

**SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The six hundred eighty seventh meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, October 18, 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 were present with President Hidahl presiding. (Director Durante attended via teleconference and Director Winn arrived later in the meeting.) 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 Recording Secretary, Sandy Sanders, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Barber made a motion to approve the consent calendar, which included minutes of the 686th meeting held September 20, 2012 and the financial statements for September 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Director Winn was absent.)

Shelly Chu, CalPERS representative, gave a special presentation at the Board's request which included such topics as unfunded liabilities, pension reform, and how investment return affects employer contribution rates. She answered questions from the Board, Staff and members of the public, Richard Ross and Will Eber. She also quoted the rates for the CalPERS plans including the different CalPERS employer and employee rates.

Director Winn arrived at 6:13 p.m. during the CalPERS presentation.

Josh Couch, President of Local 3604, addressed the Board stating that he would be contacting them in the next few weeks to schedule a time to meet.

Jeff Genovese, President of the El Dorado Hills Firefighters Association, recapped the Association's recent activities and announced two upcoming events, the Association meeting on November 27, 2012 and the Santa Run on December 12 – 16, 2012.

Richard Ross, citizen, requested that the September 20, 2012 Board minutes be amended to include the following statement, "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 ratify the inclusion to the minutes as requested by Mr. Ross. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ross also stated that he was unable to locate documentation in the Rules and Regulations stating what Union activities employees are allowed to do while being compensated and added that he felt this information would be informative to the public.

Counsel Cook also suggested to Mr. Ross that he notify the President prior to the meeting of any questions he may have regarding items on the consent calendar so that it can be pulled for discussion.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss Attorney 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.

The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

President Hidahl reported that during Closed Session, updates were received and no action was taken.

President Hidahl also announced that Director Durante would be dismissing himself from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Chief O’Camb stated that the architectural plans for the construction of Station 84 should be complete in the January timeframe; after such time a date for the Public Workshop can be set.

The Fire Committee had nothing to report.

Chief Roberts gave an update on the contract for services with Latrobe Fire Protection District stating that he had sent the Board a copy of the recommended process that Mr. Henriquez, LAFCO Executive Director, had recommended. He said that Chief Cooper has been conducting community meetings with the hope to get good buy in from the Latrobe community. The Board gave Chief Roberts direction to continue to work closely with Chief Cooper and continue to follow the path of gathering information towards possible annexation.

Director Hartley gave an update on the League of Districts stating that he was pleased to see progress in the area of joint purchasing resulting in standardization and cost effectiveness. He added that the three way regional approach continues to be under consideration.

Director Winn reported on the Unfunded Liability Ad Hoc Committee stating that they did not meet but chose to forward questions to be addressed by the CalPERS representative at tonight’s presentation.

Chief Roberts explained that with the recent pension reform and changes to CalPERS, Staff discovered a loophole in the system that requires immediate action in order to have the ability to bring in new employees already in the CalPERS system at the lower, proposed benefit tier. Staff, therefore, recommends the adoption of a resolution of intent with two “second

tier” CalPERS Plans; 3% at 55 for Safety personnel with a three year final compensation and 2% at 55 with a three year final compensation for Miscellaneous personnel. He added that this resolution must be in place prior to January 1, 2013 and would be a cost savings to the District of 3% on the Safety side and 3.3% on the Miscellaneous side. CFO Bair reported that the 3% and the 3.3% were minimum savings and actual savings would be more like 4% and 6% when all calculations are taken into account. She stated that CalPERS only takes into account the normal cost savings. Chief Roberts also stated that this recommendation will need to go before the Associated Firefighters for approval of an amendment to the MOU.

Director Barber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-15, a Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to contract between the District and CalPERS that would allow for second tier CalPERS Plans for new hires for Safety Personnel and Non-Safety Personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

Richard Ross, citizen, asked questions about cost sharing and the various options.

President Hidahl gave direction to Staff to provide more detail outlining the various CalPERS retirement benefit options and the justification for selecting those being recommended for review at the next Board Meeting. He thanked Staff for their efforts in finding ways to save money. Counsel Cook added that the amendment to the contract will be on the agenda next month.

(Director Durante was no longer in attendance via teleconference.)

The Operations Report was reviewed and filed.

Director Hartley stated that the JPA had not met but he anticipated that action will be taken at the next meeting to down staff Medic 26.

Chief Roberts reviewed the letter received by the City of Folsom Fire Department stating that it is not their intent to apply a First Responder Fee when responding to Emergency Medical Service incidents in our jurisdiction.

Chief O’Camb reported that three engineering companies were contacted to provide a bid for a geotechnical engineering study and geologic hazard assessment for the construction of Station 84. Staff’s recommendation is to approve Youngdahl Consulting Group, the low bid of \$6,705.00 to provide these services.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendation to approve Youngdahl Consulting Group to provide geotechnical services not to exceed \$6,705.00. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts reported that a Strategic Plan meeting was held in which team leaders have been assigned to each of the six goals. He will update the Board on the progress of these teams on a bi-monthly schedule.

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Capital Improvement Plan and/or Facilities Master Plan had not met.

Discussion was held regarding the best way to present Board minutes. Chief Roberts stated that in an effort to streamline the time consuming administrative task of producing Board minutes, the October minutes will be presented in both a summary format (the format currently being used) as well as a less time consuming process of a conformed agenda/action item format. Counsel Cook added that he will bring back to the Board the minimal legal requirements for written minutes of public meetings. He stated that in addition to bulleted action items, the audio files that are being maintained hold the details of the meeting. CFO Bair added

that these files are only maintained for one year as stated in the Board Policy Manual. The Board will have an opportunity to review both formats for discussion at the next Board meeting.

President Hidahl stated that the Governor has vetoed AB 2451 Workers Comp benefits for Firefighters.

Director Barber suggested that due to heavy schedules in December, the Board consider not meeting that month. A decision was made to plan on meeting December 20 but to review the need for a December meeting at the November Board meeting.

Director Hartley commended Chief Roberts on his efforts regarding the Folsom Fire fee issue and commended Staff on coordinating the CalPERS presentation.

President Hidahl asked that Staff schedule the auditor to make a presentation to the Board at the January 2013 Board Meeting.

President Hidahl encouraged the Board to attend the upcoming Department Shreve Dinner.

Chief Roberts thanked the crews and Directors Hidahl and Hartley for helping to serve the Seniors at their annual Oktoberfest luncheon. He reported that the annual Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Give-Away program was held in conjunction with the members of the Rotary and Interact Clubs and that visits were made to 225 homes in the Marina Village area. He also thanked those who helped with the Community Cleanup Day and congratulated Engineer Rob Karnow for winning first place in the Safetyville Chili Competition and thanked him for representing the Department. He stated that the El Dorado Hills Firefighters Foundation is sponsoring a blood drive for a young boy and Honorary Firefighter, Shane Roberts, on October 29 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Station 85.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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