

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The six hundred eightieth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, March 15, 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 Durante, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn were present with President Hidahl presiding. (Director Barber was present via teleconference). Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief Roberts, Chief O'Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present. President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and CFO Bair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Durante moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 679th meeting held February 16, 2012, and the financial statements for February 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

President Hidahl stated that there was no report under Attorney Item, V-A.

Director Hartley gave an update on the Regional Operations Committee regarding contract for services with Latrobe Fire Protection District and stated that the Committee has encouraged Chief Roberts and Chief Cooper to continue to hold discussions regarding the feasibility of annexation or reorganization. Chief Roberts stated that he would like to get input from the Board of Supervisors to see if they would support a property tax increment increase for Latrobe prior to expending much more effort and time on the matter. Director Hartley added that it would be beneficial to also get input from Mr. Enriquez, LAFCO Director, and Counsel Cook on how these options might be structured. Chief Roberts will bring back more information next month for further discussion.

Director Hidahl stated that discussion of Item VI.C-2 will not be necessary and discussion of Items VI.C-3 and C-4 will be continued to the next Board meeting. He also stated that the Chief Transition Committee had not met in March and decided that it will only be necessary to meet every other month with the next meeting to be held in April.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley gave an update of the JPA stating that the monthly meeting will take place next week. He reported that there has been resolution to the audit discrepancies with El Dorado County and Diamond Springs Fire. He also stated that the JPA will be starting the next fiscal year budget process.

Chief Roberts spoke about the importance of the strategic planning process and especially the value of having external stakeholders participate. He stated that the Center for Public Safety Excellence had the best offer and price; they are also the organization that can help us toward the goal of becoming internationally accredited. Chief Roberts recommended using the \$10,000 that was budgeted but not spent for Dr. Haverty's consulting services toward the strategic planning process and then funding the remaining \$4,500 from next year's budget.

Director Durante made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation for the selection of the Center for Public Agency Excellence for \$14,500 to provide consulting services for the strategic planning process. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts stated that he expects the process to take approximately three months and the process will probably start at the beginning of next month. Director Hidahl asked Chief Roberts to give the Board plenty of notice in order to make plans to attend an initial briefing meeting.

The 2011 Annual Report was received and filed.

President Hidahl stated that the Annual Report was available on the website and complimented Staff on the content of the report, stating that the data that is included serves the needs of the Board and many in the community. Chief Roberts added his appreciation to Staff for their hard work.

President Hidahl reviewed the fiscal items and Director Hartley voiced concern with the amount charged by the County for their services in collecting property taxes stating that it seems high for services that we provide ourselves. CFO Bair explained that the fee the County charges is based on tax revenues. Counsel Cook offered to get an explanation from the County and bring that back to the next Board meeting.

Chief Roberts complimented the Apparatus Committee on the work they did on the Truck 85 report. He stated that the truck has been out of service almost one year over the last five years and, therefore, a replacement truck will definitely need to be purchased next year. He also stated that after a closer look at the American LaFrance Tiller, the Committee's recommendation is to not pursue the tiller primarily because of the problem of keeping everyone current in the training that would be required to drive it. The Committee will explore other options; they will also take a look at trying to save money by tying in with other Departments specifications as well as the possibility of purchasing a demo truck from a show.

Counsel Cook reviewed the draft of Resolution 2012-02, a resolution in support of the redistribution of Proposition 172 funds to aid Fire Districts and advised that the last "Whereas" paragraph be modified. After a discussion, it was agreed that the paragraph should be modified prior to submitting to the County. The language was revised by Counsel Cook and given to Staff.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-02 supporting the redistribution of Proposition 172 funds to aid Fire Districts as agreed to. The motion was seconded by Director Durante. (Roll Call: Ayes, All.)

President Hidahl added that he had spoken with Supervisor John Knight about the redistribution of Proposition 172 funds and although he supports it in concept, he has concern with the proper balancing of resources, benefits, pay, etc. among the Fire Departments. Chief Roberts said that a Fire Chiefs Committee, representing El Dorado County Fire Chiefs, has been negotiating with the Board of Supervisors on these parameters.

Chief O’Camb informed the Board that the proposed AT&T cell towers at Station 84 were turned down by the Planning Commission because of aesthetics. There will be an architectural redesign submitted and brought back through the approval process.

Directors Hartley reminded the Board that they will be preparing dinner for the Firefighters Association’s meeting to be held on March 20.

Director Durante polled the Board for attendance for April Board meeting. Director Hartley will not be able to attend, Director Durante will attend by phone, and Director Winn may or may not be available. It was decided to stay with the regularly scheduled Board meeting date.

Chief Roberts reported on the status of the computer revamping project stating that it was going extremely well and thanked Angelica Silveira and James Sommercamp for project leadership and their team for a job well done.

Chief Roberts also announced that some a special presentation will be made at the next Board meeting to recognize the crew members that helped deliver a baby. The parents and baby are also being invited to attend.

CFO Bair asked that the Board return Form700 to her within the next week. In addition, she asked that the Board let her know via email what their availability is to attend Ethics training on June 8, 2012, in Placerville and stated that there is also Ethics training available online. The Board was reminded that Ethics training is required every two years.

Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President