

SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The six hundred seventy eighth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Directors Barber, Durante and Hartley were present with President Durante presiding. (Director Winn was present via teleconference and Director Hidahl arrived later in the meeting.) Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief Roberts, Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present. President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 677th meeting held December 8, 2011 and the financial statements for December 2011. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Richard Ross, citizen, addressed the Board by thanking them for their service. He also suggested that it may be valuable for the Fire Department to look at more ways to educate and inform the public as to how fires have started in homes which would result in a proactive, preventative approach to fire safety.

President Durante apologized for any confusion that may have resulted from his miscommunication at the last Board meeting regarding his position on the purchase of the tiller truck and encouraged open communications with Board members should concerns arise.

With Board concurrence, President Durante requested that closed session items V-A, VI-C.3 and C.4 be moved on the agenda to follow New Business.

Director Barber reported that the Admin Committee had met at Station 84 to discuss the AT&T proposal for an architectural change to the hose tower to allow for additional antennas on Station 84. He stated that after review, the Committee felt the additional antennas would be aesthetically acceptable and had no objection to the proposal. (Director Winn recused herself from the discussion.)

Director Hidahl arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Director Barber moved to approve the AT&T proposal for the architectural change to the hose tower to allow for additional antennas and to authorize the Chief to sign the amended contract. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and carried with Director Winn recusing herself.

Director Hartley gave an update on the Regional Operations Committee regarding contract for services with Latrobe Fire Protection District bringing the Board's attention to two draft contracts; one being a cooperative agreement to provide emergency response services between the El Dorado Hills County Water District and the Latrobe Fire Protection District and the other to provide administrative services between the same. Both contracts include a provision to opt out should there be circumstances that make this agreement unworkable for the District. Latrobe Fire District's Board has not yet approved this agreement. President Durante requested public comment.

Director Barber made a motion to approve the contracts to provide emergency response services and administrative services to Latrobe Fire Protection District subject to bringing them back if there are modifications made by Latrobe Fire Protection District. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley gave an update on the JPA stating that fiscal challenges continue and work is being done on the 2012/2013 budget.

Chief Roberts requested to postpone Item VII-B, review and approve contract with the El Dorado County JPA for Zoll defibrillators until next month's Board meeting as the JPA had not yet had an opportunity to review the proposed changes. He stated that the JPA will purchase equipment to maintain the Zoll defibrillators after which trained El Dorado Hills Fire personnel will do the maintenance and repairs. The JPA and other agencies in the County will be provided preventative maintenance for two years under the contract. There will be an hourly rate charge for repairs. The agencies in the County will benefit from long term cost savings by having the District monitor and perform maintenance and repair on this equipment.

CFO Bair presented the Annual Audit for 2010/2011 stating that the auditor's report had no exceptions; Chief Roberts and the Board expressed their appreciation to CFO Bair for her outstanding work.

Director Hidahl made a motion to receive and file the Annual Audit for 2010/2011. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

A letter was received from El Dorado LAFCO regarding a vacancy in the regular Special District Representative Seat #2. After discussion, the Board decided that no action was necessary.

Chief Roberts gave an update regarding the potential purchase of the 2007 American LaFrance Tiller Truck from the City of Lincoln. He reported that the Apparatus Committee had an opportunity to evaluate the tiller's performance by putting it through its paces in areas in our District; it outperformed the District's current truck in all areas except uphill speed where it performed equally as well. Chief Roberts stated that the Committee is in the

process of looking at all of the possible options for replacing the truck, evaluating data and preparing a detailed package of its findings for the Board.

Chief O’Camb discussed the need for a two year extension for the Special Use Permit for the Training Facility that will be expiring in April 2012. The Board requested that Staff pursue the extension.

President Durante announced that it was time for the annual reorganization of the Board and opened nominations for President.

Director Hartley nominated Director Hidahl for President. The motion was seconded by Director Barber. Director Winn nominated President Durante to remain as President. There was no second and Director Barber moved that nominations be closed. The motion to nominate Director Hidahl as President was unanimously carried.

Director Winn nominated Director Durante for Vice President. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl. Director Barber moved that all nominations be closed and the motion unanimously carried.

President Hidahl took over presiding at the meeting. President Hidahl requested that Director Barber replace him on the Human Resource Committee; all other committees remained with the same representatives. The former Executive Search/Consultant Activities Committee was renamed Chief Transition Committee.

A discussion was held regarding the scheduling of Board Meeting dates and time for 2012. It was decided to continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss Item V-A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter) Merino et. al. v. El Dorado Hills County Water District, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9; Item VI-C.3, a

report from the Budget and Negotiations Committee regarding potential negotiated changes to the MOU regarding PERS Retirement provisions applicable only to new hires as per reopener provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding, Article XVIII Term, Section D, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6; and Item VI-C.4, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief (Chief Transition Committee, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.)

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. at which time Director Winn was no longer attending via teleconference.

President Hidahl reported that during closed session, an update was received from Counsel on Item V-A and no action was taken; an update from the Committee was received on Item VI-C.3 and the Board provided direction to the Committee regarding a follow up item relative to the retirement and health benefits and no action was taken. No action was taken on Item VI-C.4.

President Hidahl expressed his appreciation to Director Durante for his leadership as past President stating that his leadership during a challenging period has left the District with greater camaraderie and in a much more stable and operationally sound condition than it was a year ago.

Chief O’Camb complimented the crew that extended “above and beyond” customer service to a resident of the Valley View apartments after a kitchen fire. Although automatic fire sprinklers were successful in extinguishing the fire, they left behind a tremendous amount of water that needed to be removed. The crew stepped in and began the process of vacuuming water, ensuring hotel accommodations were arranged for the resident, etc. The resident was extremely appreciative of all that was done for her.

Chief Roberts also recognized Captain Zellhoefer and his crew of Engineer Nelson, Firefighter Paramedics Landry and Lovinger, and the Medic Crew of Firefighter Paramedics Robyn Toy and John Schureman and Volunteer Intern Rob Austerman for their “above and beyond” customer service during and after a childbirth emergency call. In addition to providing outstanding medical care, the crews remained at the home to help with cleanup all of which were greatly appreciated as expressed in correspondence received from the family.

Chief Roberts reported that the Folsom annexation was passed and Chief Phillips had called to thank the District for their support in this matter.

Chief Roberts gave an update on the proposed Department of Forestry Parcel Fee, a \$150 fee that will be imposed on every inhabitable occupancy in the State Response Area (SRA) and of which many of our residents live within. Chief Roberts also reported that the Governor’s Office has told CalFire that if their proposed tax initiatives do not pass, CalFire will lose 60 million dollars from their budget, a significant hit to the State’s Fire Service.

In addition, Chief Roberts said that the County Board of Supervisors are looking at a new method of calculating development fees county wide.

Chief Roberts also brought the Board’s attention to a letter from the Georgetown and Garden Valley Chiefs to the Board of Supervisors that addresses the severe impact that the elimination of Aide to Fire will have on their operations and suggesting the reallocation of Prop 172 monies in an effort to try to recap some of their lost Aide to Fire revenue. They are also looking for Board members to join together as a representative force to address concerns with the Board of Supervisors.

Chief Roberts invited everyone to attend the Mike Logan Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser that will take place on Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Director Durante made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President