

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(A Special Board Meeting and Public Information Meeting)

Thursday, February 7, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Station 84, 2180 Francisco Blvd., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief O’Camb led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Directors Barber, Hartley, Durante, Hidahl and Winn. Staff in Attendance: Deputy Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

President Durante announced that the purpose of the meeting was to present to the public the proposed architectural plans for the construction of a new Station 84 and to receive public comment. He noted that nothing had been finalized and that no decisions were being made at this meeting. President Durante also recognized Richard Ross, citizen, who had prepared his comments in writing and stated they would be available to the public.

II. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF O’CAMB

Chief O’Camb led the presentation for the public regarding Station 84 which included the history, research of issues, gender privacy issues, structural issues and volunteer firefighters. He also discussed the build vs. rebuild considerations and emphasized that the District’s goal was to build for 30 to 50 year projections. He advised the public that the money to build the station was in the bank. He also mentioned that temporary facilities had been identified on the corner of Francisco and Green Valley Road.

After Chief O’Camb’s presentation, the public was given an opportunity to ask questions and comment:

- Mike Roberts, reporter from the Village Life, asked what the cost was for the temporary facilities for the firefighters.
- Ron Mikulaco, El Dorado County Board of Supervisor, questioned why the Board didn’t build on the vacant lot on the corner of Green Valley and Francisco and inquired as to how long the staff would be out of the station during the project. He also wanted to know who owns the property that the District must cross to gain access into their station.
- Steve Ferry, a representative of the Tea Party, stated that the District should consider the feasibility of building out the north wing by adding a second floor at the time of construction. He also expressed the need for medics to be close by in order to respond to the emergency needs of the area’s elderly.

- Richard Ross, an El Dorado Hills resident, stated that it appears that the construction is impacted by personnel policies. He also stated that he agreed that there needs to be a new station but had concern over the square footage and amenities; he proposed that the money stay in the bank.
- Lenny Pafone, a firefighter from Crescent Hills, stated that it was a great plan and had experience with fire station remodels and rebuilds.
- Mike Gygax, an employee and resident, stated that the station was a community station and he would like to see it stay that way. He also mentioned that it was in a good location for emergency response.

Chief O’Camb stated that the presentation would be available on the website for anyone interested. Chief Financial Officer Bair was asked to clarify the financing of the station; she stated that the Development Fees would pay 50% of the cost and other reserves would pay the other 50%. The District would borrow from the General Reserve to pay back the portion of Development Fees that is still being collected.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Durante thanked the Board, staff and the public for their input and comments at this workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Greg Durante, President