

**SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EI DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred fifty third meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, August 19, 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, Thomsen and Winn with President Hartley presiding. (Director Hidahl arrived later in the meeting). Counsel Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief O'Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and Director Durante led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley stated that the Public Hearing to review and approve adoption of the Five Year Plan would be moved to later in the meeting.

Director Winn brought forward a concern that had been brought to her attention by the Union relative to contracting for Human Resource services for a one year period for a total of \$131,000. She asked for clarification from the Board as she also shared the Union's concern stating that the Budget Committee had not had an opportunity to meet and had not made any recommendation to move forward in this regard.

President Hartley confirmed that a contract had been signed with flexible days and a 30 day out clause. Chief Veerkamp added that the Board had given their approval at the last Board Meeting to extend the expiring contract. Chief Veerkamp presented an amendment to last month's draft minutes clarifying that the Board gave the Chief the "go ahead" to renew the

contract with CPS for two or three days per week and also stating that President Hartley directed the Budget Committee to review the final details for long term Human Resource funding.

Director Thomsen moved to approve the minutes of the 652nd meeting held on July 15, 2010 as amended by Staff. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Ayes: All; Absent: Director Hidahl).

Director Durante moved to approve the Financial Statements for July 2010. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Ayes: All; Absent: Director Hidahl).

Engineer Rob Karnow and his wife, Teresa, expressed their gratitude to the Board for their time and effort given to address past grievances. In keeping with the Department's goal of "unity", they offered "Proud to Serve the El Dorado Hills Community" polo shirts to all Board members and any other Department members that would like one for the asking. The Board thanked the Karnows for their thoughtful gesture.

David Brady, President of the Associated Firefighters, asked for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to address Human Resource needs and allow for input and improved communications between the Board, Staff and the Firefighters Association. He also asked to meet with the Ad Hoc Committees still in existence to review reports. President Hartley stated that the Ad Hoc Committee for the Testing Process continues to meet and that a report will be provided upon conclusion.

Captain/Honor Guard Commander, Matt Beckett, gave an update on the Honor Guard. Since its formation in 2004, the Honor Guard continues to be called upon to represent the Department in a multitude of ways. Since December, the Honor Guard has participated in

twelve to fifteen various events including funerals, promotional and retirement ceremonies, flag dedications to honor our veterans, etc. Matt commended the extraordinary dedication of Honor Guard Member Brandon Eynck who put his own needs aside during a personally challenging time to serve the needs of others. Matt stated that the possibility of hosting another Honor Guard Camp in the Spring of 2011 is being discussed and he thanked the Board for their ongoing support.

President Hartley stated that the closed session items would be moved to the end of the meeting.

At this time, President Hartley and Chief Roberts offered the Board a tour and demonstration conducted by Captain Mike Wilson and Firefighter/Paramedic Perillo of the live fire training trailer prop. Chief Veerkamp stated that the Department invested \$20,000 towards the \$400,000 state-of-the-art fire prop that was successfully obtained through an 80/20 grant and will be shared with four other agencies. The Board adjourned to the parking lot for the tour and demonstration.

President Hartley stated that the review and update regarding the Training Facility and the Administrative Committee Reports will be moved to later in the meeting.

Director Hidahl arrived at 7:09 p.m.

President Hartley reported that the Regional Operations Ad Hoc Committee met yesterday and asked Chief Veerkamp to present an update on a project that he has been involved with. Chief Veerkamp reported that Citigate had just completed a report for San Diego County that modeled a possible solution to their Aid to Fire issue by emphasizing one lead agency (the mother agency) which allows the other associated agencies to have the ability to maintain their own Boards and remain in tact. The Chiefs and the Regional Operations Ad Hoc Committee are

encouraged by this idea and see it as an opportunity to get the County Board of Supervisors to fund 13 cents minimum of the tax dollar for an authority such as this as well as the return of the ERAF money going forward. A Special Joint Board Meeting has been scheduled on September 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Station 49 to further discuss the feasibility of a Regional Fire Authority. Chief Veerkamp and President Hartley encouraged participation of the Associated Firefighters in this meeting. Chief Veerkamp also stated that the only interest we would have in this multi-county expansion would be is if the El Dorado Hills Fire Department was the mother agency and each participating agencies' revenue funded their own services.

Counsel Cook reviewed the adoption of the Five Year Plan for 2010-2015 with the corresponding Development Fees. Counsel Cook reported that there were numerous ways to restructure the Five Year Plan. In the previous meeting, the Board reviewed various options of moving forward with the plan, including having a Facility Master Plan conducted by an outside agency as recommended by EPS in a meeting with Counsel Cook and CFO Bair. Even though the development fee is in place and would stay in place if the District did nothing at this time, Director Hidahl voiced concern with this approach and requested that a letter or Resolution be adopted so as to provide assurance to the County that due diligence had been done to ensure the validity of the development fee. Counsel Cook stated that this process entailed more work on the Five Year Plan than previously anticipated and some decisions from the Board needed to be made in order to make the necessary changes to the plan. Facilities that were paid for were removed from the plan and the "Cost Attributable to Development" was changed to a more current cost. This number, divided by the number of units projected, determined the fee. Counsel Cook and CFO Bair added a sentence to the plan to state that if development occurs at a slower rate than projected, then the fees collected will be less and the facilities built will also

correspond. That calculation results in approximately \$1.33 per square foot; however, the Board would still adopt the \$1.16 which has been the fee over the past few years.

Counsel Cook went on to state that the issue would be that the facilities listed are the facilities in the plan for now until a Facilities Master Plan is developed. The Board discussed the facilities left in the plan and, based on the economy, would continue to work towards the plan as written. It was noted that the dates in the draft need to be adjusted appropriately to better project the facilities.

After some deliberation, it was decided that a Facility Master Plan was a good idea and that the cost should be added to the Five Year Plan. This would give the Board time to deliberate all of these items as well as allow for changes in the plan should a Regional Fire Authority be formed. There were no comments from the Public on this issue.

The Board decided to continue the Public Hearing to next month's Board Meeting for the adoption of the Five Year Plan for 2010-2015 with the corresponding Development Fees. It was requested that any additional changes that the Board would like see made to the Five Year Plan be faxed to CFO Bair or Counsel Cook.

Chief Veerkamp gave a Training facility update. Chief O'Camb discussed the bid process for the civil engineering services for ground work and Staff's recommendation to award CHD Architects the bid based on our positive past working relationship with them and their known quality of work.

Director Winn felt that the price differential between the low bidder, RBF, and CHD Architects warranted a more in-depth look at RBF. The Board asked Chief O'Camb to obtain more information and bring it back to the next Board Meeting.

Director Hidahl reported on the Admin Committee regarding Goal One – Unity. He summarized the memorandum regarding the Unity goal that suggests an ongoing review of Board policies.

President Hartley updated Director Hidahl with the request from the Associated Firefighters to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review and discuss the contracted HR position and scope of work. President Hartley appointed Directors Hidahl and Winn to the committee. Director Hidahl requested that the Associated Firefighters provide the committee with written objectives for their focus.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Chief Veerkamp gave an update of the JPA stating that they are still in compliance with a 94-95% range in all categories. He also stated that a draft letter was being formalized and being sent to the CAO rejecting their offer to pay Aid to Fire money to the Fire Districts out of the Service Area 7 Funds. Director Hidahl asked for copies of the recent JPA minutes.

The Actuarial Report for Retiree Health Benefits was received and filed.

Counsel Cook discussed the Conflict of Interest Code. No changes are needed at this time.

Director Hidahl moved to adopt Resolution 2010-15 adopting the Conflict of Interest Code as recommended by Staff. The motion was seconded by Director Durante. (Roll Call: Ayes, all).

Director Hidahl commented on the Telegraph Newspaper's impressive article on the Live Fire Training Trailer and the Department's participation. He further stated that it is to the credit of the Department to receive this kind of publicity with the public.

Director Durante reminded the Board that the 38th Annual Wine, Cheese and Brew Festival will be held on September 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged their participation.

Chief Veerkamp commented on the excellent Ethics Training that took place at City Hall a few weeks ago. He reiterated what he had learned at the training that text and cellular communications during a public meeting become part of the minutes and public record.

Chief Veerkamp stated that he has been in touch with the Folsom City Planner and LAFCO regarding the 200 acre annexation in an attempt to get a copy of the resolutions and will follow up with a report on their progress.

Chief Veerkamp expressed his appreciation to Staff for their hard work.

Chief O’Camb stated that Firefighter/Paramedic James Davidson has been recognized with a “Record of Exceptional Performance” for his above and beyond the call of duty and compassion shown to a family that lost their young son. He also recognized Volunteer Brandon Eynck as well with a “Record of Exceptional Performance” for his dedicated service as stated earlier by Captain/Honor Guard Commander Beckett.

Director Winn expressed her appreciation for the District’s presence in the Mercy Housing project in El Dorado Hills. She stated that there is great need for community support, specifically in the area of funding activities for the Boys and Girls Club. Director Durante suggested that a request be made for funding from the El Dorado Hills Firefighters’ Association.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss Item VI.A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation; and Items VII.A-1 and 2, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

The meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

President Hartley announced that during closed session, the Board received updates but took no action on Items VI.A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation; and Items VII. A-2 and 2, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

Director Durante moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved:

Jim Hartley, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary