

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 15, 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.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of the 706th meeting held April 17, 2014

B. Approve financial statements for April 2014

Director Hartley requested to pull the minutes from the consent calendar for discussion.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the consent calendar (financial statements for April 2014 only) seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Director Hartley requested two modifications be made to the minutes; Item XI-A, old Station 85 was "sold" not donated to the Senior Center and Item IV, Counsel Cook's title to "Counsel" rather than "Chief."

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

President Winn requested that with Board approval, Closed Session Item VI-A.2, be moved on the agenda until the end of the meeting and the Board concurred.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. **EDH Professional** – Matt Beckett, President, reported that progress is being made in several committees.

B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – Jeff Genovese, President, gave an update including the awarding of eight scholarships to high school graduates which included four members of the El Dorado Hills Explorers Program; the next meeting will be held May 27.

C. **EDH Volunteer Firefighters** - Lieutenant Mike Roppolo gave an update of the Volunteer program with its focus on recruitment and revitalization.

D. **Public Comments** - None

- IV. CORRESPONDENCE** - Chief Roberts discussed a letter received from the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters asking for the Board's approval for Local 3604 to represent the Paramedic and Fire Prevention Specialist positions within its membership. Chief Roberts added that he and Chief Keating are supportive of the request. Chief Roberts suggested an additional Budget Advisory Committee/BANC meeting be scheduled prior to the June 5 meeting to discuss this topic.
- V. ATTORNEY ITEMS** – Counsel Cook stated that work has taken place on a number of items; however, they are agenda items and he will report as they come up.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. Administrative Committee** (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl)
- 1. Review and update construction progress of Station 84** – Director Hidahl reported that it appears that the project will be ready to go out to bid on May 19.
 - 2. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief** – Moved to end of meeting.
- 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) -
 - a. Report and update on progress of annexation process with Latrobe Fire Protection District** – Director Hartley stated that a meeting is scheduled to discuss AB8 negotiations for the Latrobe annexation on May 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Office. Counsel Cook reported that he had discussions with both Jose Henriquez, LAFCO Executive Director, and Mike Applegarth, El Dorado County CAO, to ensure the same understanding of the expected AB8 rates throughout Latrobe at the 17 percent level for the base and the increased increment over time. He also commented that County Counsel is working on a mechanism to ensure that the 17 percent tax increment on the base is transferred to this District on an annual basis. Counsel Cook reviewed five points that will need to be adhered to as part of the AB8 negotiations process.

- b. **Review and discuss fiscal peer review of the annexation of Latrobe Fire Protection District** – Director Fullerton stated there was nothing to report.
- c. **Review and discuss the shared labor agreement with Rescue Fire Protection District** – Director Hartley reported that a joint committee meeting was held with Rescue during which the shared services agreement was reviewed; the agreement reflected Chief Roberts as Fire Chief and Chief Keating as Deputy Chief for both agencies. He added that the Rescue Fire Protection approved the agreement at their regular Board Meeting yesterday with a 4-1 vote. Chief Roberts stated that significant money had been saved by utilizing Chief Keating in the Deputy Chief role. Chief Roberts stated that the formal contract is set to start July 1. The District will be paying \$32,000 annually to Rescue Fire Protection District per this agreement.

Richard Ross, citizen, asked that the cost savings information be presented in a more transparent way to the public.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the shared labor Agreement with Rescue Fire Protection District, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.

- 2. **Report from the Committee for Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments** (Directors Hidahl and Hartley) – Director Hidahl gave an update stating that the Mosquito Fire Chief had resigned.
- 3. **Report from Solar Committee** (Directors Durante and Hidahl) – Director Hidahl reported that the committee has made progress and identified a qualified consultant. They have also given PGE authorization to share power information for planning purposes.
- 4. **Report from Budget Advisory Committee** (Directors Hidahl and Winn) – Director Hidahl said that the committee had nothing to report except that a meeting has been scheduled for June 5. Chief Roberts added that a BANC meeting was held.
- 5. **Report from Communications Committee** (Directors Durante and Fullerton) – Director Durante reported that a committee meeting is scheduled for May 29.

6. **Report from Human Resources Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)** - Director Durante reported that a committee meeting was held and Chief Roberts was given direction to examine alternatives to the Human Resource system; he stated that there was no need for a Closed Session.

VII. 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** – Director Hartley reported that a special meeting was held where the settlement of several pending lawsuits were discussed. Chief Roberts presented several preliminary budget scenarios depending on variables such as the casino contract and Medicaid reimbursements which could affect the budget in the range of a positive \$800,000 to a negative \$500,000. A discussion followed that led to a motion to approve the preliminary budget with a letter being sent to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, JPA, and EMSA urging them to address the concerns with the JPA Budget. President Winn will write the letter in conjunction with the Chief and Director Hartley.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 JPA Budget with a letter to the Board of Supervisors, JPA, and EMSA urging them to address the concerns with the JPA Budget, seconded by Director Fullerton, and unanimously carried.

- C. **Review and approve Comtech proposal for communications at Station 84** – Chief Roberts asked for Board approval to award Comtech a contract for the design and installation of a station alerting system in the construction of Station 84 which would allow for continuity throughout the stations.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation to award Comtech with a contract for the design and installation of a station alerting system in the construction of Station 84, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. **Review and approve Actuarial Study for retiree medical benefits** – CFO Bair stated that CalPERS requires an actuarial analysis of retiree health benefits be conducted every two years. The actuarial study was reviewed by the Board.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the actuarial study for retiree medical benefits, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Resolution 2014-09 declaring an election to be held in its Jurisdiction and consolidating with other Districts requesting election services** – CFO Bair reviewed the resolution which calls for consolidated election services for three positions up for election to fill four year terms expiring December 7, 2018.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-09 declaring an Election to be held in its Jurisdiction and consolidating with other Districts requesting election services, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review and discuss payment policy for Directors** – Counsel Cook discussed the Board compensation policy for Directors and recommended amending the Board Policy Manual to ensure Directors are being compensated for their attendance at approved meetings and functions. He suggested amending the policy as follows:

In addition to compensation for attendance at noticed public meetings of the Board or its committees, Directors shall be eligible for compensation for attendance at noticed public meetings of other public agencies and for attendance and representation of the District at other meetings wherein the District's interests may be impacted or discussed provided that attendance by the Director requesting compensation has been either: 1) authorized in advance by the Board at a noticed public meeting or 2) authorized, directed, or requested in advance by the President of the Board. For meetings which fall under subcategory two above, the President of the Board shall be responsible for communicating to the Board Secretary/Chief Financial Officer, the President's authorization/direction/request as a condition to payment being made for such meetings. Counsel Cook asked for Board approval to adopt this statement adding that the Board Policy Manual will be amended with the inclusion of this statement the next time it is updated.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the amendment to the Board compensation policy per Counsel Cook's recommendation, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously approved.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – Director Durante stated that he would be unavailable to attend the July Board Meeting and does not know at this time if he will be available by telephone. Director Hartley complimented Chief Roberts on his response to an article in the Village Life. Director Hidahl expressed his appreciation for the support given by the District and the Foundation for the Lakehills Fire Safe Council’s awareness event.
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts reported that a three person Strike Team has been deployed. He complimented Captain Owens and the crew on the phenomenal community response to the Every 15 Minute Program and commented that the Department would be involved in assisting with the high school’s Safe and Sober Grad Night.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session to 7:15 p.m.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Taken out of sequence)

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl)**
2. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief.

The meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m. President Winn was absent for the remainder of the meeting; Director Hartley presided. Director Hartley reported that during Closed Session no action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Barbara Winn, President