

**SIX HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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EI DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred sixty eighth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, May 19, 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, Hidahl and Winn with President Durante presiding. Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief Roberts, Deputy Chief O'Camb, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present. President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 666th meeting held April 26, 2011 and the 667th meeting (a special meeting) held May 10, 2011 as well as the Financial Statements for April 2011. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief Ballenger expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors for their dedicated efforts in the Chief selection process. He particularly thanked them for selecting an internal candidate for the position of Fire Chief.

Mr. Ron Mikulaco, an El Dorado Hills resident, thanked the Board and Staff for their time and professionalism in helping to better educate himself as to the financial state of the District.

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

The Fire Committee had nothing to report.

Director Hidahl reported on the Budget and Negotiations Committee stating that new estimates have been brought forth as to where we will finish the year financially. He also stated that the committee has proposed recommendations on the negotiations side that will need to be discussed during closed session in terms of what commitment the Board is willing to make. He stated that we have an opportunity for a two year agreement which the committee is working towards with focus on the first year but also a second year tie-in. A closed session meeting to hold further discussion regarding negotiations has been scheduled for May 24. The committee should be ready to make their recommendations at the June Board Meeting as to the direction of the MOU and other agreements that need to be taken in order to balance the budget. Chief Roberts recognized the committee and the entire Department for an outstanding job in achieving significant savings to date.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley gave an update regarding the JPA. He noted that the contract for the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant has been renewed. He also reported that that the District requested a variance for an overtime overage from the JPA which was approved. He stated that work is being done on the computer policies and systems security in preparation for the electronic EMS reporting program.

Chief Roberts requested Board approval to surplus and offer for sale 44 air packs and 18 Portable Bendix Radios. The sale could generate approximately \$16,000.

Director Barber made a motion to approve the surplus and sale of the air packs and Portable Bendix Radios as recommended by Staff. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts reported that Chief O'Camb has been working on the sale of Engines 8573 and 8575 and Sutter Creek Fire Department has expressed interest in the purchase of both for a total of \$55,000.

CFO Bair presented a LAFCO request to respond to an election ballot for Special District Representative for a regular seat and an alternate seat as well as approve voting by electronic ballot.

Director Hidahl made a motion to give Director Winn the number one choice on the ballot for Special District Representative to LAFCO. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Director Hidahl made a motion to give Ken Humphreys the number two choice on the ballot for an alternate representative to LAFCO. (He added that Ken Humphreys has represented us well in the past and is a member of the Fire Service.) The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Director Barber made a motion to approve of the LAFCO ballots to be distributed electronically. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the return of LAFCO ballots electronically. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Staff had prepared draft Resolutions 2011-05 through 2011-08 recognizing the many contributions made to the District by the four new retirees: Battalion Chief Dwight Piper, Captain Steve Enos, Captain Dale Jankowski and Captain Mike Wilson.

Director Hartley made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2011-05 through 2011-08 recognizing the four retirees. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, All.)

Director Durante announced that the Badge Pinning Ceremony for Chief Roberts, Captain Brady and Engineer Ward will take place on June 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding the best placement of closed sessions on the agenda for future meetings. It was decided to revisit the topic in a few months.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:38 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 (One Potential Matters); Items VI-A.1 and 2, Public Employee/Dismissal/Release; Item VI-A.3, Review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters and Administrative wage and benefit negotiations; Conference with Negotiating Committee; and Item VI-C, Conference with Chief Transition Committee (Directors Hidahl and Durante) to develop terms and conditions of employment contract for the new Fire Chief.

The meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

Director Durante reported that during closed session, the Board received updates and no action was taken on Items V-A, B and C. He also reported that the Board concluded its deliberation and will issue a written decision to the appellants on Items VI-A.1 and 2. In regard to Items VI-A.3 and VI-C, the Board provided direction to the Negotiations Committee and the Chief Transition Committee.

Director Hartley stated that he will be unable to attend the June Board meeting and will also be unable to teleconference. He also encouraged attendance at the Fire Board/Fire Chiefs' quarterly dinner to be held on June 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garden Valley Community Park.

Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Hidahl.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

Greg Durante, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary