

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 20, 2013

6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Durante called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief Dave Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Barber, Durante, Hartley, and Hidahl (Winn was absent). Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts, Deputy Chief O'Camb and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of the 694th meeting held May 16, 2013

B. Approve Financial Statements for May 2013

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

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – President Matt Beckett, Local 3604, expressed his appreciation to outgoing President Josh Couch for his many contributions. He also thanked Vice President Matt Eckhardt for his hard work in the interim. He extended an invitation to attend the July 3rd Parade at Town Center and thanked Firefighter/Paramedics Brian Wilkey and Mark Ali for their efforts in coordinating the event.

B. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – President Jeff Genovese gave an update as to the many charitable causes that the Association has recently funded that included six high school scholarships as well donations to many other youth and community organizations.

C. **Public Comments** – Mark Spaugh, Garden Valley Board of Director and Co-Chair of the Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments (CCFD), gave a review of the committee's progress stating that its mission is to review the County's ambulance and fire emergency services and figure out how to achieve sustainable funding for the Fire Districts. He thanked Directors Hidahl and Hartley for their commitment to regularly attending their meetings and invited others to attend as well.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. **Correspondence announcing City of Folsom Ambulance Cost Recovery Fee Increase effective July 1, 2013** – Chief Roberts reviewed the fee increase and stated that the JPA is also looking at the possibility of increasing fees as well.

- B. Correspondence to Mr. Bill Sturch regarding hiring and mentoring veterans** – Chief Roberts reviewed the letter responding to Mr. Sturch's request, outlining the program that has been put in place with the assistance of Chris Landry, Firefighter/Paramedic and Veteran. The letter highlights the fact that 14 percent of Department employees are veterans. President Durante asked Chief Roberts to keep the Board apprised of any feedback.

Chief Roberts also brought the Board's attention to the official notification from the County of El Dorado accepting him as a member of the Fire Advisory Board.

With Board concurrence, President Durante requested that Closed Session Item V-A be moved on the agenda to follow New Business.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Barber and Hidahl)

- 1. Review and update on construction progress of Station 84** - Director Hidahl announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for July 1 and that the obtainment of an easement for approach is very close to being completed. Chief O'Camb stated that plans should be complete by late July and the move into the temporary facility is on track for mid to late July. He also stated that there will be training opportunities to be taken advantage of prior to demolition of the old station. Construction of the new station is anticipated to begin in the October – November timeframe.
- 2. Review and discuss update to Board Policy Manual** - Director Hidahl asked that another meeting be scheduled in the next few weeks with input from Counsel Cook and possible inclusion of a Concealed Weapons Policy.

B. Fire Committee (Directors Hidahl and Winn)

- 1. Review and discuss Capital Improvement and/or Facilities Master Plan** – Director Hidahl reported that a Request for Proposal is being developed and requested that a committee meeting be scheduled prior to the next Board Meeting to update the Five Year Plan.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- 1. Report from the Regional Operations Committee regarding annexation with Latrobe Fire Protection District** (Directors Hartley and Barber) - Director Barber reported that a very good meeting was held to explore the feasibility of merger or annexation and with Diamond Springs – El Dorado Fire District and Rescue Fire Protection District. Director Hidahl commented that he would like to see the Latrobe annexation come to a close before work begins on another merger or annexation. Chief Roberts said that the Chiefs will meet on July 2 to work on flowcharts and timelines to be brought back to the committee. He also

presented a third draft of the Latrobe White Paper annexation document for the Board's review. Director Hidhal said that he would like to see work begin concurrently on a LAFCO resolution and also commented that it would be valuable if the committee would provide a Risk and Opportunities Analysis. President Durante stated that he was still struggling with the philosophical question of annexation. Richard Ross, El Dorado Hills citizen, made a public comment that the draft annexation document did not provide the public with "obvious and immediate benefits" to the community of El Dorado Hills. Chief Roberts added that page 10 outlines the AB-8 renegotiation funding that the Board of Supervisors must grant in order for the annexation to be take place.

- 2. Report from Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments (CCFD formerly League of Fire Districts)** (Directors Durante and Hartley) - Director Hidahl reported that the advisory Board is looking at a two year temporary patch as well as a sustainable solution for keeping the lower revenue districts solvent. In addition, Mike Applegarth, County Chief Administrative Officer, is researching other sources of funding.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. Operation Report - Received and filed.

- B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority -** Chief Roberts reported that federal law has made it possible for the JPA to begin recovering about 50 percent of the ambulance transport expense for Medicaid/Medical patients which will equate to approximately \$600,000 - \$800,000 per year and will be retroactive with 2 million dollars coming back to the JPA. He also stated that if the District chose to bill for ALS engine response as some Districts are doing, there could be significant income from the federal government for this as well. In addition, Chief Roberts stated that the Department will be submitting a proposal in response to the JPA's Request for Information for managing the entire JPA ambulance response service. The proposal states that JPA employees (EMS Techs) will report to the El Dorado Hills Fire Department which will allow for operating within the JPA budgetary constraints. The start date for assuming the operation would be July 1, 2014.

- C. Review and approve surplus of Truck 8591 and discuss options for sale -** Chief O'Camb asked the Board to approve Truck 8591 for surplus and asked for their input on how they would like to proceed with the sale. A discussion was held; Counsel Cook advised establishing a value for the truck and putting the truck out to bid. There was discussion regarding the mutual aid advantage to the District of selling the truck locally to Diamond Springs – El Dorado Fire District.

Director Hidahl made a motion to surplus Truck 8591, seconded by Director Winn and unanimously carried.

Chief O'Camb stated that he will put the truck out to bid and bring the bid responses to the next Board meeting.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2013-04 adopting the 2013-14 Preliminary Budget and set notice for public hearing as required by law** - CFO Bair reviewed the Preliminary Budget stating that Directors Hidahl and Winn had met to review the Budget with Staff. CFO Bair stated that an estimated one percent positive growth in revenue is being projected. Chief Roberts added that the volunteer program will be going through changes in the future and that the use of squad vehicles will be utilized. Engineer Matt Eckhardt commented that a Type 3 engine may be able to be replaced by a squad vehicle at about half the cost. CFO Bair stated that there will be a budget carryover of \$250,000 - \$400,000; she commented that she would like to see the capital replacement fund initiated again. Director Hidahl noted that the Preliminary Budget includes the current MOU information and that when the Final Budget is reached, the numbers will likely need modification based on negotiations. Captain Dave Merino requested that an earmark be placed in the Budget until he is able to clearly analyze the needs of the District as it relates to the improvement of the dispatch operation; he stated that the total cost of this endeavor is estimated at 3 million dollars with the possibility of Motorola grants and financing over a five year period. Director Hidahl stated that he would rather see this cost added to the Final Budget or as an amendment at the time costs are known and approved. Chief Roberts added that the inadequacies of the current dispatch operation will be a deterrent to obtaining international accreditation.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-04 adopting the 2013-14 Preliminary Budget and to set notice for public hearing as required by law, seconded by Director Barber, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: all; Noes: none. Absent: Director Winn.)

- B. Review and approve auditor for annual audit for fiscal year 2012-2013** – CFO Bair asked for Board approval to use past auditor, Robert Johnson, CPA, for the annual audit.

Director Barber made a motion to use Robert Johnson, CPA, for the annual audit for fiscal year 2012-2013, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2013-05 delegating authority to a designated staff member to make a determination for an industrial disability retirement and communicate it to CALPERS** - Chief Roberts said that this item had been dispensed with as a previously adopted resolution is in good stance. He added that there is a member of the Department that has been deemed of needing an industrial disability retirement with the likelihood of another member to follow.
- B. Review and approve Committee assignment changes as requested by President Durante** – President Durante made the following Committee assignments changes and the Board concurred:
- Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments (Directors Hidahl/Hartley)
 - Fire Committee (Directors Durante/Winn)
 - Ad Hoc Committee/Budget and Negotiations (Directors Hidahl/Winn)

President Durante asked CFO Bair to update and distribute these Committee changes.

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS

- A. Closed Session:** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b); Personnel Matter - Grievance; One Matter - The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m. President Durante reported that during Closed Session, no action was taken. Counsel Cook stated that the Board would like to ask Firefighter/Paramedic Stacy Minnich to waive her five day right to a written response under the Rules and Regulations up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Firefighter/Paramedic Minnich agreed.

X. OLD BUSINESS - None

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Directors** - President Durante reminded the Board about their participation in the July 4th celebration parade to be held on July 3 at Town Center. Director Hartley commented on the unfortunate loss of a great employee, Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Couch.
- B. Staff** - Chief Roberts discussed the Dixon Ranch project stating that the County had inquired about what tax rate the Fire Department will be requesting; he said that he responded with a 17 percent tax rate which has since been disputed by County Board of Supervisor Mikaluco per CAO Applegarth.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Gregory Durante, President