

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 20, 2014

6:00 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 6:00 p.m. and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Fullerton, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn. Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance. President Winn asked that Closed Session Item VII-A.3 be moved to the end of the agenda and the Board concurred.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. **Recognition of Dale Hemstalk's Honor Guard Service** – Honor Guard Deputy Commander, Russ Hasemeier, recognized retiring Honor Guard member Dale Hemstalk for ten years of dedicated service stating that Dale has been a member since the formation of the Honor Guard. In addition, Chief Roberts recognized Dale's son, Anthony Hemstalk, with a Chief's Coin in appreciation for his contributions to the success of the 50th Year Santa Run celebration.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve minutes of the 704nd meeting held February 20, 2014**
- B. **Approve financial statements for February 2014**

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

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – None
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **EDH Volunteer Firefighters** – None
- D. **Public Comments** - None

V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VI. ATTORNEY ITEMS - None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Administrative Committee** (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl)
 - 1. **Review and update construction progress of Station 84** - Director Hidahl reported that the construction schedule has slipped slightly as the committee is awaiting final approval of plans and specifications from the architect. He also mentioned that neighbors have been inquiring as to when demolition will begin.

Chief Roberts will follow up with the committee and architect in an effort to keep the project progressing on time.

Director Hidahl suggested signage be made to refer people to the website for information on the progress of the project; Chief Roberts offered to work on getting signage.

2. **Review and discuss dispatch communications** – Director Fullerton reported that the committee was given a presentation by Captain Merino and Engineer MacKenzie proposing a software/hardware/digital/radio upgrade that would address the deficiencies currently being experienced with dispatch communications. He stated that the proposed plan was very ambitious and also extremely costly at 3.2 million dollars with possible ongoing outlay of \$200,000 per year. He stated that although inferior, the current dispatch communications service costs the District \$25,000 per year. Directors Fullerton and Hartley are recommending that an ad hoc committee be formed and given specific tasks to determine how to address the deficiencies in dispatch communications with public and firefighter safety being of primary consideration and technology advancements being of secondary consideration. Directors Durante and Fullerton have been assigned to the ad hoc committee.

Director Hidahl cautioned against taking on too many large projects and suggested a Board review of top priorities. Director Hartley commented that one of the Strategic Plan goals is to improve the communication systems.

VIII. Operations Reports (Taken out of sequence)

- C. **Request from Michael Peters to waive his Development Fee** – Chief Roberts summarized Mr. Peters' appeal to waive his development fee of \$1,843.24 for a residential pool house based on the fact that he had not been charged for this fee when he originally pulled the permit. Chief Roberts explained the reason Mr. Peters had not been charged a fee was due to an over site error on the part of El Dorado County. This over site error has since been rectified. Mr. Peter's project was stalled and upon reactivating the permit, he was charged with the development fee. Chief Roberts presented the Board with three options: to waive the Mr. Peters' development fee entirely; charge the current development fee rate of \$1.16 per square foot or charge the development fee rate at the time the permit was pulled of \$1.02 per square foot. A discussion was held.

Director Hartley made a motion to charge Mr. Peters the 2006 rate for the development fee of \$1.02 per square ft. for a total of \$1,620.78, seconded by Director Durante. The motion failed. (Ayes: (1) – Director Hartley; Noes: (4) – Directors Fullerton, Durante, Hidahl and Winn.)

Director Fullerton made a second motion to waive Mr. Peter's entire development fee, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

VII. Committee Reports (Continued)

B. Fire Committee (Directors Durante and Winn) – Nothing to report.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Report and update on annexation process with Latrobe Fire Protection District

a. Review and discuss for possible approval of fiscal peer review of the annexation of Latrobe Fire Protection District (Directors Hartley and Fullerton) – Director Fullerton reported that the committee held a telephone conference with Citygate Associates to discuss the feasibility of a fiscal and operational analysis of the impact of annexation of Latrobe Fire Protection District. A proposal from Citygate was reviewed by the Board. After discussion, it was decided to delay engaging Citygate's services until the Board of Supervisors have made a decision on the AB-8 adjustment rate which is anticipated to happen in the next 30 days.

2. Report from Ad Hoc Committee regarding the shared labor agreement with Rescue Fire Protection District (Directors Hartley and Fullerton) – Director Hartley said that the committee had not met but is scheduled to meet on March 26 to discuss the expiration of the current contract. Chief Roberts asked for Board approval to extend the existing contract until the next Board Meeting and the Board concurred.

3. Report from Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments (Directors Hidahl and Hartley) – Chief Roberts stated that the next County Board of Supervisor's Meeting agenda will include the request to release the first \$800,000 per agreement for the underfunded agencies from the El Dorado County contingency fund. Director Hidahl encouraged all Board members to attend.

VIII. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. Operations Report - Received and filed. Directors Hidahl asked that the apparatus maintenance report be included and Chief Roberts responded that it would be included in next Board packet.

B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority – Chief Roberts reported that the JPA will be approving the Preliminary Budget at their next meeting. He stated that it is approximately \$800,000 in the negative.

IX. FISCAL ITEMS – CFO Bair discussed an article regarding PERS’ recommendation to adjust contribution rates over the next several years.

President Winn requested that a Budget and Negotiations Committee Meeting (BANC) be scheduled to review and discuss the BANC process.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of vacant parcel weed abatement program; adopt Resolution 2014-07 initiating the 2014 Weed Abatement Program - Chief Lilienthal asked the Board to adopt the Resolution and highlighted several proposed changes to the Weed Abatement Program. The major changes to the program include maintaining the affected lot size up to five acres and increasing the clearance of weeds, brush and vegetation from 30 feet of structures on adjacent parcels to 100 feet. In addition, the District is proposing to discontinue the District contracted weed abatement service; those requiring weed abatement services will need to contract directly with a weed abatement contractor.

Director Durante made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-07 initiating the 2014 Weed Abatement Program as presented, seconded by Director Fullerton, and unanimously carried. (Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

XI. OLD BUSINESS – Director Hidahl requested that the Board consider assigning an ad hoc committee to research the utilization of solar power for all of the stations. The Board concurred with Directors Durante and Hidahl serving on the committee.

XII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Directors – Director Durante encouraged Board attendance at the EDH Firefighters Association meeting on March 25.

B. Staff – Chief Roberts invited the Board to observe a live fire burn training exercise on Sienna Ridge to be held on March 22 and 23. He added that Chiefs Lilienthal, Keating and the Battalion Chiefs have been working very hard to provide this excellent training opportunity.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss to discuss the following:

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Taken out of sequence)

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl)

- 3. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957;
Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief.**

The meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m. President Winn announced that during Closed Session, no action was taken and direction was given to the Committee.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Barbara Winn, President