

**SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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The six hundred sixty sixth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Durante, Barber, Hartley, and Winn with President Durante presiding. (Director Hidahl had not yet arrived). Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Interim Chief O'Camb, Battalion Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Connie Bair were present. President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief O'Camb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Barber moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 663<sup>rd</sup> meeting held March 17, 2011; the minutes of the 664<sup>th</sup> meeting (a special meeting) held April 2, 2011; and the minutes of the 665<sup>th</sup> meeting (a special meeting) held April 13, 2011 as well as the Financial Statements for March 2011. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ron Mikulaco, an El Dorado Hills resident, addressed the Board by stating that he had done research into the statutes governing how closed sessions were being conducted, particularly as it relates to negotiations and compensation. He cited Brown Act statutes 549576 and 54957.7 and then stated that he had found three citations that support his contention that the Board has not been doing things within the confines of the law. Counsel Cook responded to Mr. Mikulaco's concerns stating that he was in agreement with his interpretation of the Brown Act statutes; however, he was not in agreement that the Board was not in compliance.

Mr. Pete CaJacob, an El Dorado Hills resident, also addressed the Board by thanking Director Hidahl, CFO Bair and others who had taken time to explain the financials. He asked the following questions: 1) What are the total revenue estimates for the next fiscal year? 2) What is being targeted for costs for that same period? 3) What are the total costs for the recent four retirement inducements and will these costs be expended in the year that they were granted? A discussion was held and it was determined that by working through the Budget and Negotiations Committee, these questions will be answered.

Director Hidahl arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Mr. Pete Voy, an El Dorado Hills resident, asked for clarification on the Budget Report for the third quarter stating that it appeared that there would be a \$5,000,000 shortfall for the 2010-11 budget period and wanted to know if he was understanding the report correctly. CFO Bair explained that the report does not yet show the second half of the tax revenues that are expected in April. Director Hidahl added that the report can be misleading because tax revenues are only shown after having been received in the January and April/May timeframes. He suggested adding a footnote to the report for clarification.

Chief O’Camb read a thank you letter from the Trylovich family expressing their appreciation for the “above and beyond” service they received in fighting the fire at their Powers Drive home as well as the monetary donations that were given by Department members and the El Dorado Hills Firefighters’ Association.

President Durante requested that with the Board’s consent, all closed session matters be moved to later in the agenda. The Board concurred.

There was no report from the Fire Committee.

Director Hidahl reported that the Executive Search Committee is making good progress and moving forward in the Chief's selection process; however, they are still in the evaluation process and continuing to gather information. He reported that the Committee should be very close to making a decision within the next 10 – 12 days. President Durante added that a special meeting is being scheduled the week of May 9 to announce the Chief selection.

Director Hidahl reported that the Budget and Negotiations Committee had not met but will be scheduling a meeting as soon as possible. He stated that the next major step will be to begin work on the details of the MOU.

Chief Ballenger addressed the Board and expressed his support of Chief O'Camb or Chief Roberts for the Chief's position. He spoke on their behalf, stating that there has been a great deal of positive change in the organization since January 19 which includes the rebuilding of trust in the organization as well as teamwork. He emphasized the "value of the known" and asked that the Board take this into consideration when making the Chief selection. He emphasized the hard work ethics and leadership abilities demonstrated by both Chief O'Camb and Chief Roberts.

Mr. Mikulaco commented that he agreed with Chief Ballenger on the selection of either Chief O'Camb or Chief Roberts and added that there was also financial benefit for choosing an internal candidate.

After discussion on the date for the special meeting, President Durante advised that the Special Board Meeting will be scheduled for May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Chief O'Camb gave an update regarding the JPA. He stated that the County is in support of the JPA as the sole provider of ambulance service and is pursuing exclusivity rights

from the State EMSA. He also reported that the JPA continues to be in response time contractual compliance for 33 consecutive months.

Chief Ballenger reported on the Vacant Lot Weed Abatement Program stating that approximately 2,400 - 2,500 lots have been inspected and 450 notices were sent to property owners requesting that they abate their weeds. Director Hidahl commented that this program helps to minimize fire danger by providing a convenient service to the community which most of the community appreciates. Chief Ballenger added that we are one of the few Departments in the state that offers this service.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-04 to exercise its statutory authority to abate weeds on properties which constitute a public nuisance as listed in Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All.)

Chief O'Camb discussed the immediate need to purchase a number of portable radios. These radios will replace existing radios that will become useless once the mandatory Narrowbanding Program is put into effect which is expected to happen in the next few weeks. Chief O'Camb stressed the importance of reliable communications on the fire ground for the safety of our personnel. He presented two options for replacing the existing radios: Option 1) Purchase 20 Motorola radios and continue to transition the balance as needed over the years to come; and Option 2) Purchase all 55 Motorola radios so that only one type of radio would be utilized, thus reducing potential confusion on the fire ground. Chief O'Camb stated that Engineer Mike MacKenzie has worked diligently toward the procurement of these radios. The District has the opportunity to utilize a one-time, emergency purchase requisition through CalEMA with GSA, reduced pricing.

President Durante announced that he would abstain from the vote because he was employed by Motorola although he did not believe he had a technical conflict.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Option 2 to purchase 55 Motorola radios based upon the ability to do that without having to amend the budget. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and carried. (Ayes: 4; Abstain: Durante).

CFO Bair reported that the Department server's had been hacked into causing cost to repair and loss of productivity; fortunately, no data was lost. She commended Angelica Silveira, Systems Administrator, for detecting the problem early which helped to minimize the problems. CFO Bair stated that the servers were old and would need replacing in the next budget year. She also stated that it appears that our insurance will cover the costs of the outside technical labor that was necessary in order to resolve the issues.

CFO Bair brought to the Board's attention a letter that had been included in the Board packet regarding the LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12. She stated that everything was consistent with last year and there should not be an increase to the District in cost.

Director Hartley reported that Folsom is moving forward with their plans for annexation and suggested that Staff and Counsel Cook continue to keep an eye on the progress. Chief O'Camb said that he recently attended a meeting in Folsom and that their intent is to leave the sphere of influence alone. He stated that he will continue to attend future meetings to ensure that the District's interests are safeguarded.

President Durante adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss Item V-A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter) Merino et. al. v. El Dorado Hills County Water District; Item V-B, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter) Ferlini v. El Dorado Hills County Water District; Item V-C, Conference

with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation (Two Potential Matters); Items VI-A.1 and 2, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; and Item VI-A.3, review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters and Administrative wage and benefit negotiations and conference with Negotiating Committee and Consultant Dr. Dan Haverty.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

President Durante reported that during closed session, no action was taken on Attorney Items V-A and B. Counsel was given direction on Item V-C. No action was taken on Items VI-A.1, 2 and 3 and VI-C.1.

Director Hidahl noted that the property that had been under consideration on Francisco Drive is currently being reviewed for rezoning. He also made mention that there are two redistricting efforts being considered, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and El Dorado Irrigation District. He encouraged those with an interest to attend the upcoming public meetings and visit their websites for more information.

Director Hartley congratulated the four newly retired Department members (Battalion Chief Piper and Captains Enos, Jankowski and Wilson) and wished them well in their retirement. President Durante asked CFO Bair to prepare Resolutions recognizing each of the retirees and bring them back for approval at the next Board meeting.

Chief Roberts reported that the joint Engineers Testing process is going very well; Folsom Fire has eight candidates as does El Dorado Hills Fire. He stated that the written test will take place at the end the week with manipulative testing taking place next week. He added that the test was designed by both Departments and expressed his appreciation to Jill Engelmann of CPS for her participation in validating the testing process.

Chief O’Camb gave high accolades to the crew for saving the life of a cardiac arrest patient and commented on the complexity of what is required of the paramedic profession.

Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Connie Bair, Board Secretary

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Greg Durante, President