

**SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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The six hundred eighty second meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, May 17, 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, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn were present with President Hidahl presiding. (Director Durante 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 6:03 p.m. and Counsel Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Barber moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 681<sup>st</sup> meeting held April 19, 2012 and the financial statements for April 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Durante. The motion carried with Director Hartley abstaining.

CFO Bair brought the Board’s attention to an additional piece of correspondence that had been distributed for informational purposes, a CalPERS circular letter regarding IRS regulations, and stated that it had been forwarded to Counsel Cook previously for review.

President Hidahl reported that Attorney Item 5-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, will be moved to a Special Meeting in closed session.

President Hidahl gave an update regarding the status of the proposed AT&T cell tower that is to be constructed at Station 84 stating that the earlier plan had been denied by the Planning Commission. He stated that the Planning Commission had requested a more aesthetically pleasing tower design; therefore, AT&T will be resubmitting another formal design package for approval. The Admin Committee did not meet because they had previously approved the second design.

Director Barber asked Chief Roberts to give an ongoing status report regarding the contract for services with the Latrobe Fire Protection District. Chief Roberts stated that he and Chief Cooper have been engaged in cooperative weekly meetings. He also stated that an invoice is being sent to Latrobe for the first year of service. Chief Roberts said that after additional discussions with LAFCO Executive Director, José Henriquez, a number of different options have been presented that will need further evaluation by the Committee.

CFO Bair reminded the Board that the information in the Board Packets is now being posted to the website. (The agenda is being posted 72 hours prior to the Board Meeting with the Board Packets being posted the following day.)

Chief Roberts recognized lead Firefighter/Paramedics Jason Smith and Ryan Hathaway for their lifesaving CPR efforts and presented them both with Chief Excellence Coins. In addition, he presented CPR Save Pins to the entire 85C crew for their participation in two CPR saves during back-to-back shifts.

President Hidahl reported on the progress of the League of Fire Districts stating that their discussions have been very productive and they are looking at using the JPA as an umbrella to explore various methods to reduce costs. He also stated that the aide to fire augmentation ends July 1, 2012.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss Item VI-C.3, a report from the Budget and Negotiations Committee regarding potential changes to the Rules and Regulations, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6.

The meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Chief Roberts presented a summary of the proposed changes to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Rules and Regulations stating that the majority of the changes were minor changes in language, updates to information, and the shifting of some information to the MOU or Employee Handbook. He stated that there were no changes that would affect benefits or salary.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Rules and Regulations as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Neil Hillel, Treasurer of the El Dorado Hills Firefighters' Association updated the Board on several upcoming events including the Golf Tournament and annual June Picnic. He also reported that the Volunteer Firefighter Program is progressing well; six Scholarship Awards were presented to High School Seniors including two recipients from the Explorer Program; and another very successful "*Every 15 Minutes Program*" was conducted at Oak Ridge High School. Chief Roberts made note that each Volunteer Firefighter is appropriated \$15 for every incident or training he or she participates in; however, the Volunteer organization has always elected to take this appropriation and put it into an account to be given back to the community rather than be personally compensated.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley gave an update on the JPA stating that the budget continues to offer challenges as reserves are being used to cover the \$800,000 deficit on the revenue side. He

continued by saying he believes that some kind of restructuring within the JPA will be necessary in order to get the revenue stream in line with the budget. He also stated that he feels that the Directors need to take a more direct role in the restructuring process and suggested that a workshop be held through the League of Fire Districts to make recommendations to deal with the shortfall. President Hidahl and Director Hartley asked that Chief Roberts have this topic placed on the next JPA Meeting agenda.

Chief Roberts asked the Board to approve Resolution 2012-06, a Resolution of Appreciation to the Stockton Fire Department for the extensive effort that they put forth in a full week's training of our personnel in Swiftwater River and Flood Rescue and Rescue Boat Operations.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-06, a Resolution of Appreciation to the Stockton Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

Chief O'Camb asked the Board for approval to surplus outdated JLT mobile data computers that have been replaced with newer technology of Panasonic Tough Books.

Director Barber made a motion to approve the JLT mobile data computers for surplus. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Chief O'Camb reviewed Staff's recommendation to purchase a Motorola APX7000 portable radio that will enable communications on different radio bands with one radio rather than two. This purchase will complete the communications upgrade for all responding units to Sacramento.

Director Winn made a motion to approve the purchase of a Motorola APX7000 portable radio. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and carried with Director Durante abstaining.

Ms. Sherrie Petersen, El Dorado Hills resident, voiced her concern that based on the statistics being published in the Activity Report, it appears that the District is not meeting their goal of a six minute response time for 90 percent of emergency calls and inquired about what steps are being taken to improve performance. A discussion followed where Chief Roberts, Chief O'Camb and President Hidahl explained that the aggressive goal was established years ago by the Board for the purpose of selecting locations for fire stations throughout the District with the best possible response times in mind as well as taking into consideration NFPA 1710 guidelines; however, it is also understood that achieving this goal, that is measured from the time the call is dispatched to the time the first responders are on scene, can be unrealistic due to circumstances such as time of call, having to put on gear, heavy traffic, etc. The goal was left in place so as to continue to strive for the best possible response time but also acknowledging the fact that it would be unrealistic to expect that it could be met on a consistent basis especially in responding to calls in rural areas.

Ms. Petersen suggested that the goal be adjusted so that it didn't appear that we were under performing; she also commented that other Departments were able to achieve four to five minute response times. Chief Roberts cautioned making comparisons of response times stating that different Departments use varying criteria when measuring response times; for example, some measure the time it takes when the truck rolls out the door vs. when the call is dispatched and also stated that response times vary for calls that are within city limits vs. rural areas, etc.

In conclusion of the discussion, President Hidahl asked Staff to revisit the statistical response time data with the goal of a seven minute response time so as to more favorably portray response time performance; Chief O'Camb will bring the new statistical report back to next month's Board Meeting.

CFO Bair asked for Board approval to allow ACH (Automated Clearing House) payments for Nationwide Retirement Solutions and Cal Card sponsored by US Bank payments. ACH payments eliminate the need to write checks streamlining the payment process and reducing costs.

Director Winn made a motion to approve the ACH payments for Nationwide Retirement Solutions and Cal Card. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

CFO Bair presented Resolution 2012-07 declaring a consolidated election to be held in the El Dorado Hills County Water District jurisdiction on November 6, 2012. The issue to be presented to the voters shall be nomination of candidates for positions currently held by Directors Hidahl and Hartley for two full four year terms to expire on December 2, 2016. It would also authorize and direct El Dorado County to provide all necessary services such as election flyers, etc. CFO Bair stated that if any measures needed to be added to the ballot, this would be the opportunity to make that request.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-07 declaring a consolidated election to be held on November 6, 2012, for two full four year terms for positions currently held by Directors Hidahl and Hartley without any measures to be voted on. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

Director Barber suggested that it may be very beneficial to have Chief Roberts publish a communication on our website that would help the public better understand Fire Department operations. Along those lines, Chief Roberts announced that soon the public will have access to a smart phone app that will provide the public with a great deal of Fire Department information.

Director Hartley expressed his appreciation to those that helped to put on the Pancake Breakfast/Open House saying that it was well attended and enjoyed by the community. He also stated that he appreciated being a part of the Strategic Planning Session and is looking forward to seeing the preliminary results.

President Hidahl stated that regrettably not all five Board Members were able to participate in the three day Strategic Planning Session; however, more information will be shared with all the Board Members so that they will have the opportunity to provide input into the final Strategic Plan. Chief Roberts added the draft will likely be ready for review by the next Board Meeting.

President Hidahl commented on the success of the Town Hall Meeting that was held on Lake Forest School to help prepare residents for a possible wildland fire as well as inform the Lakehills area residents of the June 9, 2012 Multi-Agency Disaster Exercise which will include a voluntary mass evacuation. He expressed his appreciation to Chief Roberts and all those that have invested their time in putting this valuable emergency preparedness drill together to benefit the community. Chief Roberts thanked Engineer Matt Belleci for taking the Department's vision for this kind of drill and running with it. President Hidahl added that there is also a renewed interest in forming an El Dorado Hills Fire Safe Council.

Chief Roberts stated that several volunteers will again be helping chaperone the Oak Ridge High School “*Safe and Sober Grad Night*” and complimented Captain Kasey Owens on the amazing job he did in coordinating the “*Every 15 Minutes Program*” stating that it was one of the best. He also stated that he is very proud of five Department members who have been nominated for an award during EMS week and invited the Board to attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting on May 22 during which they will be recognized.

Chief O’Camb reported that fire season has begun and it is time to clear weeds and ensure a 100 foot clearance. He also commended Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Smith for his lifesaving efforts given to a choking victim.

President Hidahl commented that there has already been twice the number of wildland fires to date and this year’s wildland fire season has the potential of being extremely severe. Ms. Petersen, El Dorado Hills resident, stated that in the past, there was a fire sign located at the old fire station that indicated the level of fire risk and suggested it be re-displayed. Chief Roberts said that the County has put limitations on signage but that it might be possible to have a link on the Department website that would give that information.

Director Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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John Hidahl, President