

# **EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

## **SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Cub Scouts of Pack 465 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Fullerton, Hartley, and Hidahl. (President Winn was absent.) Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

### **II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve minutes of the 713<sup>th</sup> meeting held August 28, 2014**
- B. Approve financial statements for August 2014**

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

### **III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Presentation to the Honor Guard: By Cub Scout Pack 645 in honor of the Bertelsen Memorial - (postponed to later in the meeting.)**
- B. EDH Professional Firefighters – None**
- C. EDH Firefighters Association – None**
- D. EDH Volunteer Firefighters – None**
- E. Public Comment – None**

### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

### **V. ATTORNEY ITEMS - None**

### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl)**
  - 1. Review and update construction progress of Station 84 –** Director Hidahl stated good progress is being made and that change orders are starting which will require additional meetings.
  - 2. Ratify first payment to S W Allen Construction Inc. for Station 84 in the amount of \$90,744 and approve process for approval of future payments –** Director Hidahl asked for Board approval for payment 001 to SW Allen and requested clarification of process going forward.

*Director Hidahl made a motion to ratify the first payment to S W Allen Construction Inc. in the amount of \$90,744, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.*

*Director Hidahl also made a motion to authorize the committee to approve future payments to S W Allen and bring them to the Board for ratification, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.*

### **III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** *(Taken out of sequence)*

- A. Presentation to the Honor Guard: By Cub Scout Pack 465 in honor of the Bertelsen Memorial** – Keith Bennion, Cub Scout Den Leader and Cub Scouts of Pack 456 presented an American Flag to be flown at the Bertelsen Memorial in honor of Lt. Peter Bertelsen who died in the line of duty.

Vice President Hartley asked that with the consent of the Board, Closed Session Items VI-A.3, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief; Item VI-A.4, review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters wage and benefit negotiations; Conference with Negotiating Committee and Item IV-C.6, Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Development of Evaluation Criterion and Protocols be moved on the agenda until after Old Business and the Board concurred.

### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 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 Fullerton reported that correspondence had been received from the Union regarding an updated change in the potential MOU issue and progress is being made. Chief Roberts added that October 22 is the final LAFCO hearing followed by a five day waiting period. He anticipates the annexation date to be November 1.
- 2. Report from the Committee for Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments** (Directors Hidahl and Hartley) – Director Hidahl stated that the commission had not met.

3. **Report from Solar Committee with request for authorization to proceed with the request for proposal process** - (Directors Durante and Hidahl) – Director Hidahl reported that the committee reviewed the feasibility study received from the consultant and is recommending moving forward with Phase 2 of the process which is the preparation of the RFP. He also stated that the committee is favoring the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) option over a purchase or lease.

*Director Hidahl made a motion to authorize the committee to move ahead with Phase 2, preparation of the Request for Proposal, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.*

Richard Ross, citizen, asked questions regarding possible maintenance costs associated with the solar power system and Doug Hus, citizen, asked about the feasibility of the return on investment as well as potential roof damage from the solar panels.

4. **Report from Budget Advisory Committee** (Directors Hidahl and Winn) – Director Hidahl reported that the committee met and is recommending Board approval of the Final Budget which will be discussed in detail later on the agenda.
5. **Report from Communications Committee** (Directors Durante and Winn) – Nothing to report.
6. **Report from Human Resources Committee** (Directors Durante and Winn) - **Closed Session**: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54956.6: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Position: Contract employment with Cooperative Personnel Services; and Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Pubic Employee Performance Evaluation: Development of Evaluation Criterion and Protocols – Moved on the agenda to after Old Business.
7. **Report from Training Facility Committee** (Directors Hartley and Winn) – Director Hartley reported that the committee had not met. Chief Roberts said that it looking favorable that the County will be approving an extension of the Special Use Permit for construction of the training facility.

## **VII. OPERATIONS REPORT**

- A. Operations Report** – Director Hidahl raised concern that it appeared that Station 84's response times were significantly higher than previously reported.

Doug Hus, citizen, commented that the reported response times indicated that we were not doing well at achieving our own targets and asked if the Board had looked into the reasons why. Chief Roberts offered to meet with Mr. Hus and explain the way that response times are calculated.

**B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority**

- 1. Update on Miwok Contract** – Chief Roberts stated that an agreement has been reached between the Board of Supervisors and the Miwoks whereby for \$200,000 annually, the JPA will assume responsibility for their first 100 calls and then charge \$2,000 for every call after that for an estimated call volume of 200 calls per year. The new contract will bring in roughly \$200,000 - \$400,000 annually as compared to the original contract of \$580,000 which is a significant decrease. The Miwoks also made it clear this is a three year contract only after which they will have their own system in place. They also agreed to pay their past few months delinquent balance under the old rate. Chief Roberts added that a completely different system in how the JPA will be getting paid is being looked into and he is hoping that the County will be offering the JPA a fixed rate contract in the near future.

Richard Ross, citizen, commented that he would like to see more information focused on medical calls so that the public would have a better understanding of the quality of our medical service.

- C. Review and discuss request by Baosong Zhao for Development Fee Appeal** – Counsel Cook stated that he and the developer have been unable to find any formal agreement that gives property owners of the Phase 1 Villadoro subdivision a reduction in development fees for the voluntary installation of sprinkler systems. The only documentation of this agreement that was found to exist is in the Board of Directors minutes by a Board motion. He outlined several options that the Board might take in response to Mr. Zhao's request.

*Director Fullerton made a motion to grant the reduction of the development fee requested by Mr. Zhao and if requested, the other property owner; and change the Board policy to rescind the motion for the granting of any further reductions in development fees to Phase 1 Villadoro property owners for the installation of fire sprinklers as they are now mandatory . In addition, the motion calls for notification to the Villadoro property owners that any further reductions in development fees for fire sprinklers is being rescinded. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.*

- D. Review and discuss plans for land development and construction of the Training Facility in El Dorado Hills** – Chief Roberts stated that the committee had not met but work was being done on getting the Special Use Permit renewed. He added that Director Winn was working on getting some information relative to the work that was being done by Sac Metro in constructing their training facility.

#### **VIII. FISCAL ITEMS**

- A. Public Hearing: Review and approve Resolution 2014-13 adopting the Appropriation Limits for fiscal year 2014/15** – Counsel Cook reviewed the appropriation limits of \$30,792,611 for the 2014/15 fiscal year and recommended approval of the resolution.

*Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-13, adopting the appropriation limits of \$30,792,611 for fiscal year 2014/15, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Director Winn.)*

- B. Public Hearing: Review and approve Resolution 2014-14, approving the Final Budget for fiscal year 2014/15 and authorizing expenditures from Reserve Funds** - CFO Bair presented the Final Budget for fiscal year 2014/15 highlighting the changes made from the preliminary budget. She stated that the projected 3 percent increase in revenue had actually resulted in a 10 percent increase. The budget presented was \$21,613,114 with \$6,763,100 of it being Capital Assets which included the construction of Station 84. The proposed Latrobe portion of the budget was not included in the \$21,613,114 budget. The Latrobe portion was \$448,075.

*Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-14, adopting the Final Budget for fiscal year 2014/15 with the changes noted in the amount of \$21,613,114 and the amount of \$448,075 for the Latrobe portion, seconded by Director Fullerton, and unanimously carried.*

Richard Ross, citizen, made public comment by expressing concern with the way taxpayer money was being spent relative to Station 84, salary increases, and the Latrobe annexation. He stated that he feels money is not being spent in a practical and economical way for the benefit of the El Dorado Hills citizens.

*The motion was unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None; Absent: Director Winn.)*

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Roberts announced that final approval has been granted for the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program which allows training cost reimbursement. He also stated that the date for the Volunteer Strategic Planning Session has been rescheduled to October 7 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Items VI-A.3, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief; VI-A.4, review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters wage and benefit negotiations; Conference with Negotiating Committee and IV-C.6, Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Development of Evaluation Criterion and Protocols.

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. Director Hartley reported that regarding Closed Session Items, direction was given to Staff and no action was taken.

**XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Directors - None**
- B. Staff - None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved:

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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Jim Hartley, Vice President