

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SIX HUNDRED NINETY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, August 22, 2013

6:00 p.m.

District Office, 1050 Wilson Boulevard, 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 Lilienthal led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn (Barber was absent). Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of the 696th meeting held July 18, 2013

B. Approve Financial Statements for July 2013

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. EDH Professional Firefighters – None

B. EDH Professional Firefighters – None

C. Public Comments – None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE – None

With Board concurrence, President Durante requested that Closed Session Items V-A and VI-C.4 be moved on the agenda following Item X, Old Business.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Barber and Hidahl)

- 1. Review and update on construction progress of Station 84 -** Director Hidahl reported that the firefighters have moved out of Station 84 and into the temporary leased facility which is now fully operational. He and Chief Roberts commended the crews for their hard work in ensuring that the move to the temporary facility went smoothly.

B. Fire Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)

1. Review and discuss Capital Improvement and/or Facilities Master

Plan - Counsel Cook reported that he, Chief Roberts, and CFO Bair met with EPS Consulting to review and discuss updating of the Five Year Plan and Facilities Master Plan as well as obtain templates for an RFP for a Master Facilities Plan. He stated that the EPS recommendation was to complete the accreditation process prior to putting out an RFP as the information obtained in the accreditation process will be useful. He stated that the needed items from the accreditation process should be completed by Spring 2014. He concurred with CFO Bair's recommendation that the Five Year Plan and development fee should be updated in its present form and approved for 2013 in the next two months. He also stated that EPS concurred with the calculation of the current development fee. Templates were obtained and will be given to the committee for the RFP process.

2. Review and discuss Five Year Plan and set Public Hearing for adoption of new fee and plan at the next regular meeting - CFO Bair presented the Five Year Plan Draft highlighting proposed changes stating that it and the new development fee will be brought back next month for adoption.

Director Hidahl made a motion to agendize and set a Public Hearing for adoption of the new development fee and Five Year Plan at the next regular Board Meeting, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Report from the Regional Operations Committee regarding annexation with

Latrobe Fire Protection District (Directors Hartley and Barber) - Director Hartley gave an update stating that the committee had a very positive meeting with the Associated Firefighters and Chief Roberts to discuss the current draft of the "White Paper" and to understand their concerns relative to the modified staffing program as well as the definition of reserves as it relates to this program. The Board suggested that the Associated Firefighters draft some language that they feel will resolve their concerns. A tentative meeting for late September will be scheduled to review and make modifications if approved by the committee and Board. The regularly scheduled Latrobe Board Meeting also took place during which he stated that they were still on board with annexation. In addition, the owner of the property on which the main Latrobe Fire Station is located expressed interested in granting a 99 year lease on the property.

- 2. Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments (CCFD formerly League of Fire Districts)** (Directors Durante and Hartley) - Chief Roberts recapped the last CCFD meeting at which Board of Supervisors Mikulaco and Veerkamp were in support of adjusting the AB8 rate particularly for those underfunded Fire Departments that are making an effort to increase their efficiencies and provide better service.

Chief Roberts also commented on the Board's direction to explore the possibility of annexation with Rescue and Diamond Springs Fire Departments at their request. He reported that several meetings have been held. He also stated that as a result of Chief O'Camb announcing his retirement much earlier than expected, there may be an opportunity for Chief Keating of the Rescue Fire Department to job share in this position. Director Hidahl requested that future Board meeting agendas include Regional Operations Committee updates for annexation discussions that include Latrobe Fire Protection District, Rescue Fire Department and Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District.

Director Hidahl also reported that a CCFD meeting was held at which Mike Applegarth, El Dorado County CAO, supported the two year patch plan which would take 1.6 million from the general fund for allocation to faltering Districts until such time as AB8 funding can be put in place. Chief Roberts stated that this allocation would be given to 6 of the 8 faltering Districts that previously received Aid to Fire funds to keep them afloat. He also stated that he would keep the Board informed of the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

- 3. Report from Human Resources Committee – None**

Director Hidahl reported that a Chief's Transition Committee meeting was held. Director Hartley suggested that a more appropriate name be given to the committee.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report - Received and filed.**

- B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Director Hartley gave an update stating that the JPA was able to save close to a million dollars through various means. He also reported that a meeting to open the Request for Information (RFI) submittals is scheduled for August 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Diamond Springs Fire Department Classroom. He also stated that the contract for Red Hawk Casino is expiring; Chief Roberts added that the contract is actually with the County and that if it is not renewed, it would be a \$600,000 loss to the JPA. Chief Roberts reported that the JPA does not hold the 201 Rights for El Dorado County (exclusive operating area rights for ambulance service). A letter of determination from the State is expected in the next week.

C. Review and discuss surplus of Truck 8591 and discuss options for sale – Hold until next Board Meeting.

D. Review and approve surplus of equipment no longer needed from Station 84 - Chief Roberts reviewed Staff's recommendation to reclassify a number of items as surplus or scrap that are no longer useful to Station 84.

Director Hartley made a motion to place the obsolete equipment into surplus status for sale or scrap, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Director Hidahl requested that the other county Fire Districts be made aware of the availability of these items.

E. Review and approve stipend for strike team for Chief Niehues - Chief Roberts reviewed Staff's recommendation that Battalion Chief Niehues be awarded additional compensation of \$900 for the O.E.S. Strike Team assignment as Strike Team Leader on the Kyburz Wildland Incident.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation of additional compensation of \$900 for the O.E.S. Strike Team assignment, seconded by Director Winn, and unanimously carried.

F. Review and discuss possibility of job sharing with Rescue Fire Protection District - Previously discussed.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS

A. Approve signatures for El Dorado County and El Dorado County JPA – CFO Bair asked for Board approval to update signature authority for Dave Roberts, Fire Chief, and herself, as CFO, to approve expenses and other financial transactions at El Dorado County and at the El Dorado County JPA. This request is being made made by the El Dorado County Auditor's Office and the El Dorado County Joint Powers Authority.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve to update signature authority as requested by Staff, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - None

X. OLD BUSINESS – None

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss Items V and VI.C-4 as follows:

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS

**A. Closed Session: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957
(b); Personnel Matter – Grievance; One Matter**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

**4. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Public
Employee Performance Evaluation; Position: Fire Chief**

The meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m. President Durante reported that during Closed Session, no reportable action was taken on either item.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Directors – The Directors encouraged all to attend and volunteer their services for the upcoming Wine, Cheese and Brew Grand Finale.

Director Durante stated that he probably not be available in person or by teleconference to attend the next Board Meeting on September 19.

B. Staff - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Gregory Durante, President