

# EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Thursday, February 15, 2018

6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

### II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 773rd Board meeting held January 18, 2018
- B. Approve Financial Statements for January 2018

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

### III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

President Durante moved **Items III-D and III-E** prior to **Item III-A**.

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Captain MacKenzie recognized the departure of Captain Dan Nelson and Firefighter Adam Gregory.
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – Lantz Burvant, EDH Firefighters Association President, updated the Board on the current structure of the association and funding issues and stated that he intends to provide a more consistent presence of Association leadership at the Board meetings.
- C. **Public Comment** – None
- D. **Board committee assignments** – President Durante directed attention to the new committee assignments.
- E. **Board rules of engagement** – President Durante reminded the Board that any observed operational issues that a Board member would like addressed should be brought back to the Board and not discussed with personnel. He added that direction to Staff should go through the Fire Chief.

### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Latrobe Resident Steven Barad request to purchase portion of Heffren/Dodson lot APN# 087-330-391** – Chief Roberts stated that resident Steven Barad would like to purchase a portion of the Latrobe property. Director Hus suggested that it might be worth considering selling the whole parcel. President Durante assigned the discussion to the Finance Committee for further review.

- V. **ATTORNEY ITEMS** – Counsel Cook stated that **Closed Session Item XII-A** should now read: **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1); Conference with legal counsel regarding pending litigation; LisaMarie Mason v. El Dorado Hills County Water District, et. al.; United States District Court Case No. 2:18-cv-00223-MCE-AC**

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hus)**

1. **Discuss a revised volunteer stipend program** – Chief Roberts reported that the Administrative Committee met and created a proposed stipend for active members of the Volunteers-in-Support with a maximum stipend of \$20,000 going to the Association. Director Hus asked if a dollar amount could be assigned to each event rather than just the number of volunteers.

Tim White, resident, suggested that the Department set aside revenue from the cell tower to help fund the association so that there is no appearance of using public tax dollars.

B. **Finance Committee (Directors Giraudo and Hus)** – No report.

C. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

1. **Strategic Planning Committee (Directors Hus and Winn)** – No report.
2. **Communications Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)** – No report.
3. **Training Facility Committee (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – Chief Roberts stated that the plans have been submitted to the County and the fees were waived. He added that he expects that the approved plans will take about 5 weeks.
4. **CSD/Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – No report.
5. **Station 91 Building Committee (Directors Winn and Giraudo)** – Chief Roberts reported that most of the station is sheet rocked and painted and the hope is for completion in April.
6. **Cameron Park CSD/EDH Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)** – No report.

VII. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

A. **Operations Report (Receive and file)**

- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Roberts stated that he is participating in negotiations for a JPA fixed rate contract and hopes to have a proposal to present to the JPA Board next month.

VIII. **FISCAL ITEMS** – Director of Finance Braddock reminded the Board about the public

workshop regarding the District's pension and OPEB liabilities on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review and approve bathroom repair at Station 86** – Chief Roberts reported that Chief Lilienthal is working with the insurance company to find out what portion of the repairs will be covered, but Staff is recommending that the District go ahead with completing the repairs and approve the contract.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve bathroom repair at Station 86 not to exceed \$82,832, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.*

- B. Review and approve revised Vacant Lot Weed Abatement Program** – Fire Marshal Cox presented the revised Vacant Lot Weed Abatement Program proposing that the District raise the fee to \$125 and add down trees, branch, or woody debris smaller than 8 inches. Director Hus suggested that the fee be raised to the justified amount of \$200.

*Director Hus made a motion to approve revised Vacant Lot Weed Abatement Program changing the fee to \$200, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.*

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Directors** – Director Hus asked about the jurisdiction of the open space in the Hills of El Dorado. Fire Marshal Cox explained that the District has been working on trying to find the owner of the property for years, but has not been able to prove ownership.
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts commended the crews on the great job on a recent structure fire.
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – Agenda Item moved to after **Item XII. Closed Session**. The Board scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for February 27, at 4:00 p.m. and a Strategic Planning Committee meeting on March 5, at 11:00 a.m.

**The Board adjourned to discuss Closed Session Item XII-A and XII-B at 7:00 p.m.**

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

- 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**

The meeting reconvened at 7:26 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved:

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Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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Greg Durante, President