

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

The six hundred fifty eighth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, December 9, 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 Barber, Durante, Hartley, and Hidahl, with President Hartley presiding. Director Elect Winn was absent). Counsel Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp, Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also present.

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and Volunteer Lieutenant Todd Thalhamer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 657<sup>th</sup> meeting held November 18, 2010 and continued to November 23, 2010 as well as the Financial Statements for November 2010. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Ayes: All present ; Absent: Director Winn).

Tom Anselmo, President of the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters, congratulated Directors Barber, Durante and Winn on their successful election campaigns and newly elected Board positions. He also stated that the communication efforts between the Union and the Chiefs continues to be very good and transparent but realizes that there are still tough roads ahead particularly with budget concerns. He stated that the Union is looking forward to working together through the committees.

Volunteer Lt. Todd Thalhamer gave the Board a presentation on the El Dorado Hills Firefighters’ Association’s annual Santa Run and stated that this year will be the 47<sup>th</sup> year.

He presented each Board member with a newly minted "Santa Run" coin and expressed the Association's appreciation to the Board and Administration for their continued support of the Volunteer Program. He stated that the Santa Run is the number one public relations event bringing the community together and touching families that are going through a particularly challenging time in their personal lives. He stated that this year's goal is to double the collected amount of toys for the Toys for Tots program and canned goods for the food drive. Volunteer Lt. Thalhamer recognized Director Durante for his dedication to the Santa Run throughout the years and his expertise as Logistics Chief. He also stated that gala plans are already in motion as we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Run in 2013.

President Hartley stated that two letters of inquiry from the Grand Jury had been received and were included in the Board Packet. He asked Chief Veerkamp for a progress report and Chief Veerkamp stated that the first letter of inquiry was related to such areas as staffing, the MOU, response times, etc. and that he had met with them as requested. After that meeting, a second letter of inquiry was received that was more financial in nature and Chief Financial Officer Bair had prepared a draft document in response that would soon be forwarded. Director Hidahl asked Chief Veerkamp if he knew the reason behind the inquiry and Chief Veerkamp responded that he was told they had received a letter from a concerned citizen. President Hartley clarified that any document in response would be a public document and accessible to the public. He also asked Chief Veerkamp to keep the Board informed of any progress or information as it relates to these inquiries.

President Hartley requested that closed session items be moved to the end of the meeting. These items include Item V-A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter); Item VI.A-1 and 2, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; and Item

VI.A-3, review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters and Administrative wage and benefit negotiations.

Director Hidahl reported that the Fire Committee had not met and had nothing to report.

Director Hidahl reported that the Human Resource Ad Hoc Committee had nothing new to report; however, a meeting will be scheduled in the early January timeframe.

President Hartley reported that the Regional Operations Committee had not met; however, a workshop with all 10 member agencies is being held on January 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Firemen's Hall in Diamond Springs.

Chief Veerkamp reported that a JPA meeting was held with the new County CAO who proposed a loan agreement for the usage of the Service Area 7 funds to be distributed amongst the non-provider Districts that the Citigate Report identified as needing those funds. These funds are designated in support of only BLS and ALS services. The County Auditor, however, has stated that he will not release the funds.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

A Public Hearing was held to review Ordinance No. 35, adopting the 2010 edition of the California Fire Code, based upon the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code. Chief O'Camb pointed out that the only significant change within this adoption is the requirement that all newly constructed residential homes in the United States must have fire sprinklers beginning January 2011. He also elaborated on the tremendous headway that has been made through the adoption of this code to ensure consistency not only throughout our County but across the United States.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 35, adopting the 2010 edition of the California Fire Code, based upon the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code, and approving the findings of fact. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl. (Roll call: Ayes: All present; Absent: Director Winn).

Chief Veerkamp reviewed the Revenue and Expense Summary. He expressed concern regarding the high legal counsel fees encountered for legal services that might have been avoided had the rules, regulations and board policies been more strictly followed. Director Hartley suggested that work be done by the Admin Committee to review the Board Policy Manual and recommend a clear procedure in enlisting legal counsel. CFO Bair also stated that the audit results had been received and the results will be reported on next month's agenda.

President Hartley opened up nominations for the reorganization of the Board.

Director Hidahl made a motion to nominate Director Durante for the position of President. President Hartley seconded the motion.

Director Barber made a friendly amendment to nominate Director Durante for the position of President and close nominations for President. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried. (Ayes: All present; Absent: Director Winn).

President Durante opened up nominations for the position of Vice President.

Director Hartley made a motion to nominate Director Hidahl for the position of Vice President. The motion was seconded by President Durante and unanimously carried. (Ayes: All present; Absent: Director Winn).

President Durante announced that Committee member assignments will be deferred until the January Board meeting.

Director Hidahl expressed his appreciation to Director Hartley for his leadership in steering the Board as President through some tough times. Director Hartley also thanked the Board for their support over the past two years of his Presidency; he extended his thanks to Director Hidahl for his efforts on the Admin/Negotiations Committee. President Durante added his appreciation to Director Hartley for a fine job done.

Counsel Cook extended an offer to Director Barber as suggested in the Board Policy Manual to meet and review District issues and various policies within the first 60 days after being elected to the Board.

President Durante announced that the establishment of dates for the Board Meetings to be held in 2011 will be deferred until the January meeting; however, until a meeting date can be established, the Strategic Planning Session will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at Noon followed by the January Board Meeting.

Chief Veerkamp presented Resolutions for Retired Director Thomsen and Retired Captain Steve Maranville in appreciation of their service.

Director Hartley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-21 for Retired Director Thomsen in appreciation of his service. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously passed. (Roll call: Ayes: All Present; Absent: Director Winn).

Director Hidahl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-22 for Retired Captain Maranville in appreciation of his service. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously passed. (Roll call: Ayes: All Present; Absent: Director Winn).

A discussion was held to present the Resolutions to the Retirees at the January Board Meeting and if they are unable to attend, the February Dinner on February 19, 2011.

President Durante removed his request to attend the Labor Management Initiative Conference from the agenda.

Director Hartley gave appreciation to those that decorated the beautiful Christmas tree at the Sr. Center and offered his congratulations on the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Run.

President Durante thanked Lt. Todd Thalhamer for his dedication to the Santa Run and invited the Board Members to participate in the dinners that will be served each night following.

Chief Veerkamp commented on the camaraderie and unity that the holiday season brings with the many programs that we are involved in such as the Santa Run, Toys for Tots, etc.

Chief Veerkamp presented to the Board his Letter of Intent to Retire and participate in the Voluntary Exit Plan. He also stated that he will be available to help in the transition and the selection of a new Chief. The Board thanked Chief Veerkamp for his three and a half years of dedicated service as Chief.

Chief Veerkamp announced that former Deputy Chief Ron Phillips has been newly appointed as the Fire Chief of the Folsom Fire Department succeeding Chief Haverty in his retirement. He also stated that a meeting is being scheduled with the new Chief to discuss the continued cooperation and good working relationship that exists between El Dorado Hills Fire Department and Folsom Fire Department.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss Item V-A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter); Item VI.A-1 and 2, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; and Item VI.A-3, review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters and Administrative wage and benefit negotiations.

The meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

President Durante announced that during closed session, the Board reviewed all four of the closed session items and no action was taken.

Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Greg Durante, President

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary