

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The six hundred eighty fifth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Thursday, August 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 Barber, Hartley, Hidahl and Winn were present with President Hidahl presiding. (Director Durante was absent). Counsel Cook was also in attendance. Chief O'Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair were present (Chief Roberts arrived later in the meeting). President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hidahl noted that a correction was made to the minutes of the draft minutes stating that Director Winn made the motion to approve Resolution 2012-10 and seconded by Director Durante.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 684th meeting held July 19, 2012 and the financial statements for July 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Sherry Petersen, resident, stated that GASB Statement 45 requires Districts to obtain an actuarial of future costs (OPEB) and requested that this information be posted on the website for the public's information. CFO Bair commented that this information has been obtained but had not previously been posted to the website. She added that the evaluation is conducted every two years. President Hidahl directed Staff to accommodate Ms. Petersen's request.

Richard Ross, resident, brought to the Board's attention an editorial that was published in the Opinion section of the Sunday, August 12, 2012, Sacramento Bee newspaper, entitled, "*Summer giveaway must be stopped*" which speaks to the financial impact of Assembly Bill 2451 that provides death benefits for peace officers and firefighters. Mr. Ross suggested that the Board go on record by adopting a Resolution opposing the Bill. President Hidahl stated that the Board would take this under consideration, and if deemed appropriate, would ask that Staff prepare the Resolution and agendaize this matter for the next Board meeting. Director Barber added that in the meantime, Board members could express their opinions as individuals.

CFO Bair stated that the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters submitted a letter to the Board informing them that the Local 3604 Union is in support of the Board's proposal to rebuild Station 84.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss Agenda Item V-A, Attorney Item, Conference with Legal Counsel, Pending Litigation (One Matter) Merino et al. v. El Dorado Hills County Water District.

The meeting reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

President Hidahl reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

Director Barber gave an update regarding the Administrative Committee's progress regarding construction plans and alternatives for Station 84. He stated that after evaluating the 12 proposals for architectural services, the Committee is recommending that the contract be awarded to Calpo, Hom and Dong Architects based on their knowledge, experience and cost factor. It was decided to defer further discussion of this topic until Chief O'Camb could return to the meeting from an emergency call.

The Fire Committee had not met and had nothing to report.

Director Barber said that the Regional Operations Committee had not met and had nothing to report; however, Counsel Cook stated he and Chief Roberts met with José Henriquez, LAFCO Executive Director, to discuss procedural issues and areas of concerns should a decision be made to assume additional territories such as Latrobe or Rescue. He added that additional research is being conducted. President Hidahl added that a public workshop on this topic may be of value in the future.

Director Hartley presented an update on the League of Fire Districts meeting stating that there appeared to be a great deal of support for the regional approach to restructuring the JPA. He also has made the recommendation to invite those that generated the Citigate Report to a meeting; President Hidahl commented that it had been previously discussed to possibly ask LAFCO to hold a public workshop since they produced the Citigate Report.

Chief O’Camb rejoined the meeting and continued the report on the construction plans for Station 84. He stated that documentation has been added to the website’s front page summarizing the discussions that led to the culmination of the Committee’s recommendation to rebuild Station 84. He stated that after review of all 12 proposals for architectural services, Calpo, Hom and Dong appeared to be the most qualified firm with the lowest fee of \$197,780.

Richard Ross, resident, commented that he felt that the Station 84 discussions and timelines were not transparent in that they were not descriptive enough to give a clear understanding as to the deficiencies of the station and cited the over use of the word “insufficient” throughout the report.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Staff’s recommendation to select Calpo, Hom and Dong as the most qualified firm to provide architectural services and directed

the Administrative Committee to enter into contract negotiations with the intent to bring a formal contract back to the Board for approval at the September Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and unanimously carried.

Tom Anselmo, Union President of Local 3604, updated the Board on the Union's efforts to help alleviate some of the budgetary concerns of the JPA. He stated that by working with Chief Roberts, Chief O'Camb, CFO Bair and the BANC Committee, a pool of employees from the Volunteer and Apprentice ranks is being developed and should be ready by October 1 to fill the 15th position on a temporary basis. He further stated that this position may eventually be filled by creating our own JPA Contract employee with a much reduced pay scale and retirement and benefit package.

The Operations Report was received and filed. Chief O'Camb stated that an additional criteria has been added to the Monthly Response Time Statistic Report.

Sherry Petersen, resident, commented on the monthly statistics noting that the NFPA and CFAI discourages the use of averaging response times.

Director Hartley gave an update on the JPA.

Chief Roberts joined the meeting at this point having attended the memorial procession for fallen Marine, Staff Sgt. Skye Mote.

Chief Roberts discussed the possibility of selling Engine 8561 to the Latrobe Fire Department. President Hidahl directed Staff to get an appraisal and comparative numbers in order to determine the engine's value.

CFO Bair advised the Board that she had extended invitations to the CalPERS representative and the auditor, Robert Johnson, to attend an upcoming Board Meeting and answer questions as requested. She stated that the auditor was unavailable to attend a Board

Meeting until the November timeframe and the CalPERS actuary is available to attend the October Board Meeting. CFO Bair asked that any questions for the actuary be emailed to her so that the actuary can be better prepared to answer questions that evening. Sherry Petersen, resident, asked that the actuary provide the unfunded liability number. CFO Bair replied that she had asked the actuary for that number and it is currently 9.5 million dollars based on 2011 information. The number changes as the investment earning's portfolio changes.

Chief Roberts asked that the Board adopt a resolution opposing the newly implemented State Responsibility Area (SRA) fees stating that these fees will impose an unfair tax burden on its constituents without providing additional fire services.

Richard Ross, resident, asked why there had not been any communication in making the public aware of these proposed fees so that the public could have taken a proactive approach to oppose them. Chief Roberts stated that this topic has been discussed at previous Board meetings and added that the Fire Chiefs Association and the Professional Firefighters have been working to oppose the bill and had thought it was defeated. Richard Ross asked for the Board minutes that included these discussions and President Hidahl responded that they would be provided to him.

Director Hartley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-11 opposing the Fire Prevention Fee adopted by the State of California by Assembly Bill X1 29. The motion was seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

A discussion was held as to determine the best way to communicate to the public the District's opposition and what citizens can do to oppose it. In addition to using the website as a communication tool, President Hidahl requested that an Ad Hoc Committee of Directors Hartley and Winn draft a "Letter to the Editor" conveying the Board's opposition to the SRA

fees and that Staff send the draft Press Release, as presented, to the local papers and the Sacramento Bee. President Hidahl gave Staff direction to send the Resolution to the governor, legislators, and other officials as appropriate.

Counsel Cook discussed the Conflict of Interest Code stating that it is required to be reviewed on a bi-annual basis and that no changes need to be made at this time; Staff feels that it covers the needs of this District and is recommending the Board approve the Conflict of Interest Code without changes.

Director Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 adopting the Conflict of Interest Code without changes. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. Roll Call: (Ayes: All; Noes: None.)

Chief Roberts reported that the Strategic Plans have been printed and will arrive shortly; they will be mailed to all internal and external participants. Presentation of the Strategic Plan will be agendaized for the next Board Meeting.

Chief Roberts suggested that the Board assign a committee to begin work on the Capital Improvement Plan and/or Five Year Plan. CFO Bair stated that she and Counsel Cook would like to begin a Request for Proposal process to develop a Facilities Master Plan. President Hidahl assigned the Admin Committee to facilitate these efforts with Staff.

The Board expressed their appreciation for their representation of the Department in bringing fallen Marine, Sgt. Sky Mote, home in a memorial procession from McCellan to Green Valley Mortuary. Director Hartley asked that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Sgt. Mote.

Director Winn asked that all members of the Board and Department volunteer time toward the Association's efforts of the upcoming Wine, Cheese and Brew Festival.

President Hidahl complimented Staff on their efforts in the successful formation of the Lakehills Fire Safe Council.

Chief Roberts recognized the efforts of the crews who quickly responded to two recent fires on Lakehills and Santa Cruz Court. He specifically recognized Chief O’Camb for the excellent job he did as Incident Commander. In addition, Chief Roberts presented Chief O’Camb with a Chief’s Coin in recognition of his selfless service to others stating that twice a year, Chief O’Camb uses his vacation to travel to Mexico and build homes for disadvantaged people.

Chief O’Camb gave a wildland fire update complimenting the outstanding efforts of the crews.

Director Hartley made a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of fallen Marine, Staff Sgt. Skye Mote, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President