

**SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
EI DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred seventy seventh meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Directors Hartley, Hidahl and Winn were present with Vice President Hidahl presiding. (President Durante was present via teleconference with Director Barber also joining via teleconference later in the meeting.) Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief Roberts, Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present. Vice President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and Sandy Sanders, Recording Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 676<sup>th</sup> meeting held November 14, 2011 and the financial statements for November 2011. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts presented letters of appreciation from Guiding Hands Preschool thanking Chief Ballenger, Stephanie Parrish, and the firefighters for their fire safety presentation as well as a letter from the Senior Center and Village Life article recognizing the Honor Guard for their participation in a Veterans Day ceremony.

With Board concurrence, Vice President Hidahl removed both closed sessions from the agenda. There is no additional information on either item at this time. He also stated that Item VI-A.1, review and approve AT&T proposal for architectural change to the hose tower

to allow additional antennas on Station 84, will be continued to the next Board Meeting agenda when there will be more Board members present.

The Fire Committee had nothing to report.

Director Hartley reported that the Regional Operations Committee had further discussions regarding parameters and costs for the contract for services with Latrobe Fire Protection District. He recommended that a meeting be held with Counsel Cook before any further discussions with Latrobe. Counsel Cook agreed that the next step should be for Chief Roberts, the Committee and himself to meet where he could raise any issues that should be addressed before drafting a contract for services agreement.

Director Barber joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:20 p.m. after technical communication issues were resolved.

The public asked several questions regarding the proposed contract for services with Latrobe Fire Protection District which were addressed by Chief Roberts and the Board.

Vice President Hidahl stated that the Board will continue discussion regarding contracting with Latrobe to the next Board Meeting.

Vice President Hidahl reported that the Budget and Negotiations Committee had met regarding the health and retirement issue when hiring new personnel pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding, XVIII, Term, Section D and is in the process of gathering data from other organizations for evaluation. Chief Roberts stated that these changes to the MOU need to occur in the February or March timeframe. He anticipates bringing on board the new Fire Marshal in the September timeframe allowing for a transition period before Chief Ballenger's retirement in December.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley commented that he would like to see the response time data reflected in the Annual Report and Vice President Hidahl suggested that a topic of discussion at the Strategic Planning Meeting might be how we can further improve response time.

Director Hartley reported that the JPA meeting in December has been cancelled. Chief Roberts stated that a topic of concern continues to be what direction will be taken in regard to mobile technologies; it appears that by the end of January, that direction will be defined.

Chief Roberts complimented FF/Paramedic James Sommercamp, IT Committee lead, on the excellent job he did in leading the team's evaluation of the Department's IT needs and funneling the Department into the right direction. James presented the findings of the Committee's IT infrastructure upgrade project which called for replacing an outdated infrastructure, specifically server hardware, server software, networking hardware, increasing bandwidth, network monitoring, videoconferencing between stations, data backups as well as ongoing IT support. After an extensive Request for Proposal bid process, the Committee recommends that the Board approve the bid from Vital Networks for \$39,350. Although not the low bid, the Committee chose Vital Networks based on their extensive IT knowledge and background, the equipment choices they will be providing, their high level of support and network/server monitoring.

Director Winn made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation to accept the bid for \$39,350 from Vital Networks for IT infrastructure upgrade and support. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief O'Camb discussed the need to move forward with increased security of all of the fire stations by upgrading the outside doors with a key pad type of access eliminating the possibility of a door being left unlocked. Although the original plan was to install the security

key pads at only Station 85, it became apparent that this type of security was needed at all of the stations and asked for Board ratification and approval of this work which will accumulatively cost over \$8,000 but not to exceed \$9,000. He stated that this expenditure will be taken from the existing station maintenance budget.

Director Hartley made a motion to ratify and approve the installation of security key pad locks as discussed. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts thanked Engineer Matt Belleci for the time and effort that he has devoted to extensively evaluating the potential purchase of a 2007 American LaFrance Tiller Truck from the City of Lincoln. Matt gave a Powerpoint presentation that summarized his findings. Chief Roberts advocated the purchase of the tiller truck stating that if the truck adequately meets our needs, this purchase could save the District \$600,000 to \$700,000, the cost of a new truck. He also invited those that have an interest to come out to see the tiller truck tomorrow at Station 85 when it will be put to the test by the Apparatus Committee to ensure it meets the needs of our own jurisdiction. Because of the limited time that this opportunity might be available, Chief Roberts asked the Board to approve a dollar range for the Apparatus and Board Committees to negotiate with the Lincoln Fire Department prior to the next Board Meeting. He stated that there is a strong possibility that the Lincoln Fire Department may no longer be in existence due to a dire financial crisis which could affect our ability to negotiate for this apparatus. He also requested that the Board approve the sale of the Type III Engine to Lincoln as part of the negotiation process.

After a discussion, Vice President Hidahl and President Durante requested that the feasibility of this high dollar purchase be thoroughly evaluated by an Ad Hoc Committee and a

recommendation be brought back to the Board for consideration. A special meeting was scheduled for December 22 to discuss this issue if necessary.

Mike Gygax, EDH Firefighters' Association Vice President, updated the Board on the association's activities which included gearing up for the Santa Run to be held December 14 – 18, 2011 and supporting Mike Logan's recent cancer diagnosis with funds from the EDH Firefighters' Foundation. He also expressed appreciation to Director Winn for her successful efforts in raising funds for the Association.

Chief O'Camb acknowledged the tragic accidental death of a young Silva Valley student, Keegan Sweeney. Keegan was a recent fire poster winner. Chief O'Camb thanked Prevention team member, Stephanie Parrish, for having Keegan's fire poster made into a magnet which is being displayed on a fire utility vehicle in memory of Keegan. He also recognized Engineer Ben Cowles (who is also our Chaplain) for his participation in the memorial service at Silva Valley School.

Chief Roberts expressed his appreciation to Dennis Ferguson and Sandy Sanders, a.k.a. Santa and Mrs. Claus, for their participation in the Tree Lighting Ceremony that was attended by hundreds of community members, to the crews for decorating the beautiful Christmas Tree at the Senior Center, and to Captain John Johnston, Engineers Brenton Warren and Matt Belleci, and Firefighter/Paramedic Stacy Minnich for their commitment in hosting a mini Truck Academy for the Volunteers at Station 86. He added his thanks to the Santa Run Committee for their work and Director Winn for her fundraising efforts.

Director Winn moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Approved:

---

Greg Durante, President

---

Connie Bair, Board Secretary