

**SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The six hundred eighty third meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, June 21, 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 Barber, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn were present with President Hidahl presiding. (Director Durante was present via teleconference). Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief Roberts, Chief O’Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present. President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief O’Camb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hidahl announced that Agenda Item III-C, Special Presentation – MADE Drill (Multi-Agency Disaster Exercise) will be postponed until next month. He also stated that it will not be necessary to meet in closed session on Attorney Item V-A, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter) Merino et. al. v. El Dorado Hills County Water District.

Director Barber moved to approve the consent calendar which included the minutes of the 682nd meeting held May 17, 2012 and the financial statements for May 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Matt Beckett, Honor Guard Commander, gave a presentation of the recent training that the Honor Guard received from the Old Guard in Arlington.

Jeff Genovese, President of the El Dorado Hills Firefighters Association, gave an update. He stated that new officers have been elected to the Board and also announced that the

Auxiliary is being incorporated under the Association's umbrella in an effort to streamline funding and other processes.

Director Barber led a discussion on the construction plans and alternatives for Station 84 stating that the Administrative Committee has concluded that the best solution to the many inadequacies of the old station is to demolish and build a new two-story station. Chief O'Camb added that the Station 84 Committee visited several two-story fire stations in an effort to ensure that the new station has the best features to suit the District's needs. Richard Ross, El Dorado Hills resident, suggested that in order to be more transparent, Staff generate a report and make it available to the public outlining the reasons that necessitate the rebuilding of Station 84.

Director Barber made a motion to authorize a Request for Proposal for architectural services for Station 84. The motion was seconded by President Hidahl and carried. (Roll Call: Ayes; Barber, Durante, Hartley, and Hidahl; Noes; Winn.)

President Hidahl assigned an action item to Staff to consolidate existing information into one report to include the current condition of the building; why it is being recommended to replace the building; what other alternatives have been evaluated; and any other past history on this topic. He also asked that this document be posted on the website for public accessibility.

Director Winn reported that the Fire Committee met and has delivered the Preliminary Budget; CFO Bair commented that a complete review of the Preliminary Budget will take place later on the agenda.

Director Hartley stated that the Regional Operations Committee had not yet met regarding the contract for services with Latrobe Fire District. Chief Roberts stated that Counsel Cook is in the process of evaluating the benefits and drawbacks of a consolidation, merger, or annexation which should be ready to be presented at the next meeting.

Director Hartley reported on the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the League of Fire Districts stating he attended the meeting as an alternate; it appears progress is being made and it appears that the League is moving forward with a proposal to form a Joint Fire Authority that would hope to serve the needs of the ten agencies under this umbrella while finding potential cost savings.

The Operations Report was received and filed.

Director Hartley reported that while attending the JPA meeting, he made them very aware that the Board is extremely concerned about the JPA's negative budget deficit of \$800,000 and the need to take strong action to address this concern.

CFO Bair reviewed the 2012-13 Preliminary Budget stating that it was available on the website for review. CFO Bair stated that the Preliminary Budget was based on a negative one percent revenue projection and reviewed the revenue projections. Chief Roberts reviewed the Capital Expenditures. Director Barber asked for an analysis of the projected life of a truck and Chief Roberts stated that he would provide him with the Truck Replacement Report that was recently published by the Apparatus Committee and presented at a Board Meeting. Chief Roberts added that this report will also be posted to the website for public information.

Director Durante was no longer available by teleconference for the remainder of the meeting.

Public comments were made by residents Pete Voy and Craig Petersen voicing concern that in light of diminishing reserves, there needs to be action taken to reduce the Salaries, Wages, Health and Retirement categories. Chief Roberts explained that through many expense reductions, it is possible to have a balanced budget. Richard Ross, resident, inquired as to whether Fire Department employees have been provided with a statement of the value of their benefits and Chief Roberts responded that all employees have been provided with this information.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-08 adopting the 2012-13 Preliminary Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and carried. (Roll Call: Ayes; Barber, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn. Absent; Durante. Noes; None.)

CFO Bair discussed Staff's recommendation to hire the auditing services of Robert W. Johnson, CPA, for the fiscal year 2011-12. After a decision was made to move forward with the recommendation, President Hidahl suggested that the Budget Committee prepare some questions for the auditor and that he be invited to a Board Meeting to answer these questions and present the findings of the audit.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the firm of Robert W. Johnson, CPA, for auditing services for fiscal year 2011-12. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Chief Roberts stated that a draft of the Strategic Planning Report has been distributed to the Strategic Planning Committee for sharing with co-workers so that all personnel will have the opportunity to review and provide input. He expects the committee to meet again in the next two weeks at which time the draft will be finalized and then presented to the Department and the public.

Chief Roberts reported that the final Nationwide Retirement Solutions paperwork is being signed tomorrow and will soon give employees a second option for tax deferred savings plans.

President Hidahl announced that the Lakehills Fire Safe Council has been formed and gave his appreciation to Chief Roberts for being able to successfully obtain some funding for the council and establish a multi-agency approach to address wildland fire safety concerns. He added that he is hopeful that this council will spawn additional councils in the El Dorado Hills area.

President Hidahl commented on the recent ethics training he attended and recommended that the District establish a policy that supports the new state law requirements as they relate to “gifting.” Counsel Cook stated that there is a policy in place but would review it.

CFO Bair reminded those Board members who had not attended the ethics training to take it online within the next 30 to 40 days and submit their certificates to her. CFO Bair asked for input from the Board and Counsel Cook as to how well the Board minutes were satisfying their needs and stated that at this time, the minutes are in an action/summary format. Richard Ross, resident, suggested that rather than a narrative format, a roman numeral format that would coincide with the agenda items might be better.

Chief Roberts gave a brief summary of the highly successful Multi-Agency Disaster Exercise stating that a presentation will be made at the next Board Meeting. He said that the drill was of benefit to many but the strengthened relationships with all the outside agencies would have been worth the effort had the drill never actually taken place. He announced that an offer has been made and accepted by Battalion Chief Mike Lilienthal of

Stockton Fire Department who will replace retiring Chief Brad Ballenger as Fire Marshal; he is expected to start September 4. Chief Roberts announced that Firefighter/Paramedic Jenno Inzerillo was honored by the El Dorado Hills Rotary Club with the Firefighter of the Year Award for his excellent work with the youth in our community and the establishment of the Explorer Program.

Chief O’Camb relayed an observation of how the crew handled a recent medical aide at the post office and gave kudos to the crews for the way in which continuously provide outstanding medical care to members of the community.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President