

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 20, 2021

5:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President White called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraud, Hartley, and White. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m.

II. Closed Session

- A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiations; Items under Negotiation: Potential for acquisition of property, Price and Terms; Agency Negotiators Chief and Administrative Committee; Landowner Negotiator: Matthew Kannabe; Property Under Consideration: approximately 5 acres at Golden Foothill Parkway and Cypress Point Court APN117-082-05-100**
- B. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 64956.9 (d)(2); significant exposure to litigation; One Potential Matter**

The meeting reconvened at 6:04 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

- A. **EMS Week Presentation** – Brian Veerkamp and Christy Jorgensen with the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority presented awards to Chief Hall and Chief Lilienthal for their outstanding service to the County as well as Firefighters Huerta and Willock for their efforts on a life-saving call. Chief Johnson also presented awards to those recognized employees from the Department.
- B. **Badge Pinning for Engineers Jower and Sickenberger** – Chief Johnson acknowledged the promotions of Engineers Jower and Sickenberger.
- C. **New Employee Recognition** – Chief Johnson welcomed new hire Prevention Specialist Casey Ransdell and Defensible Space Inspector Richard Galvin to the Department.

The Board adjourned for a cake reception to celebrate the awards recipients, promotions, and new employees at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing: for Property Owners Objecting to or Protesting the Removal of Weeds on Private Undeveloped Properties as Found in EDHCWD Resolution 2021-01

1. **Protest by Robert Woodall Dated April 5, 2021 Regarding APN 119-090-045** – Public hearing was opened at 6:37 p.m. and continued to be taken after Item 5-A.2 due to technical difficulties.
2. **All Other Protests Regarding Property Owner(s) Who Protest the Decision of the District Declaring their Property to be a Fire Hazard.** Public hearing for APN#087-040-026 was opened at 7:02 p.m. Tim Reinarts requested an extension to abate the weeds on his family’s property. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Director White made a motion to extend the weed abatement deadline for the property with APN #087-040-026 to July 31, 2021, seconded by Director Bennett, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

Public hearing for APN#119-100-066 was opened at 7:15 p.m. John Salud requested an extension to abate the weeds on his property. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

Director Hartley made a motion to extend the weed abatement deadline for the property with APN #087-040-026 to June 15, 2021, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

Public hearing for APN#124-130-024 was opened at 7:23 p.m. Bimal Poddar requested an extension to abate the weeds on his property to June 30. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Director Durante made a motion to extend the weed abatement deadline for the property with APN #124-130-024 to June 30, 2021, seconded by Director Bennett, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

Public hearing for APN#119-090-045 was re-opened at 7:30 p.m. Robert Woodall expressed that he does not believe he should be required to abate the weeds to protect the homes around his property. The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

Director Bennett made a motion to extend the weed abatement deadline for the property with APN #119-090-045 to June 15, 2021, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 827th Board meeting held April 15, 2021
- B. Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for April 2021

Director Durante made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters** – Captain Landry, Treasurer, thanked the Board for recognizing the employees that recently promoted and retired.
- B. EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. Public Comment** – None

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

IX. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)** – Director Durante reported that the Strategic Plan is well underway, and the consultant has plans to meet with staff and community members with the intention of being done within 2 months.
- B. Finance Committee (Directors Bennett and Giraud)** – No report.
- C. Joint Powers Authority (Directors Hartley and Giraud)** – Chief Johnson stated that the Board voted to change the methodology that is used to calculate the District's reimbursements, contingent on County negotiations.
- D. Communications (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Bennett and Durante)** – No report.
- E. Training Center (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and White)** – Director Hartley reported that the committee met and addressed the concerns from Mr. Ross about the proposed training facility, and Chief Hall reported that he is targeting June or July to have a presentation for the Board.

XI. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:

- Staff will be looking to schedule a meeting with the Communications Committee in the near future.
- Staff continues to meet with the County to work on Rescue annexation negotiations and will update the Board at the next meeting.
- Chief Lilienthal updated the Covid-19 response guide.
- Congratulations to new retirees Engineers Wesson and LeBlanc and all of the award and promotion recipients.
- Congratulations to the Association scholarship award recipients.
- The Honor Guard Camp will take place on June 7-10 and the Fire Academy will start on June 15th.

XII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and file)** – Chief Lilienthal stated that there is a correction on page 2 column 3 for station 87 should say 453 rather than 132. He added that employees completed trench rescue training, and the active shooter gear was used on an incident. Director White stated that he liked the addition of the Battalion Chief reports.

XIII. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REPORT

- A. CRRD Report (Receive and file)** – Chief Phillips reported that the division has been very busy and they welcomed two new employees.

XIV. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing: Review and approve Resolution 2021-03 approving the Mid-Year Budget for fiscal year 2020/21 and authorize expenditures from Reserve Funds** – Item taken out of order after Item X. A public hearing was opened at 7:46 p.m. Director of Finance Braddock reported that the presented budget amendment has not changed from the first review presented at the April Board meeting. She recommended approval of the 2020/21 Mid-Year Budget.

The public hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Director Giraud made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 approving the Mid-Year Budget for fiscal year 2020/21 and authorize expenditures from Reserve Funds, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2021-04 of Appreciation to Engineer/Paramedic Michael LeBlanc for his service to the Department** – Director White read the Resolution of Appreciation for the record.

Director Giraud made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 of Appreciation to Engineer/Paramedic Michael LeBlanc for his service to the Department, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- B. Review and approve Resolution 2021-05 of Appreciation to Engineer/Paramedic Phillip Wesson for his service to the Department** – Director White read the Resolution of Appreciation for the record.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 of Appreciation to Engineer/Paramedic Phillip Wesson for his service to the Department, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- C. Review and approve the revised Employee Recognition Policy** – Chief Lilienthal stated that the employee recognition policy required the addition of some clarifying language and recommended approval of the revision.

Director White made a motion to approve the revised Employee Recognition Policy, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- D. Review and approve Resolution 2021-06 CalPERS Resolution of Intent to Amend Contract** – Item taken out of order after Item XIV-A. Director of Finance Braddock stated that Resolution 2021-06 is to amend the CalPERS contract to increase the cost share percentage by 1.5% to a total of 12% for Safety and 8% for Miscellaneous Classic members, consistent with the MOU and other employee agreements. She added that this is the Resolution of Intent, and the final Resolution will be presented at the June Board meeting.

Director White made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 CalPERS Resolution of Intent to Amend Contract, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rescue Annexation Update** – No additional report.
B. Training Facility Update – No report.
C. EDHCSD/EDHFD 2x2 update (Directors Hartley and White) – No report.

XVII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** – None
B. Staff – Chief Johnson stated that the District has entered into a contract with an on-call Medical Director for an additional employee resource on emergency medical calls. He added that the department is looking to hire a 3rd temporary Defensible Space Inspector, funded by a contract with El Dorado County.
C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings – None

Director White asked for a moment of silence to honor the Department's IT support contractor Jason Ivey who recently passed.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT


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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved:



Tim White, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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