

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Durante, Giraud, Hartley, Hus, and Winn. Director Winn attended via teleconference. Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 771th Special Board meeting held December 15, 2017**
- B. **Approve Minutes of the 772nd Board meeting held December 21, 2017**
- C. **Approve Financial Statements for December 2017**

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

Counsel Cook suggested that **Item VI-A and VI-B** be moved on the agenda after **Item XII. Oral Communications** and the Board concurred.

III. PRESENTATION

- A. **EDH Development Snapshot** – Fire Marshal Cox presented a slideshow covering current development projects in El Dorado Hills.
- B. **Presentation by the El Dorado County Fire Advisory Board regarding initiative for an alternative funding source and Board authorization of expenditure not to exceed \$5,000** – Chief Roberts presented information about the El Dorado County Fire Advisory Board’s decision to campaign for a sales tax increase to help resolve the El Dorado County Fire District funding challenges. He added that the Advisory Board is asking for \$5,000 from each district to fund a market research study.

Director Hus asked if any assessment was done to determine where much of the money being dispersed across the county would come from and commented that he anticipates that the El Dorado Hills citizens would carry a significant amount of the cost to help fund other Districts. Chief Roberts responded that the higher density population areas, including El Dorado Hills, would provide the majority of the sales tax revenue, and he expressed the benefit of helping to make other Districts sustainable so that the mutual aid help is available to El Dorado Hills when it is needed.

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve the expenditure to the El Dorado County Fire Advisory Board not to exceed \$5,000 contingent Counsel Cook's review, seconded by Director Durante, and carried. (Roll call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 1-Hus)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters** – None
- B. EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. Public Comment** – Tim White, resident, asked that the Board consider moving the closed session items either after Oral Communications or before the Board meeting. Counsel Cook suggested that the Closed Session items be permanently moved to the end of the meeting, but stated that there are also times that the closed session needs to be early on the agenda and may be moved forward.

V. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VI. ATTORNEY ITEMS

- A. Closed Session; Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2); Pending Litigation; One Potential Matter.**
- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1); Conference with legal counsel regarding pending litigation; One Matter; Thomas and Helen Austin v. The County of El Dorado, et. al.; El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. 21050633**

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)**
 - 1. Review and approve final site drawings for Verizon cell tower at Station 85** – Chief Roberts presented the final site drawings for the Verizon Cell Tower and stated that Mike Cook has been working with Verizon and is close to a final contract.

Director Durante made a motion to approve final site drawings for Verizon cell tower at Station 85, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried.

- B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraudo and Winn)** – President Hartley reported that the committee met with a FASIS representative to discuss workers' compensation insurance provider options and stated that the committee would likely bring a recommendation to the Board later in the year. Director of Finance Braddock reported that the committee directed her to get quotes to potentially move the HRA program to a 3rd party administrator at the start of the new fiscal year.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. **Strategic Planning Committee (Directors Hus and Girauda)** – No report.
2. **Communications Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)** – No report.
3. **Training Facility Committee (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – No report
4. **CSD/Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Girauda and Durante)** – No report.
5. **Station 91 Building Committee (Directors Durante and Girauda)** – Chief Roberts stated that all electrical and cables have been run and they are about a week or two from starting the sheetrock.
6. **Cameron Park CSD/EDH Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)** – Chief Roberts reported that Cameron Park CSD approved a request for proposal to be sent out.

Director Hus made a motion to dissolve the Cameron Park CSD/EDH Fire Collaboration Committee and discontinue any discussion about the proposed contract for services. Motion failed without a second.

Director Durante recommended that the committee look at the proposal as long as there is not a significant amount of Staff time involved and Director Hartley concurred.

VIII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report (Receive and file)** – Chief Lilienthal expressed his appreciation for the crews that responded to Ventura County on a strike team over the holidays and he highlighted a couple of critical incidents for the month of December.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Roberts stated that he stepped down to Vice President and they are still working on the fixed rate contract.

IX. FISCAL ITEMS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss the feasibility of an EDHF Association reimbursement program** – Director Durante asked that the Board support him in looking into a funding solution through the District for the EDHF Association with the help of Staff and Counsel Cook. Director Hus expressed his disagreement and concerns about using public tax dollars to support the Association. The discussion was assigned to the Administrative Committee for further review.

- B. Review and approve Staff Report regarding temporary increase to the Board approved Firefighter/Paramedic positions list** – Chief Roberts asked that the Board approve hiring of 6 new Firefighter/Paramedics temporarily increasing the number of approved positions by 3. He stated that he anticipates 3 retirements within the next year.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Staff Report regarding temporary increase to the Board approved Firefighter/Paramedic positions list, seconded by Director Giraudo, and unanimously carried.

- C. Election of Board President and Vice President for 2018**

Director Hartley made a motion to nominate Director Giraudo for Board President, seconded by Director Giraudo.

Director Hus made a motion to nominate Director Durante for Board President, seconded by Director Durante.

The Board took a roll call vote by name and elected Director Durante as Board President (Roll Call: Durante: 3 – Durante, Hus, Winn; Giraudo: 2 – Giraudo, Hartley).

Director Hartley made a motion to nominate Director Giraudo for Board Vice President, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0).

- D. Reorganization of Committees for 2018** – President Durante deferred the committee assignments to the February Board agenda.
- E. Review and establish meeting dates for 2018** – Director Durante suggested continuing the meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. and the Board concurred.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing: The District will consider adoption of a resolution or resolutions to approve the District's receipt of a transfer of fiscal year 2018-19 base property tax revenue from El Dorado County to District related to the Latrobe annexation area, as authorized by California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99.02 et seq., effective for the 2018-19 fiscal year and for subsequent fiscal years** – Counsel Cook stated that the Public Hearing will be re-noticed when the County is ready to move forward.

XII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – None
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts thanked the crews for their time invested in strike teams and covering the District in 2017.

The Board adjourned to discuss Closed Session Item VI-A and VI-B at 7:37 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – The Board scheduled an Admin Committee meeting on Monday January 29th at 11:00 a.m. (this meeting was cancelled following the Board meeting), a Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m., and a Cameron Park CSD/EDH Fire Collaboration Committee meeting for January 24th at 4:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:

Greg Durante, President

Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary