn and continue the meeting until September 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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### **(CONTINUED)**

The six hundred forty first meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was continued on Thursday, September 23, 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, Hartley, Hidahl, Thomsen and Winn with President Hartley presiding. Counsel Cook and Chief Veerkamp were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Hartley at 7:31 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss Item VIII-A.3, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Chief.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

President Hartley announced that during closed session, the Board took no action and requested to continue Item VIII-A.3, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Chief to the next Board meeting agenda.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Approved:

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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Jim Hartley, President

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