

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 17, 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 6:04 p.m. and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Fullerton, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn. (Absent: Director Durante). Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of the 705th meeting held March 20, 2014

B. Approve financial statements for March 2014

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

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. EDH Professional - None

B. EDH Firefighters Association - None

C. EDH Volunteer Firefighters - None

D. Public Comments - None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - Chief Roberts discussed the receipt of a letter from Mr. Steve Bristow of the Blackstone community opposing the CAL FIRE fee. Director Hartley suggested that a copy of the Board Resolution opposing the CAL FIRE fee be sent to Mr. Bristow in support of his appeal; Chief Roberts will send him a copy.

Chief Roberts also stated that correspondence had been received from AT&T regarding the proposal of the addition of a new story to the existing cell tower at Station 85 to house antennas. Counsel Cook recommended having a committee review the proposal; President Winn assigned the Administrative Committee to review and make a recommendation.

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hidahl)

1. **Review and update construction progress of Station 84** – Director Hidahl reported that there has been further architectural delays but the final documents are scheduled for review on April 28 and will then be ready to go out to bid. Chief Roberts added that Fred Russell, the Project Manager, has done an excellent job of finding ways to save money.
 - a. **Review and approve storm water pollution program with associated proposal from Warren Consulting (Station 84)** – Director Hidahl reported that due to a known drainage issue, the committee is recommending that a storm water pollution study and program be implemented to address potential problems during construction.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve a Storm Water Pollution Program study and program contract to Warren Consulting in the amount of \$12,500, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

2. **Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief** - Was not held.

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

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. **Report from Regional Operations Committee** (Directors Hartley and Fullerton) – Director Hartley reported that an initial meeting was held with the County regarding AB8 negotiations and the County appeared amenable to the tax rate increment. Director Fullerton added that the Board of Supervisors were pleased with the cooperative efforts that Rescue, Latrobe and El Dorado Hills have demonstrated.
 - a. **Report and update on progress of annexation process with Latrobe Fire Protection District** – No report.
 - b. **Review and discuss fiscal peer review of the annexation of Latrobe Fire Protection District** – Director Fullerton stated this has been put on hold until the AB8 rate has been established.
 - c. **Review and discuss the shared labor agreement with Rescue Fire Protection District** – Director Hartley reported that a meeting had been held to work through details of the shared labor agreement with at least a one year contract. A meeting will be held in the next few weeks to review the draft documents.

2. **Report from the Committee for Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments** (Directors Hidahl and Hartley) – Director Hidahl gave an update of the last meeting stating that Director Fullerton acted as an alternate and Chief Keating also attended on behalf of Chief Roberts. He stated that a concern had been raised that Joe Harn, County Auditor/Controller, had conveyed that he will not sign some of the augmentation funds as presently configured; Director Fullerton clarified that this does not directly affect our District. Director Hidahl added that the labor unions are being invited to participate in the commission. Director Hartley added that John Moalli, Chairman of the CCFD, published an excellent article tracing the history, accomplishments and goals of the organization in the Mountain Democrat.
3. **Report from Solar Committee** (Directors Durante and Hidahl) – Director Hidahl reported that the committee met and is recommending that a solar power consultant be contracted to assess the needs for solar power at all four stations and prepare a Request for Proposal. The Board gave the committee approval to move forward in obtaining a solar power consultant to begin formulating a plan.
4. **Report from Budget Advisory Committee** (Directors Hidahl and Winn) – Director Hidahl said that the committee met and reviewed the BANC Committee’s basic philosophy, history and goals. He said that the first BANC Committee was very successful and worked proactively together to find solutions to declining revenues; the second go around was more reactive due to unforeseen circumstances. The committee discussed the importance of communication, transparency and inviting all stakeholders to participate in the BANC process. The committee will also be evaluating the impact of the Latrobe annexation. CFO Bair will be scheduling a two day workshop with Staff to review the budget.
5. **Report from Communications Committee** (Directors Durante and Fullerton) – Director Fullerton said that they had not met yet. Chief Roberts said that he has been trying to schedule a meeting with Chief Kaslin of CAL FIRE. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss options and review timelines for technological enhancements which will have an effect on the District’s ISO rating and chances of obtaining international accreditation.

President Winn stated that she and Director Durante will be scheduling a meeting for the Human Resource Committee this month.

VIII. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. Operations Report – Received and filed.

B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority

1. Review and approve 2014-2015 JPA Preliminary Budget – Chief

Roberts gave an update saying that the full Board approved the Preliminary Budget. He stated the budget was still in the negative and he disagreed with approving it but was outvoted. He also stated that the preliminary budget will be ready for presentation to this Board at the next Board meeting.

C. Request from Mr. Ribeiro to refund Development Fee – CFO Bair said that Mr. Riberiro has decided not to build and is asking for a development fee refund. Staff is recommending the fees be refunded less the standard one percent processing fee charged by the County.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the refunding of Mr. Ribeiro's development fees in the amount of \$28,486.06 which takes into account the standard one percent processing fee, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.

D. Review and discuss Apparatus Replacement Plan – Chief Roberts presented the new Apparatus Replacement Plan stating that it is a work in progress.

Richard Ross, citizen, commented that he was concerned that Chief Roberts had discounted the mileage and hours of usage in calculating depreciation and impact to maintenance; he also suggested a more routine report to the public to keep them better informed of potential needs. Chief Roberts replied saying that hours and mileage are an important factor but are not always a key factor in determining what apparatus should be replaced; he offered to add a graph depicting downtime in the Quarterly Activity Report. Richard Ross also commented that he would like to see some innovative thinking as it relates to cost savings measures while responding to medical emergencies; he suggested using emergency vans for responding to medical emergencies rather than costly fire apparatus.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and discuss payment policy for Directors** – Counsel Cook reviewed the current payment policy for compensating Directors’ for their attendance at public meetings explaining that currently the bylaws state that compensation is limited to \$100 per meeting, limited to one meeting per day and not more than six meetings per month. He asked the Board if they saw the need to make any clarifications or amendments to the bylaws. After a discussion, Counsel Cook stated that he and CFO Bair will define the types of meetings that Directors attend outside of the Board, Committee and JPA meetings and will bring it back to the next Board meeting for further discussion.
- B. Review and adopt Resolution 2014-08 approving tax increment revenues for LAFCO Project No. 2014-01 Diamonte Estates Reorganization** - CFO Bair presented the Resolution stating that it was a standard AB8 negotiation and the Board of Supervisors is offering \$0.17 to the El Dorado Hills County Water District for their tax increment share.

Director Hartley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-08 approving tax increment share for LAFCO Project No. 2014-01 Diamonte Estates Reorganization, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Director Durante.)

X. OLD BUSINESS - None

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – Director Hidahl recognized Engineer Rob Karnow and members of the engine crew for attending the Community Services District’s CC&R Planning Meeting. He said that Engineer Karnow’s presentation was very well received and the attendees were pleased to learn about the many services provided by the Department. Director Hartley commented that he and Chief Roberts attended an event at the Ramona “Moni” Gilmore Senior Center and said that the Department was recognized for their support of the senior community.
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts announced that the Every 15 Minutes Program will take place at Oak Ridge High School on April 28 and 29 and commended Captain Owens for his efforts in planning the event. CFO Bair distributed copies of the amended and updated bylaws of the El Dorado County Water District.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Barbara Winn, President