

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

The six hundred forty eighth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 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 Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and Chief Veerkamp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 647th meeting held February 18, 2010 as well as the Financial Statements for February 2010. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

There were no oral communications. There were a few thank you letters included in the packet. President Hartley received a letter from David Tierney, a resident who is building a house and expressed concern over fire flow discrepancies. The Chief and staff resolved this issue with Mr. Tierney.

President Hartley stated that all closed session items will be moved to the end of the meeting. These included Item VI-A.1 and 2, Personnel Matter – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Item VI-A.3, Real Property Negotiations; and Item VI-B.1, develop terms and conditions of employment Contract for Fire Chief.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update on the Training Facility stating that there were no changes. The Planning Commission will review this on April 22, 2010.

The Fire Committee met regarding the Mid-Year Budget review and revenue and budget projections for next year. The budget looks on track and they have set another meeting for April 19.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee Meeting is scheduled for later in the week.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update on the JPA. The JPA met yesterday and discussed their Preliminary Budget. They have budgeted for less than last year, mostly due to the decrease in fixed assets. They are still working on the amendments to Executive Director Hackett's contract. There was some interest from local districts in having the ALS engine companies funded. The JPA Board is stating that this would require a change in the Master Contract. Some changes are also related to the Citygate report which has not been accepted.

The Draft Five Year Plan was reviewed briefly. Staff reported that based on current development and the assets allocated in the Five Year Plan, the Development Fee would calculate out to \$7.74 per square foot. It is currently at \$1.16 per square foot. It was discussed that based on the formula for the fee, if the assets don't change and the development slows dramatically the fee will increase. The Revenue and Budget Forecast was also reviewed. Two projections were presented which included a 5% decrease in revenue and a 10% decrease in revenue. President Hartley assigned the Five Year Plan to the Administrative Committee.

The Bylaws for the District were reviewed with two changes recommended. Counsel Cook advised that the Chief Financial Officer position needed to include a reference to

Treasurer. The reference to the meeting date also needed to be changed to be consistent with the Board Policy Manual.

Director Durante moved to adopt the changes as noted to the Bylaws, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

President Hartley noted that the FDAC Conference is in Tahoe this year on April 22 and 23 for anyone interested in attending.

Chief Veerkamp reported that two bids for new appraisals on the Station 84 property had been received at a cost of \$3,000 and \$7,000. The Board gave staff direction to proceed with the low bid appraisal.

Directors Winn and Hidahl attended the Special District Governance Seminar in Long Beach. Director Winn attended the entire seminar and the human resources workshop and stated that it was good information, directed mostly to a new Board Member. Director Hidahl only attended the workshop for human resources. He stated that the workshop emphasized the fact that if the District is using their legal counsel instead of human resources, it is definitely a cost issue. Both Directors Winn and Hidahl stated that they felt that human resources should be added in some form to the budget. They stated that the fire service has special applications and needs human resources who would be knowledgeable of the laws in this area.

Chief Veerkamp reported that he has been investigating human resources availability, via cost sharing, contracting, etc. for the new budget.

Director Winn stated that she had expected to get some correspondence at this meeting from the Union. It was noted that no correspondence had been received from the Union.

Director Durante gave the Board and Staff a news article regarding a previous volunteer who retired and continued to give service and asked that it be posted on the website.

Director Hartley stated that he was having knee surgery and may not make the May meeting.

Chief Veerkamp informed the Board that there was a Governance Workshop at the County Office of Education on March 24.

The 2010-11 LAFCO Budget was included in the packet.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:09 p.m. to discuss Item VI-A.1 and 2, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; Item VI-A.3, Real Property Negotiations; and Item VI-B.1, develop terms and conditions of employment contract for Fire Chief.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

President Hartley reported that during closed session regarding Item VI-A.1 and 2, Public Employee/Discipline/Dismissal/Release, an update was received and no action was taken.

Regarding Item VI-A.3, Real Property Negotiation, an update was received and no action was taken.

Regarding Item VI-B.1, the Fire Chief's contract, the Board was apprised by the Fire Committee that they had met with the Chief to determine a successor employment contract for the Fire Chief. The Committee recommended that the Fire Chief be granted a two-year contract with no salary increase; however after the first year of the contract there would be a potential for an opener to discuss a salary increase. The terms and conditions would be the same with the addition of a clause for a six month severance package.

Director Durante moved to adopt the contract for Fire Chief with the conditions as stated by President Hartley. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Jim Hartley, President