

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SIX HUNDRED NINETY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 19, 2013

6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Winn called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Barber, Hidahl and Winn. Director Hartley attended via teleconference. (President Durante was absent). Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts, Deputy Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of the 697th meeting held August 22, 2013

B. Approve Financial Statements for August 2013

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

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. EDH Professional Firefighters – Matt Beckett, President of the Professional Firefighters, addressed the Board stating that an MOU has been agreed upon and will be presented to the Board for approval in Closed Session.

B. EDH Firefighters Association – Neil Hillel, Treasurer of the El Dorado Hills Firefighters Association, reported on the success of the recent Golf Tournament held at Serrano County Club and the Wine, Cheese and Brew Grand Finale.

C. Public Comments – None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE – None

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Barber and Hidahl)

1. Review and update on construction progress of Station 84 – Chief O’Camb stated that approval of an easement allowing legal access to the south side of Station 84 had finally been received. In addition, plans have been submitted for the building permit. The Request for Proposal process is scheduled for the December timeframe with construction beginning shortly after.

Chief O’Camb also stated that the Station 84 move to the new temporary facility went very smoothly; he emphasized that several thousand dollars have been saved by the crew’s efforts to be thrifty in salvaging items from the old Station 84 for use in the temporary station. In addition, Chief Niehues has been taking advantage of specialized training opportunities that the old station offers. Chief O’Camb said that it will be necessary to obtain a hazardous materials contractor to clean up an asbestos issue in the flooring in the mid-November timeframe. He stated that the generator, shed and other large items deemed surplus have been put up to bid.

B. Fire Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)

- 1. Review and discuss Capital Improvement and/or Facilities Master Plan**
- 2. Public Hearing: Review and discuss Five Year Plan and set Public Hearing for adoption of new fee and plan at the next regular meeting**

Vice President Winn stated that both Items B-1 and B-2 will be continued to the next Board meeting.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- 1. Report from the Regional Operations Committee regarding annexation of Latrobe, Rescue and Diamond Springs/El Dorado Protection District -** (Directors Hartley and Barber) – Chief Roberts updated the Board on the progress of the Latrobe annexation stating that the Associated Firefighters have approved the “White Paper” document.

Director Barber made a motion to authorize Staff to move forward in the annexation process as well as give direction to Counsel Cook to draft a resolution supporting the “White Paper” as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts stated that a few months ago a meeting was held after having received a letter from the Rescue Fire Department and the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Protection District requesting the opportunity to explore the feasibility of annexation with the El Dorado Hills Fire Department. Discussions continued with Rescue Fire and subsequently, the announcement of Chief O’Camb’s retirement presented a mutually beneficial opportunity for Rescue and El Dorado Hills Fire Departments to share resources. Chief Roberts proposed that Chief Keating of the Rescue Fire Department assume some of Chief O’Camb’s responsibilities in an Administrative Chief role at no cost to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department in exchange for shift/battalion chief coverage, prevention and training support to the Rescue Fire Department. Chief Roberts stated that this job sharing agreement would be for a six month trial period.

Director Barber made a motion to give Staff direction to draft a six month resource sharing agreement between the Rescue Fire Department and the El Dorado Hills Fire Department beginning October 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Richard Ross, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, commented that he would like an explanation as to why the annexations under consideration would be beneficial to El Dorado Hills taxpayers.

Matt Beckett, President of the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters, asked that there be continued opportunity for involvement at the committee level for future discussions regarding perspective annexations.

2. **Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments (CCFD formerly League of Fire Districts)** (Directors Hartley and Hidahl) – Director Hidahl stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the Board of Supervisors on September 24 to approve funding of the “patch”, a two-year temporary solution targeted to keep the underfunded Districts solvent until a longer term solution can be put in place by adjusting AB-8 funding. All Board members are encouraged to attend this meeting.
3. **Report from Human Resources Committee** (Directors Durante and Winn) – Director Winn reported that the committee has not met yet but will meet soon.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss Item VI.C-4 as follows:

4. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Government Code 54957 and 54957.6 review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters and Administrative wage and benefit negotiations; Conference with Negotiating Committee (Directors Hidahl and Winn)

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m. Vice President Winn reported that during Closed Session, no action was taken. This item will be continued to next Board meeting.

5. **Report from Ad Hoc Budget and Negotiations Committee (Directors Hidahl and Winn)** – Director Hidahl stated that a meeting will need to be scheduled for the Budget and Negotiations Committee as soon as possible.

6. **Review and approve Memorandum of Understanding with EDH Associated Firefighters and other non-represented groups** – Discussion will be moved to next Board meeting.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

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

- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Roberts gave an update stating that several unexpected, one time payments helped contribute to a balanced budget this year. He also stated that Cameron Park, El Dorado County Fire and El Dorado Hills Fire had each submitted a Request for Information to be considered for taking over the JPA's operation; however, El Dorado County Fire and Cameron Park Fire had not included an essential supervisory management component. Chief Roberts also commented that the County is still waiting to hear from the State as to who holds the 201 Rights (exclusive operating area rights for ambulance service) in El Dorado County.

- C. **Review and discuss surplus of Truck 8591 and discuss options for sale** – Chief O'Camb reported that there has been no interest shown on bidding for the sale of Truck 8591. He recommended placing Truck 8591 in surplus status and selling it on consignment..

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Truck 8591 for surplus and place it on consignment for sale using the best vendor available, seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

- D. **Review and approve stipend for strike team for Chief O'Camb** – The Board reviewed Staff's recommendation that Chief O'Camb be awarded additional compensation of \$8,400 for the O.E.S. Strike Team assignment as Strike Team Leader on the Rim Wildland Fire.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation of additional compensation of \$8,400 for the O.E.S. Strike Team assignment, seconded by Director Hidahl, and unanimously carried.

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

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing – Review and approve Resolution 2013-07 adopting the Appropriation Limits for fiscal year 2013/14** – Director Hidahl reviewed the appropriation limits for the 2013/14 fiscal year in the sum of \$28,878,000 and asked for Board approval of Resolution 2013-07.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-07 adopting the appropriation limits of \$28,878,000 for the 2013-14 fiscal year, seconded by Director Barber, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Director Durante).

- B. Public Hearing – Review and approve Resolution 2013-08, approving the Final Budget for fiscal year 2013/14 and authorizing expenditures from Reserve Funds** – CFO Bair highlighted the changes that were made to the Final Budget and asked for Board approval as well as authorizing expenditures from Reserve Fund. She commented that the Property Tax revenue was anticipated to come in at 1.0 percent but actually came in at almost 1.5 percent.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-08, approving the Final Budget for fiscal year 2013/14 and authorizing expenditures from Reserve Funds, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Director Durante.)

Richard Ross, El Dorado Hills resident, asked the Board for clarification of the budget and reserve numbers to which Director Hidahl responded.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – None

X. OLD BUSINESS – None

- XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - The Directors expressed their gratitude to those volunteers that worked hard to make the EDH Firefighters Association's Wine, Cheese and Brew Grand Finale a success. Chief Roberts commended the Lake Hills Fire Safe Council on achieving their Firewise Community status as well as receiving a \$48,000 grant. He also stated that six candidates had passed the Battalion Chief testing and appointments will be made soon. Chief Roberts announced that the crew was honored today in Folsom for their lifesaving measures that led to the revival and full recovery of a youth that had drowned. Chief O'Camb said he and two others will be traveling to Pennsylvania on October 8 for a final inspection of the new engine. CFO Bair mentioned that a detailed budget is in the packet and posted online and that the Board Policy Manual has now been put in its proper format and distributed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Barbara Winn, Vice President