

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

The six hundred fifty ninth meeting, a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District, was held on Wednesday, December 29, 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, and Winn with President Durante presiding. (Director Barber attended via teleconference.) Counsel Cook was in attendance. Chief Veerkamp and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also present.

President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief Veerkamp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Several people addressed the Board during Oral Communications relative to the decisions that need to be made by the Board in regard to the interim Chief position.

Mike Gygax, Engineer and El Dorado Hills resident, asked the Board to consider not filling the vacant Chief's position right away in order to help solve some of the budgetary issues facing the Department.

Mike Roppolo, Lieutenant and El Dorado Hills resident, acknowledged and thanked Chief Veerkamp for his many years of service and numerous contributions that he has made to the Department's growth and success. He asked the Board to work efficiently and comprehensively to put together the appropriate process for the selection of Chief while leveraging the resources that are in place today within the current Administration to act in an interim capacity.

Captain Tom Anselmo spoke as a 14 year Fire Department employee asking the Board not to jump into anything too quickly stating that there are qualified people within the Department that can take the reins on an interim basis and handle business as usual. He also stated that he did not feel that filling this interim position with someone from the outside would be a very good idea as it would take a great deal of time for that person to understand the Department.

President Durante thanked everyone for their input.

President Durante also announced that Item III-A, establishing Board Committees including a committee to address Chief's Retirement issues and Item III-B, review and establish meeting dates for 2011, will be moved on the agenda to after closed session.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss Item III.C, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) – Conference regarding Employee Matters – Position: Chief and Item III.D, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Conference regarding Appointment, Employment or Performance Review of Employee – Position Chief.

The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

President Durante reported that during closed session, the Board concluded that they would like to investigate the possibility of retaining an interim Chief. He stated that the Board had received an expression of interest in serving as interim Chief from Dan Haverty, former Folsom Fire Chief. The consensus of the Board is to schedule a Special Meeting to meet with Mr. Haverty to explore this possibility. The Board will also appoint an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Directors Hidahl and Durante to establish protocols, terms and conditions, etc. for hiring a permanent Chief. The Special Meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

President Durante announced the following Board Committees: Administrative Committee (Chief issues and Negotiating Committee) - Directors Barber and Hidahl; Fire Committee (including Budget) - Directors Durante and Winn; JPA Committee – Directors Hartley and Winn; Ad Hoc Committee (Regional Operations Committee) – Directors Hartley and Barber; Ad Hoc Committee (Executive Search) – Director Durante and Hidahl; Ad Hoc Committee (Human Resources) – Directors Hidahl and Winn.

President Durante led a discussion to establish Board Meeting dates for 2011. It was decided that Board Meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. It was also decided to postpone the Strategic Planning Meeting until a new Chief is in place.

Captain Tom Anselmo asked if the Special Meeting on January 5, 2011 was open or closed and if it was only in regard to Chief Haverty. Counsel Cook responded that it was an open meeting; however, a large portion of it would likely be in closed session. Captain Anselmo also asked for if there was an exit day for Chief Veerkamp and President Durante responded that it will be January 19, 2011. President Durante also stated that if an interim Chief has not been put in place by that date, than Chief O’Camb will be Acting Chief during this gap in time.

Engineer Mike Gygax asked if Chief Haverty actually came to us in showing interest in the interim Chief position or did we go to him to solicit interest. President Durante deferred the question to Counsel Cook who responded that the report out said that the Board received a letter of interest from Chief Haverty.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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Greg Durante, President