

**SIX HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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The six hundred fiftieth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, May 26, 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, Hidahl, Thomsen and Winn with Director Durante presiding. (President Hartley attended via teleconference call.) Chief Veerkamp, Chief O'Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

Director Durante called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 649<sup>th</sup> meeting held April 15, 2010 as well as the Financial Statements for April 2010. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

Matt Beckett, Vice President of the Associated Firefighters, presented two letters of communication dated May 17 and May 23, 2010 regarding the budget. Their goal is to establish a balanced 2010/2011 budget based on a negative 10 percent budget growth from property taxes and all other revenue. In addition, these communications expressed their opposition to purchasing land for a new Station 84; eliminating all expenditures relative to the proposed training facility; and opposition to purchasing apparatus of any kind to include cancellation of the contract already in place to purchase a new engine.

Counsel Cook joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Director Durante stated that the Committee Reports, Item VI.A-1, Personnel Matter-Grievance; Item VI.A-2 and 3, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; and Item VI.A-4, Real Property Negotiations will be deferred to closed session later in the meeting after Oral Communications.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update on the Training Facility. The special use permit has been granted. A Request for Proposal has been issued to architectural and engineering firms for civil plans only. Counsel Cook commented that the work to be done will be approximately a \$50,000 to \$100,000 expenditure and should be ready for recommendation by the next Board Meeting. Chief Veerkamp stated that any future expenditures relative to moving the Training Facility forward will not be approved unless the budget allows for it.

Chief Veerkamp also reported that the District participated in a grant with Sac Metro, Folsom, Consumnes River, and South Placer Fire for a Life Fire Training Trailer. The \$400,000 grant was awarded. The Fire Training Trailer will be delivered in the next few months and a sign up list will be used to administer usage.

Chief Veerkamp and Director Winn reported on preliminary discussions held by the Budget Committee in preparation for the Preliminary Budget to be adopted in June. Using a negative 10 percent growth in property tax revenues, it was recommended by the committee that the only non-negotiable item for major purchase in the 2010/11 Budget is the purchase of 60 SCBAs at a cost of \$360,000. All other major expenditures, including the purchase of a replacement engine (even though we have entered into an agreement for purchase) are being reviewed.

President Hartley reported that the Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee met in April and adopted Mission Statement 3B as previously discussed. He also reported that the

meeting schedule has been reduced to every other month and that there has been little positive momentum as of late.

The Activity Report was received and filed.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update on the JPA stating there has been continued compliance in response time, a new two year agreement with Executive Director Hackett has been put in place, and interviews for a contract Administrative Assistant will be conducted. Also, Chief Veerkamp acknowledged receipt of a letter from the County CAO to the Board stating that the JPA's 6.2 million dollar reserve could be utilized for a one time, interim stop gap for "Aide to Fire". A meeting is being held on Friday to discuss revenue enhancement. In addition, Chief Veerkamp stated that the JPA Annual Budget needs to be adopted and that there had been no changes from the Preliminary Budget.

Director Winn moved to adopt the 2010-2011 JPA Annual Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

Resolution 2010-12, declaring a consolidated election to be held on November 2, 2010 for three (3) full four (4) year terms for Directors was reviewed.

Director Hidahl moved to adopt Resolution 2010-12 declaring a consolidated election be held on November 2, 2010 and authorizing the County to conduct the election. The motion was seconded by Director Winn. (Roll Call: Ayes, all.)

Chief Veerkamp expressed his appreciation to paid and volunteer staffs for contributing many hours to a multitude of community events including the Community Cleanup Day. He commended those that worked on the Pancake Breakfast/Open House for hosting a great public educational event and one that was enjoyed by the community.

Chief O'Camb announced the introduction of the Explorer Program, a program that is sponsored by the Boy Scouts and offers middle and high school aged students, ages 14-18, the opportunity to explore the career of firefighting and emergency response. This program is being coordinated by Firefighter/Paramedic Jenno Inzerillo who will be conducting interviews over the next few weeks. Twelve students will be selected to participate in this program.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss Items VI.A-1, Personnel Matter-Grievance; Item VI.A-2 and 3, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; and Item VI.A-4, Real Property Negotiations.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Director Durante reported that during closed session regarding Item VI.A-1, a letter will be drafted and sent within five days. (Counsel Cook committed to two days.)

Regarding Items VI.A-2, 3 and 4, an update was received and no action was taken.

Item VI.A-4, Real Property Negotiations, was open for comment.

Vice President of the Associated Firefighters, Matt Beckett, reiterated the Associated Firefighters opposition to purchasing land for a new Station 84 as stated in their correspondence to the Board dated May 23, 2010. Speaking for himself, Matt also suggested having the committee take another hard look at the feasibility of keeping Station 84 at its current location and renovating it to meet our needs. He emphasized the fact that Station 84's current location has huge public relations and customer service benefits to the Department; its neighborhood location lends itself to foot traffic which in turn results in a close connection with the community that no other station enjoys.

Director Thomsen stated that at this time no action was taken to move forward with property negotiations for Station 84.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Jim Hartley, President

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary