

SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The six hundred seventy ninth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 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 and Winn were present with Vice President Durante presiding. (Directors Barber and Hidahl were present via teleconference). Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present. Vice President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. (Director Winn was late in arriving) and Chief Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Winn moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 678th meeting held January 19, 2012, and the financial statements for January 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Vice President Durante reported on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Firefighters' Association stating that the February Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 18 and that, due to budget constraints, attendees are being asked to make a \$25 contribution toward the cost of the dinner.

Matt Beckett, Captain and Honor Guard Commander, presented a short video of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, traditionally known as "The Old Guard" of Arlington National Cemetery and announced that the Honor Guard has been given the rare honor of being able to train with them and place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He asked that the

Board adopt a Resolution that can be presented to “The Old Guard” with appreciation for their service and granting the Honor Guard this opportunity.

Sherrie Petersen, resident, addressed the Board with fiscal concerns relating to operating expenses, salaries and benefits in comparison with other fire agencies.

Richard Ross, resident, also addressed the Board stating that there is still concern with the fiscal manner in which the Department has positioned itself.

With Board concurrence, Vice President Durante requested that closed session Item VI-C.2, be moved on the agenda to follow New Business.

Chief Roberts brought the Board’s attention to a letter from the El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association requesting that Fire Boards contact the Board of Supervisors with support of the Proposition 172 issue.

Vice President Durante announced that there is nothing to report on Attorney Item, V-A and therefore, will not be discussed in closed session.

Chief Roberts stated that the contract for services was presented to Latrobe Fire Protection District. Latrobe will not be needing the contract for administrative services as previously discussed. Chief Couper has requested that the contract be enacted on February 20, 2012, with minor modifications which have been reviewed and approved by Counsel Cook.

Richard Ross, resident, suggested that a formal plan for tracking call activity with Latrobe be established and monitored. Chief Roberts assured him that all call activity is already being documented and will be reported quarterly at a minimum.

Director Barber made a motion to approve the contract for services to provide emergency response services between the El Dorado Hills County Water District and the Latrobe

Fire Protection District with modifications as approved by Counsel Cook. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Vice President Durante stated that Item VI-C.3 will be moved on the agenda until after Item VI-C.2 has been discussed in closed session.

CFO Bair presented Resolution No. 2012-01, a resolution electing to establish a health benefit vesting requirement for future retirees in the “Regular Employees” group. She stated that this resolution is similar to the one adopted last spring for the Chief and mirrors the State’s vesting policy for retiree health benefits. It requires that all new hires must have a minimum of ten years of service with CalPERS and a minimum of five years of service with the El Dorado Hills Fire Department before becoming eligible for health benefits in retirement. She also stated that the Professional Firefighters had reviewed the resolution and are in agreement.

Director Winn added that this policy safeguards the District and taxpayer from obligation to short term employees and that the Budget Committee recommends the adoption of the Resolution.

Director Winn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-01, a resolution adopting health vesting for regular employees as described above. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes; Barber, Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, and Winn. Noes; none.)

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley gave an update on the JPA stating that the Executive Director was given direction to continue with the current configuration for the Dispatch MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) Program. He also added that the JPA is obtaining five year projections from the county to be incorporated into the planning process.

Chief Roberts reviewed the agreement between the JPA and the District for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Zoll defibrillators stating that this agreement will result in significant savings to the District, JPA and all County agencies.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the agreement for the services of Zoll defibrillator-monitors. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts discussed the importance of creating a Five Year Strategic Plan that engages the Department, businesses, community and residents. He suggested that the \$10,000 that was not used for consulting with Chief Haverty be re-designated to start the strategic planning process. He presented a synopsis of four vendors that submitted proposals to facilitate this process and stated that he favors the Center for Public Safety Excellence, not only because they are the most economical choice, but because after the Strategic Planning process is completed, they have the ability to also facilitate the International Accreditation process.

Vice President Durante requested that this topic be discussed further at the next Board meeting in order to give Board members ample time to review the proposal. The Board concurred.

Sherrie Petersen, resident, suggested that the District save money by researching other Department websites and using their Strategic Plans as a template and stated that she had found Petaluma Fire to have an exceptional plan.

The Actuarial Report for Retiree Health Benefits as required by the OPEB Trust was received and filed.

Chief Roberts discussed in more depth the letter to the Board from the Fire Chiefs Association requesting each Fire Board or their representative contact the Board of Supervisors in support of allocating Proposition 172 funds to Fire Districts. Director Hidahl asked Staff to

draft a Resolution to be reviewed by Director Winn and himself and brought back to the next Board Meeting for adoption.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss Item VI-C.2, a report from the Budget and Negotiations Committee regarding potential changes to the Memorandum of Understanding, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6.

The meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

Vice President Durante reported that during closed session, the Committee updated the Board on Item VI-C.2 which will be continued to the next Board Meeting on March 15, 2012. He also stated that a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding will be available three days prior to the meeting.

Director Hartley asked the Board to join him in preparing dinner for the next El Dorado Hills Firefighters Association meeting on March 27, 2012, as a token of the Board's appreciation for their outstanding community service.

Chief Roberts concluded the meeting with accolades for the crew who did an excellent job in confining a commercial kitchen fire which had breached into the attic at the Fortune Garden Chinese Restaurant.

Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary