

**SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred eighty sixth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, September 20, 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, Hartley, and Hidahl were present with President Hidahl presiding. (Director Winn arrived at 6:06 p.m.) 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 and Chief O’Camb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Barber made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which included the minutes of the 685<sup>th</sup> meeting held August 16, 2012 and the Financial Statements for August 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Director Winn was absent.)

Josh Couch announced that he will be assuming the position of President of the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters Association Local 3604 effective October 1, 2012. He has been working with outgoing President Anselmo to ensure a smooth transition and asked that any questions from the Board be addressed to him.

Richard Ross, El Dorado Hills citizen, requested that the record show that he was in error in making the statement that the topic of S.R.A. fees had not previously been discussed at Board Meetings. He stated that he has since been made aware that this topic had been raised at both the August 18, 2011 and the June 19, 2012 Board Meetings.

Chief Roberts recognized Engineer Mike Gygax with a Chief's Coin for carrying on the tradition that Retiree Mike Logan had instituted by putting "Service Above Self" and taking care of people that were experiencing unfortunate circumstances, not just within our own Department but in the community as well. Chief Roberts added that he will be awarding Mike's wife, Jennifer, with a Chief's Coin for her service as well.

Director Winn arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Correspondence was received from Richard Ross. He summarized his letter to the Board by stating that the fundamental issue is having adequate information presented so that citizens will know the long term obligation and liability that any governmental entity takes on regarding pensions and health benefits and how the taxpayers are paying for them well into the future.

President Hidahl responded that we have a CalPERS representative coming in October to answer some of these questions regarding unfunded liabilities. He requested that a Committee address the letter from Mr. Ross and pose a set of questions to give to the actuary in advance of the October meeting.

Director Winn stated that she did not feel that it was necessary to educate the public about CalPERS. She stated that the Board is too accommodating and the public needs to do their own due diligence to understand the issues. She would like to be on the Committee. Directors Barber and Hartley also volunteered.

President Hidahl assigned Directors Winn and Barber to serve as an Adhoc Committee to address this issue as appropriate. The Committee may or may not need to meet before the presentation. Director Winn reminded the Board that they have been tasked with getting questions to CFO Bair for the last two months and would like those questions as soon as

possible. President Hidahl restated that CFO Bair is the collector for the questions and encouraged Board, Staff and the Community to participate.

Richard Ross, citizen, asked if the Committee has an identified function. The Board responded that the Board wants to understand their liabilities.

CFO Bair stated that CalPERS would be listing the unfunded liabilities by District in the next annual report which is a change from how they reported in the past. She also noted that the actuary from CalPERS stated that she was advised not to talk about pension reform.

Staff had sent out the Resolution opposing the S.R.A fees to over 30 members of the legislature and the Governor. Two responses had been received and were in the packet.

Staff and the Administrative Committee had reviewed the contract for services with Calpo, Hom and Dong Architects. Counsel Cook stated that the most qualified architect was selected at the August Board meeting and staff was tasked to negotiate an acceptable contract with Dennis Dong. Their contract follows the American Institute of Architects Contract with five different components and a cost of \$197,780 paid as the work is completed. The contract can be terminated with a seven day notice. Staff checked the references and the contractor's liability insurance.

Craig Petersen, John Peterson and Richard Ross, citizens, commented on the cost estimates for this project, how they could be adjusted and what all was included.

Staff also noted that they are planning on having temporary facilities at the El Dorado Hills Station to accommodate the crews from the Francisco Station during the construction project. President Hidahl stated that a Committee will be continually monitoring this project and that Deputy Chief O'Camb is the point person for this project. Chief O'Camb

stated that he is a contractor and has actually built fire stations in his past. Counsel Cook stated that he has the architectural agreement with him ready for signature.

Director Barber made a motion to approve contract for services with Calpo, Hom and Dong Architects as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

President Hidahl stated that with the architect coming on board he would like to set up a public workshop for the Station 84 construction, possibly in about sixty days. Mr. Dong agreed that at the end of sixty days was probably a good plan. He also stated that he plans to bring the cost in within the budget the Fire Department allows him. (The Board paused while the contract was signed.)

Dennis Dong, Architect, stated that he was extremely pleased and gratified to work with El Dorado Hills staff one more time. This is his sixth station project in El Dorado Hills.

Director Hartley reported regarding the Regional Operations Committee. He stated that he had discussion with the Director of LAFCO regarding voting requirements for the Latrobe Annexation. Counsel Cook believes that a vote is required in Latrobe but will confirm that. LAFCO believes that there may be no vote if there is no protest in Latrobe.

Chief Couper, Latrobe Fire District, addressed the Board. He stated that they were moving toward the concept of annexation. He stated that during the merger process, his Board has directed him to minimize their expenses so they can make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors to get funding to make them whole. He also noted that their call response is exactly as projected when the contract was signed with El Dorado Hills. Chief Couper relayed that their Board and staff is very satisfied with the response and training provided by El Dorado

Hills. Chief Roberts concurred with this. Chief O’Camb stated that they are working very well together and sharing resources appropriately.

Director Hartley attended the League of Fire Districts with the Chief. The meeting was not well attended. Chief Roberts met with Joe Harn, El Dorado County Auditor regarding the mergers of various districts in the County and was met with a good response.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Directors Hartley and Winn had both attended the JPA meeting. Cost savings measured were discussed to keep from using up the reserve so rapidly. They approved closing Medic 26 and talked about capping budgets of the JPA providers. This will affect staffing at El Dorado County Fire and at this time, they think they will be able to absorb the loss of the medic.

Richard Ross, citizen, asked where he could go for information on the JPA.

The City of Folsom adopted a first responder fee and will be charging a \$225 ALS fee when they come into our District. The Chief discussed this with Chief Phillips of Folsom Fire Department and told them that he would be reviewing the Automatic Aid Agreement; he was sure the District’s Board would have issue with this fee. The Board would like the Chief to follow up on this issue and bring back more information.

The Appropriation Limits for 2012-13 were discussed. The Appropriation limit for this fiscal year is \$27,153,738. Counsel Cook explained how this limit is calculated.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 adopting the Appropriation Limits for fiscal year 2012-2013. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

Chief Financial Officer Bair reviewed the 2012-13 Tentative Final Budget with the Board. The changes made to the budget from the Preliminary Budget were highlighted and discussed, including accreditation, Station 84 preliminary costs, architectural and housing, outsourcing IT, and the Facility Master Plan. CFO Bair explained to the Board that on the revenue side, final numbers still have not been received from the County, but it appears that the property taxes will be slightly positive, about a one quarter percent increase.

Richard Ross, citizen, asked questions about health insurance and the retirement incentive. He also asked what the cost benefit was to accreditation. Chief Roberts responded that the two major things we would get would be a community risk analysis. The other aspect would be the comparison to industry best practices internationally. There is no annual cost but there is a recertification every five years. Mr. Ross also asked about the temporary housing and consolidating stations at Station 85 during the construction. Chief O'Camb said it was considered but would add three minutes travel time to calls north of Station 84.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-14 adopting the 2012-2013 Final Budget and authorizing the expenditure from Reserve Funds. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

The "final" Strategic Plan was discussed. It was mailed to the community members who participated. The goals are listed at the end. It was decided to have the Board review this document and bring this back next month. The document is on the website for anyone interested.

The Capital Improvement Plan and the Facility Master Plan was discussed. President Hidahl assigned this to the Fire Committee (Durante and Winn).

The Board discussed AB 2451, increased death benefits for safety personnel. This bill is on the Governor's desk for signature and more discussion will be continued to the next meeting. Again, Director Barber reminded everyone that they could individually contact their legislature.

Director Winn gave kudos to the Department for the excellent Wine and Cheese event. Director Barber thanked his Fire Department for their kindness after the death of his wife's nephew. Director Hidahl asked that the information about what the Wine and Cheese event benefits be more publicized.

Chief Roberts relayed to the Board that the debut of the Pipes and Drums was at the annual Bertelsen Memorial flag ceremony. Chief O'Camb stated that they had shadowed the servers at Chili's to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Chief O'Camb also taught the Sudden Impact Syndrome (SIS) class in Coloma for Search and Rescue.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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John Hidahl, President

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary