

**SIX HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred sixteenth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Gilmore, Hartley, Hidahl, Knight, and Thomsen, with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was also in attendance. Chiefs Veerkamp, Planje, O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hidahl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the minutes of the 615th meeting held December 19, 2007, the expenditures for December 2007, and the ratification of the ninth payment to Allen Bender Construction for Station 87 in the amount of \$261,013.10 with an additional payment of \$29,004.46 to fund the retainage escrow account. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

Correspondence was received from the Administrative Staff requesting to meet for their wage and benefit contract ending June 30, 2008. President Hidahl assigned himself and Director Gilmore to serve on this Committee. Staff will contact the Committee to set up a meeting.

The Administrative Committee met regarding Station 87. The Station was occupied on January 3, 2008. A “Notice of Completion” was filed. Staff is working through a few minor issues with the General Contractor. Chief Veerkamp advised the Board that an open house is being planned for the spring. He discussed an afternoon during the week to try and reach out to the local business owners in the area. The Board was in support of this and it will be discussed further at a later date.

Directors Hartley and Knight will be meeting in the future regarding the building projects.

Project Manager Fred Russell's hours were discussed. Fred has worked about 800 hours as project manager for Station 87 since July 2007. There are still a few hours that need to be spent on the project. He is also doing some prevention work with plan checks. Fred can only work 960 hours as a retired annuitant in a fiscal year.

Director Hartley moved to increase Fred's "not to exceed" hours to 900 for the Station 87 project. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

The Fire Committee did not meet but plans to meet soon for a "48/96" shift schedule review.

Chief Planje reviewed the Activity Report with the Board. The Medic statistics were reviewed. Medic 285 had been filling in when available until Station 87 was staffed. The response times were better; however, the minimums were still not met. It was discussed that the District needs to set the minimum response times and then convey that information to the JPA.

Director Gilmore would like to see reporting that is more understandable as it relates to the medic responses.

Operationally, Michael LeBlanc was promoted to Engineer, the Station 87 crew is up and running, the new engine for Station 87 is ninety percent complete, and the Battalion Chiefs are now on shift. The \$900,000 grant for communications in the County was awarded. This grant will be split among the County to add mobile computers to the engines and provide software for the Dispatch Center to communicate with them.

Chief O'Camb gave the Commercial Activity Report.

Director Hartley reported that the JPA did not meet in January. He stated that the next meeting would be February 5 to receive and file the resolutions from the ten Fire Districts

as discussed previously. The paperwork would then be filed with the Secretary of State's office to make the change.

A Public Hearing was announced to review and discuss Ordinance #33, the amendments to the 2007 edition of the California Fire Code, based upon the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, which includes the findings of fact. Chief O'Camb reported that this Ordinance brings in line our current practices and standards. He stated that the biggest change was in the area of residential sprinklers. There were no comments from the public.

Director Hartley moved to adopt Ordinance #33, the amendments to the 2007 edition of the California Fire Code, based upon the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, which includes the findings of fact. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ken Porter sent a letter requesting a refund of his development fee, as he was no longer planning to build on the parcel.

Director Gilmore moved to approve the refund of Development Fee to Mr. Ken Porter, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Chief Veerkamp reviewed the 2007 Goals Reports with the Board.

1. Core Values project will be completed in 2008.
2. Administrative Staff duties were complete.
3. Volunteer Program and utilization will be completed in 2008.
4. Career Progression and Development is complete.
5. Station 87 is nearing completion and will be finalized in 2008.
6. Training Facility will be continued into 2008. (Dennis Dong is updating his contract and a Committee will be working on this project.)
7. Station 84 will be incorporated into the Goal for a Master Plan in 2008.
8. Residential Sprinklers were included in Ordinance #33 which just passed.

Chief Veerkamp reviewed the preliminary 2008 Goals as discussed in Strategic Planning. Staff decided to remove the priority as all of the goals were important and would be worked on throughout the year.

Goals 1, 2, and 3 were carryover from 2007; Goal 4 is a Personnel Master Plan; Goal 5 is a Facility Master Plan; and Goal 6 is to explore options for annexations, consolidations and contract for service.

Director Knight moved to accept the 2008 Goals as submitted, with some wordsmithing on Goal 6, seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

Chief Financial Officer Bair stated that she had been approached by a couple of Board Members to set up an irrevocable trust fund with CalPers under IRS Section 115 for the purpose of prefunding health benefits for retirees and their beneficiaries. A packet was given to the Board describing this in detail. An actuarial needs to be performed to determine the annual contributions necessary to contract for this with CalPers. Staff recommends hiring an actuary to conduct the study as required by CalPers and continuing to gather information.

Director Knight moved to begin the process for setting up a trust fund and to retain the services of an actuary at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Director Knight questioned what other health benefits are out there and requested staff to do some research on this subject. Director Hartley stated that CalPers is the largest provider of healthcare and was happy with their service. The Chief stated that FDAC has some health benefits packages which could be reviewed easily.

Counsel Cook reminded the Board that health benefits is a negotiated item.

Director Knight stated that he had received a letter of intent to purchase 7.5 acres of land around Station 86 for the Sheriff's Department at a price of \$450,000. They met with

Chief Veerkamp and Director Knight to review this proposal. This will be brought back on the February agenda.

A badge pinning ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 20 before the next Board meeting. Staff is investigating solar power for the fire stations. Chief Veerkamp will be the Rotary President in July 2008.

Chief O’Camb reported that there is a joint venture between the Department, Jackson School, the C.S.D., Cal Fire and the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council for weed abatement in the Wild Oaks Park. They are showing 100 foot defensible space as an example for the citizens. A large sign is being built to bring attention to this project.

Director Thomsen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gilmore and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary