

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

District Office, 1050 Wilson Boulevard, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and Director Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Directors Barber, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn. Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts, Deputy Chief O'Camb, and Chief Financial Officer Bair.

President Hidahl requested that with Board consent, Item VII-C, review and discuss purchase of 100 Ft. Ariel Ladder/Platform "Quint" and Wildland Urban Interface Type I Engine, be moved to the December Board Meeting agenda. He also requested that Item IX-D, review and approve letter of support for the Howard Jarvis Action opposing the SRA fees and a letter to the CalFire Administrative Board requesting repeal of SRA Fees, be moved on the agenda to after Oral Communications. The Board concurred.

II. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Minutes of the 687th meeting held October 18, 2012

B. Approve Financial Statements for October 2012

Director Barber made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentation and letter of commendation for Joe Oliver from Serrano - Chief Ballenger and Chief Roberts recognized Mr. Joe Oliver, a Serrano employee, with a Letter of Commendation and a Chief's Coin for his outstanding actions in assisting the Department in keeping citizens safe.

Chief Ballenger thanked the Board for their work during his career. Chief Roberts recognized Chief Mike Lilienthal with a Chief's Coin for his hard work in transitioning into the Fire Marshal position. Chief Roberts and the Board also thanked Chief Ballenger for the many contributions he has made to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department.

B. EDH Professional Firefighters – No report.

C. EDH Firefighters Association - Mike Gygax, Vice President, reminded the Board of the upcoming Santa Run to be held December 12 - 16, 2012 and invited them to attend the Association meeting on November 27.

D. Public Comments - Mr. Marc Moore, Security Manager of Serrano, expressed his appreciation for the professionalism and support that Chief Ballenger has provided.

Bill Sturge, El Dorado Hills resident, asked the Board to consider an apprentice program for local El Dorado County veterans in an effort to help them find employment in the Fire Service. He added that he will follow up by attending a future meeting in two to three months.

- IX. NEW BUSINESS (Taken out of sequence to accommodate public interest.)**
D. Review and approve letter of support to the Howard Jarvis Class Action Lawsuit opposing the CalFire SRA Fees and letter to the CalFire Administrative Board requesting repeal of the SRA Fees

After discussion, President Hidahl gave direction to Staff to contact the League of Fire Boards and El Dorado County Fire Chiefs to submit a joint letter of support for the Howard Jarvis Action framed after the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors' letter. In addition, Staff was given direction to research and report on the next Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's meeting to allow our Board an opportunity to voice their opposition.

- IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

- V. ATTORNEY ITEMS - None**

- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A-1. Administrative Committee (Directors Barber and Hidahl)**

Review and discuss construction plans and alternatives for Station 84 and set Public Workshop (2180 Francisco Boulevard) - Chief O'Camb reported on the progress stating that architect, Dennis Dong, had finished a rough draft of the floor plan and that a temporary site to house the Station crew and apparatus has been identified at the corner of Green Valley and Francisco.

President Hidahl gave Staff direction to send out an email to survey what date would work best for a Public Workshop; he suggested a Thursday evening the last week of January or first two weeks of February.

- B-1. Fire Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)**

Review and discuss Capital Improvement and/or Facilities Master Plan - No report.

- C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- 1. Report from the Regional Operations Committee regarding contract for services with Latrobe Fire Protection District; review memo from LAFCO regarding annexation -** Chief Roberts reported that Chief Cooper has continued to conduct meetings with the Latrobe community with the last meeting to be held on December 3. He stated that the next step will be to form an actual plan and continue discussions with the Board of Supervisors and LAFCO for the annexation process.

2. **Report from Ad Hoc Committee regarding the League of Fire Boards**
(Directors Hidahl and Hartley) - Director Hartley stated that the next meeting will be January 5.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report** - Received and filed.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** - Director Hartley reported that Medic 26 will be taken out of service January 1.
- C. **Review and discuss purchase of a 100 Ft. Aerial/Ladder and Wildland Urban Interface Type 1 Engine** - Moved to next month's agenda.
- D. **Review and approve surplus of a Type III Engine 8561** - Chief O'Camb presented Staff's recommendation to sell Engine 8561 to the Latrobe Fire Department for \$5,000 emphasizing the benefits of strengthening the mutual aid equipment that will come into the District from Latrobe.

Director Winn made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation for the sale of Engine 8561 to the Latrobe Fire District for \$5,000, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS - None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve Resolution 2012-16, a resolution to approve an amendment to contract between the District and CalPERS** - CFO Bair reviewed the analysis of various CalPERS retirement benefit options and explained why the District favors the 3% at 55 for Safety and the 2% at 55 for Miscellaneous Personnel. CFO Bair detailed the employer and employee rates for the two new plans.

President Hidahl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-16, a resolution to approve an amendment to contract between the District and CalPERS, seconded by Director Barber, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Durante.)

- B. **Review and approve an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the El Dorado Hills County Water District and the El Dorado Hills Professional regarding the CalPERS benefits for new employees.**

Director Winn made a motion to approve an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the El Dorado Hills County Water District and the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters regarding the newly adopted CalPERS benefits for new employees, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

- C. Review and approve Resolution 2012-17, a resolution authorizing EPMC (Employer Paid Member Contribution) for the new Miscellaneous Plan for employees hired after the date of the contract amendment in Item IX-A - CFO**
Bair explained that in the 2% at 55 Miscellaneous category, there was no allowance for cost sharing on the employers side and therefore, this resolution would keep the consistency of all employees paying a 3% employee contribution.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-17, a resolution authorizing EPMC for new Miscellaneous Plan for employees hired after the date of the contract amendment in Item IX-A, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Durante.)

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review and discuss date for December Board meeting** - Discussion was held to tentatively change meeting date to December 6. (Director Barber will be unable to attend.)

President Hidahl asked Staff to check with Director Durante for his availability on December 6 (with a second choice of December 10) and post notice.

- B. Review and discuss format for Board meeting** - Chief Roberts presented an alternative agenda/action item format for the Board minutes; the Board decided that this format was preferable to the summary format that has been used for many years.

President Hidahl gave direction to Staff to adopt the agenda/action item format for future minutes. Discussion was held that it might also be appropriate to extend the one year retention period in the Board Policy Manual to a three year period for the audio tapes.

President Hidahl assigned the Admin Committee to review and update the Board Policy Manual as appropriate and stated that the policy regarding Director absences at Board Meetings also needs review.

President Hidahl asked that Board elections be agendized for the December meeting.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** - None

B. Staff - Chief Roberts recognized the crews for their outstanding performance at two recent structure fires. He also thanked Engineer Mike Gygax for helping to spearhead a very successful blood drive for young Shane Roberts who has leukemia. He asked that we keep Don Lippincott, a retired Volunteer Firefighter, in our thoughts as he battles lung cancer. Chief Roberts thanked Director Hidahl for his participation at the Town Hall Meeting regarding educating the public relative to the SRA Fee; he thanked Chief Lilienthal for hosting it. Chief Roberts stated that the Fire Safe Council did not receive the funding they had hoped for but other funding is being sought. He announced that a joint effort between the CSD, El Dorado County, and the Firefighters Association has resulted in a new Senior Center Christmas tree; a planting ceremony will take place on November 16.

Chief O’Camb made mention that the 100 ft. ladder truck was instrumental in both recent structure fires and commended the crews for their outstanding job.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. *Director Barber motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.*

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President