

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, August 28, 2014

6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Hartley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Chief Michael Lilienthal led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Fullerton, Hartley, and Hidahl. (Director Durante was absent and Director Winn was late, arriving at 6:20 p.m.) Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Chief Financial Officer Bair. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve minutes of the 709th meeting held July 8, 2014; the 710th meeting held July 10, 2014; the 711th meeting held July 16, 2014; and the 712th meeting held August 5, 2014.**
- B. **Approve financial statements for July 2014**

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.

Vice President Hartley requested that Agenda Item VII-C, review and discuss request by Baosong Zhao for Development Fee Appeal be moved forward on the agenda to after Oral Communications.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – None
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **EDH Volunteer Firefighters** – Captain Russ Hasemeier gave an update stating that a Volunteer Strategic Planning Day will be held on September 23. He also reported that the recruitment has resulted in 18 - 20 new volunteer candidates that will be participating in an Oral Interview.
- D. **Public Comment** – Richard Ross, citizen of El Dorado Hills, recommended that the Department, specifically the Fire Chief, clarify allowable actions by employees during the Board of Directors election process.

- VII. C. **Review and discuss request by Baosong Zhao for Development Fee Appeal (taken out of sequence)** – Mr. Zhao presented an appeal requesting a 50% development fee reduction for building a custom residential home in Phase 1 of the Villadoro subdivision based on an old fire sprinkler incentive program from the 2004 era. Chief Lilienthal presented his research and Staff's recommendation to deny the appeal due to the fact that the law changed in 2011 making residential fire sprinklers mandatory in all new homes at which time the incentive program

was no longer needed. The Board requested that the matter be continued to next month's Board Meeting after Counsel Cook has had an opportunity to bring back any formal written agreements regarding the development fee reduction.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative Committee (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl)

- 1. Review and update construction progress of Station 84** – Director Hidahl reported progress has been made in the demolition of Station 84. Richard Ross, citizen, asked that considering the cost of construction of Station 84 is now estimated to be 4.9 million, if the committee has any plans to discuss with the Board the possibility of downsizing or making changes that could result in cost savings. Director Hidahl responded that the final budget will be presented at the September Board Meeting and budget review will also take place at the B.A.N.C. (Budget and Negotiating Committee) meeting scheduled for September 3 after which adjustments to the budget will be made if necessary.

Vice President Hartley asked that **Closed Session Item VI.A-2**, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Chief and **Closed Session Item VI.A-3**, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6, review and discuss El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters wage and benefit negotiations; Conference with Negotiating Committee (Directors Fullerton and Hidahl) be moved on the agenda until after Old Business and the Board concurred.

B. FIRE COMMITTEE (Directors Durante and Winn) - Nothing to report.

C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- 1. Report from Regional Operations Committee (Directors Hartley and Fullerton)**
 - a. Report and update on progress of annexation process with Latrobe Fire Protection District** – Chief Roberts reported that a very positive LAFCO meeting was held last night at which

LAFCO voted to support annexation of Latrobe Fire Protection District by El Dorado Hills Fire Department. Barring no unforeseen circumstances, Chief Roberts said that after LAFCO's next meeting on October 22 and a five day waiting period, the annexation can be put in place; he anticipates an official date of November 1. He also stated that an Administrative Captain will be assigned to help with the transition.

Richard Ross, citizen, inquired about the steps still needing to be taken before finalization of annexation. He also expressed his concern that the annexation of Latrobe is costing the El Dorado Hills citizens and would like to see the public provided more financial information on the cost of annexation and the impact on services.

(President Winn arrived at 6:50 p.m. and presided over the remainder of the meeting.)

Counsel Cook commented that work is being done to satisfy the conditions of annexation including the transfer of leases and titles to property.

Richard Ross, citizen, made public comment regarding the Citygate Report stating that he did not feel it contained substantive information. Doug Hus, citizen, asked the Board to clarify the extent of the Board's analysis.

- b. Report and discuss fiscal peer review of the annexation of Latrobe Fire Protection District** – Chief Roberts stated that the Citygate report was in agreement with the Plan for Service and budget that had been submitted.
- 2. Report from the Committee for Commission for Collaborative Fire Departments** (Directors Hidahl and Hartley) – Chiefs Keating and Roberts attended the meeting. Chief Roberts said that the Board of Supervisor candidates were invited and given the same presentation that he had previously presented to the Board of Supervisors regarding the state of the underfunded districts. He reported that Georgetown and Garden Valley have started serious discussions and Mosquito has approached El Dorado County Fire.
- 3. Report from Solar Committee** (Directors Durante and Hidahl) – Director Hidahl reported that the consultant has submitted a summary of the feasibility study with all the information necessary to write an RFP. In

addition, the consultant has done a return on investment study should we purchase rather than lease. The committee will be meeting and making a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

4. **Report from Budget Advisory Committee** (Directors Hidahl and Winn) - Director Hidahl said that the committee had not met but has a meeting scheduled for September 3.
5. **Report from Communications Committee** (Directors Durante and Fullerton) – Director Fullerton said they had not met but will meet next month. Chief Roberts stated that the County’s Operations Committee has formed a Communications Committee with IT experts within various departments to work with CalFire on the list of technology improvements that we are requesting.
6. **Report from Human Resources Committee** (Directors Durante and Winn) -
Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54956.6: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Position: Contract employment with Cooperative Personnel Services; and Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Pubic Employee Performance Evaluation: Development of Evaluation Criterion and Protocols – Will be continued to next Board meeting.

VII. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report** – Received and filed. Director Hartley suggested that the Apparatus Report also indicate where apparatus is currently being assigned.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority**
 1. **Review and approve ALS Ambulance Agreement 2014**
 2. **Review and approve ALS Engine Agreement 2014**Chief Roberts presented the modified agreements and asked for Board approval.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Authority ALS Ambulance Agreement 2014 and the ALS Engine Agreement 2014, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.

Richard Ross made public comment regarding the usage of more economical vehicles for responding to medical emergency calls.

- C. Review and discuss request by Baosong Zhao for Development Fee Appeal** – (previously discussed)
- D. Review and discuss plans for land development and construction of the Training Facility in El Dorado Hills** (Directors Hartley and Winn) – Battalion Chief Johnston stated that he is waiting on a response from the County for approval of renewal of the special use permit. Director Hartley reported that friends to the West are also making plans to build a training facility. President Winn requested that an Ad Hoc Committee of Director Hartley and herself meet to discuss the feasibility of combining efforts to build a Regional Training Facility.
- E. Review and approve purchase of two Chevy Tahoes for command vehicles** – Chief Roberts stated that the Department is in need of purchasing two new Staff vehicles. The committee is recommending the purchase of two 2015 Chevy Tahoe 4x4's for purchase from Folsom Lake Chevy for a total of \$79,849.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve the purchase of two 2015 Chevy Tahoe's from Folsom Lake Ford for \$79,849, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.

- F. Review and approve purchase of training prop (forcible entry door)** – Battalion Chief Johnston presented the need of a forcible entry training prop and asked for Board approval to purchase in the amount of \$5,600.

Director Hidahl made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation to approve the purchase of a forcible entry training prop in the amount of \$5,600, seconded by Director Fullerton and unanimously carried.

VIII. FISCAL ITEMS - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and update the District's Conflict of Interest Code as needed** – Counsel Cook stated that the law requires the Board of Directors to review on a bi-annual basis the District's Conflict of Interest Code. After review, it was determined that there is no need to amend the code and asked for Board approval to authorize Staff to advise the County that no changes are needed and that the code satisfies the needs of the District.

Directly Fullerton made a motion to authorize Staff to advise the County that no changes are needed and that the code satisfies the needs of the District, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

- X. OLD BUSINESS** – Director Hidahl inquired as to the status of the CSD’s community challenge request; President Winn responded that the CSD had been in contact with the Firefighters Association.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss Items VI-A.2 and A.3.

The meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m. President Winn reported that on Closed Session Items VI-A.2 and A.3, no action was taken; updates were received and direction was given to Committees.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Directors – A discussion was held regarding political organizations requesting the use of the community room and the policy for usage which disallows partisan political activities. Discussions concluded that any questionable use of the meeting room be brought to the Chief for approval.

B. Staff – Chief Roberts reported that Sutphen has informed us that the model of ladder truck that we purchased from them has had another self-retraction failure. The safety warning from Sutphen has placed the ladder in restricted service for manned operations. The truck can still be utilized for all call types with the limitation that the aerial platform can only be utilized to carry personnel if it is not extended. There is no limit to the use of the aerial as an unmanned master stream. He also commended the crews on a great job during a recent significant structure fire that is under investigation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

Barbara Winn, President