

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 16, 2017

6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 756th Board meeting held February 16, 2017
- B. Approve Financial Statements for February 2017

Director Durante made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters – None
- B. EDH Firefighters Association – None
- C. Latrobe Advisory Committee – None
- D. Public Comment – None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Richard Ross – Chief Roberts stated that citizen Richard Ross submitted a letter to the Board regarding the proposed Armament Policy. He added that the Staff report included in the packet addressed Mr. Ross' questions.

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley) – Chief Keating reported that he and Counsel Cook are working on the Vaping policy and hope to have something to present at the April Board meeting.
 - 1. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Fire Chief David Roberts – No action taken.

President Hartley requested that **Item VI-A.1** be moved on the agenda before **Item III. Oral Communications** and the Board concurred.

- B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraud and Winn) – No report.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. **Strategic Planning Committee (Directors Hus and Giraud)** – No report.
2. **Communications Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)** – Chief Keating reported he hopes to have quotes from both Sacramento Regional Public Safety Communications Center and Cal Fire for a feasibility study to present at the April board meeting. He added that the Rip and Run printers are active and the results have clearly improved the response times when the crew is in quarters.
3. **Training Facility Committee (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – Chief Roberts stated that Staff met with Dennis Dong and outlined a plan for Dennis to design and develop a quote.
4. **CSD/Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Giraud and Durante)** – Chief Roberts reported that the committee discussed the potential of using the property at station 86 for a park and the CSD asked that a few of the firefighters be involved in developing the plan to create an outdoor workout space for the crews that can be incorporated. He added that the committee also discussed the option of looking at a shared service contract for IT services.
5. **Armament Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)**
 - a. **Review and approve Peace Officer with Code Enforcement & Arson Investigative Responsibility Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Program Policy and change to Rules and Regulations** – Chief Roberts explained that Staff is recommending approval of the proposed Armament policy and stated that the Union has submitted a letter opposing the policy change. He added that he believes that the policy is necessary due to growing safety concerns. Sherriff D’Agostini stated that he is in support of the policy and believes based on his research that there is a need for arming trained staff.

Director Durante reported that he is strongly opposed to the policy and proposed that the committee look at options to further secure station 85 since the largest threat would be there. Director Hartley agrees that the committee should consider securing the building and stated his concern about the training requirements and equipment. Director Hus stated that he was initially in support of this policy, but would be hesitant to vote for a policy to protect the employees that the Union is opposing. Director Winn stated that she believes that the portion of the Rules and Regulations document that prohibits law enforcement from being armed in the

station should be amended. She added that she would be concerned with passing a policy that legal counsel adamantly opposes, but stated that she believes it would be reasonable to look at potentially arming arson investigators that have the authority to make arrests.

Tim White, citizen, stated that with the lack of resources at the Sherriff's department he sees the benefit of having additional trained people, but would be concerned about the liability.

Director Hartley assigned the item back to committee and the Board directed Staff to amend the Rules and Regulations authorizing law enforcement to carry their weapons on Department property.

6. **Station 91 Building Committee (Directors Durante and Giraudo) –** Chief Roberts reported that engineering for the exterior is done and expects another 3-5 weeks to completion prior to moving to any interior modifications. Director Hus asked that the committee take another look at the money the District is spending on improvements in the Latrobe area. Chief Keating reported that the committee authorized Staff to expend the next \$50,000 to continue improvements.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report (Receive and file)**
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority –** Chief Roberts stated that Staff is still working with the County to establish a fixed rate contract. He also reported that the JPA is looking at adding a \$25 ALS parcel fee to the 2019 ballot. Director Giraudo asked if the JPA was looking at adding a 12-hour ambulance and Chief Roberts responded that an RFP has been put out to fire departments in the County. Director Hus stated that he believes the JPA is dysfunctional and is concerned that there is a spending problem rather than a revenue problem. Chief Roberts stated that the \$25 parcel fee would go not only to ambulance service, but would help rural fire departments that provide ALS services as well. Director Hus added that he is adamantly opposed to the El Dorado Hills community supporting the more rural surrounding areas.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS – None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Receive and file 2016 Annual Report –** Director Hus asked that the report be corrected to state that Director Giraudo was elected, not appointed.
- B. **Review and approve Resolution 2017-02 initiating the 2017 Weed Abatement**

Program – Fire Marshal Cox reported that the proposed resolution is the standard yearly resolution to initiate the Weed Abatement Program.

Director Durante made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 initiating the 2017 Weed Abatement Program, seconded by Director Winn, and unanimously carried (Roll call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0.)

- C. Review and approve Grant of Easement to Pacific Bell Telephone Company at Station 86** – Director Winn recused herself from the discussion and left the room. Chief Roberts reported that AT&T requested the Board approve an easement at station 86 and added that Counsel reviewed the document and found no need to alter the document.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Grant of Easement to Pacific Bell Telephone Company at Station 86, seconded by Director Hus, and unanimously carried.

- X. OLD BUSINESS** – Chief Roberts presented a certificate to Director Durante for 25 years of volunteer service to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department.

The Board adjourned to discuss Closed Session VI-A.1 at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – Director Durante stated that the annual golf tournament is scheduled for June 8. Director Hus asked Staff to present some information to the Board regarding workers comp and extended leave. Counsel Cook stated that he would work with employee Counsel to decide what is appropriate to discuss at the Board level. Director Giraud stated that he was impressed with the amount of training the department provides to employees and congratulated Chief Moreno on his 30 years of service.
- B. Staff** – Chief Roberts stated his appreciation to the firefighters for volunteering to help build the fence on El Dorado Hills Boulevard. Director of Finance Braddock asked if the Board would be willing to add an item on the agenda to schedule upcoming committee meetings and the Board concurred.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

Jim Hartley, President

Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary