

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Special Board Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2014**

5:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Winn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Director Durante led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn. Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. BOARD VACANCY

A. Interview applicants for Board Vacancy – Eight candidates had submitted applications for the Board vacancy terminating in November 2014; Mr. Dan Haverty withdrew his application prior to this meeting. The Board had previously drawn names establishing the following order for the interview schedule: Wallace Fullerton; Jim Christian; Jason Anderson; Steven Willis; Richard Ross; John Knight; and Kurt Oneto. The Board had suggested that in courtesy and fairness to the process, it would be appreciated if the applicant being interviewed be the only applicant to remain in the room.

Director Durante explained to each candidate how the interview would be conducted giving each candidate two minutes for an opening statement and an opportunity to answer eight questions with each Director asking two questions. The candidate would be given one minute to answer each question and two minutes for closing comments. President Durante used a stop watch and kept all interviews within the allotted time frames. The questions were read follows: 1) If selected, how would you balance the interests of the community, volunteers and paid staff? 2) El Dorado Hills Fire is currently considering consolidations/annexations with other local west slope agencies. What are your thoughts or position on this? 3) What would you like to see changed within the Fire Department and/or Board (if anything)? 4) Have you ever attended an El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board Meeting, an El Dorado Hills CSD Board Meeting, an El Dorado County Board of Supervisors' meeting or a similarly elected Board meeting? If so, which ones and what were your overall impressions? 5) What do you feel are the top three issues that may face the District in the next five years and how would you prioritize them? 6) What is your understanding of the El Dorado County Ambulance System and what improvements would you recommend? 7) Why do you seek to join the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board of Directors? 8) Will you seek re-election in November?

After all candidates were interviewed, the Board thanked the candidates and commented on how fortunate they were to have had an excellent group of candidates to choose from. Public comment was taken. Mr. Bob Luca, resident, encouraged the Board to appoint Mr. Richard Ross for the Board vacancy.

B. Appoint applicant to fill Board Vacancy for unexpired term

After discussion, Director Hidahl made a motion to appoint Wallace Fullerton to the Board of Directors to fill the Board vacancy for the unexpired term, seconded by Director Hartley. Director Hartley made a second motion to appoint Steve Willis to the Board of Directors to fill the Board vacancy for the unexpired term, seconded by Director Hidahl. Director Durante made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Director Hartley. Director Hidahl withdrew his second to the motion and Director Hartley withdrew the motion. A vote was taken to appoint Wallace Fullerton to the Board and carried unanimously. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

Director Hidahl encouraged the candidates to run in the next Board election.

C. Swear in new Board Member – Wallace Fullerton was sworn in by Board Secretary Connie Bair and congratulated by the Board and Staff.

A break was taken from 7:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- 1. Report on the Committee meeting with Latrobe; review and discuss initiating proceedings for the annexation of Latrobe; give direction to Staff regarding next steps** – Chief Roberts presented the revised Plan for Service stating that the Latrobe Fire Board and Staff, LAFCO and Captain Anselmo who is a member of the Committee had already reviewed it; any changes that Latrobe had requested had been incorporated in the plan. He also summarized the Inter-District Memorandum summarizing the thorough study of the Latrobe Fire District Budget including request for the AB8 adjustment; the preliminary budget estimates a deficit of staffing Latrobe per the Plan for Service of \$66,485 per year.

Richard Ross, resident; Tom Anselmo, Ad Hoc Committee member; Jose Henriques, LAFCO Executive Officer; and Ron Mikulaco, Board of Supervisor made public comment.

2. Review and approve Resolution 2014-04 initiating proceedings for the annexation of territory (Latrobe District)

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-04 initiating proceedings for the annexation of territory (Latrobe District, seconded by Director Fullerton. Counsel Cook clarified that the description in paragraph A and attachment A are being modified to include the entire spere. A vote was taken and the motion carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: (4); Noes: (1) Durante).

Director Durante made a comment that he is not against annexation but does not feel that there is adequate economic information available to make a decision.

IV. ATTORNEY ITEMS

- A. Review and approve extension of AT&T cell site lease at Station 84** – Counsel Cook asked that this be moved to the February Board meeting at which time he will bring back final documents.

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – Director Hartley thanked the Board, Union, Staff, Volunteers and Public Members for their contributions toward the annexation effort. President Winn thanked the Board candidates for their time and interest.
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts added his appreciation to the Board for their support on the Latrobe annexation efforts and welcomed Director Fullerton to the Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Barbara Winn, President