

# EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Thursday, April 21, 2016

6:00 p.m.

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hidahl called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Hartley, Hidahl, Hus, and Winn. Director Winn attended via teleconference. Director Durante was absent. Staff in attendance: Chief Roberts and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

### II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve minutes of the 737<sup>th</sup> Special meeting held March 11, 2016**
- B. **Approve minutes of the 738<sup>th</sup> meeting held March 17, 2016**
- C. **Approve Financial Statements for March 2016** – Director Hus asked that the Latrobe numbers show a fiscal year-to-date amount in addition to the quarterly numbers.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Director Hus and unanimously carried.*

### III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – Mat Eckhardt, Union lead negotiator, urged the Board to vote on the MOU.
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
- C. **EDH Volunteer Firefighters** – None
- D. **Latrobe Advisory Committee** – None
- E. **Public Comment** – None

### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Letter from Citygate updating the status of the Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover** – Chief Roberts stated that Citygate submitted a letter to update the Board on the progress on the Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover. He stated that Citygate plans to present a preliminary rough draft to the Staff and Board in May.

President Hidahl requested that **Closed Session Item V-A, Closed Session Item VI-A.4, Closed Session Item VI-A.5, and Closed Session Item VI-A.8** be moved on the agenda before **Item VII. Operations Report** and the Board concurred.

**V. ATTORNEY ITEMS**

- A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2); Pending Litigation; One Matter-** Counsel Cook reported that there is no discussion needed.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hidahl)**

- 1. Review and update construction progress of Station 84** – Director Hidahl reported that the committee did not meet, but there was a \$500 change order. Battalion Chief Johnston stated that there are 6 outstanding issues that the contractor is working on and the Department will receive a final bill when the work is completed.
- 2. Update on progress of Community Risk Assessment, Standards of Cover, and Facilities Master Plan** – None
- 3. Update on Station 91** – Chief Roberts reported that Staff is hoping to have the temporary station running by the end of next week.
- 4. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiators; items under negotiation: Memorandum of Understanding with the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters pertaining to wages and benefits; District negotiators are Directors Hidahl and Durante**
- 5. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiations; items under negotiation: Agreements with unrepresented employees pertaining to wages and benefits; District negotiators are Directors Hidahl and Durante**
- 6. Review and approve Memorandum of Understanding with the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters pertaining to wages and benefits** – Director Hidahl presented a summary of the proposed changes to the MOU. Director Hus expressed that he is pleased with the increased share in the employee PERS contribution, but he is concerned about the Department's inability to contribute to the reserve balance and liabilities. Director Hartley stated that both the Board and the Union were able to compromise in different areas making this a successful negotiation. Director Hidahl added that the Department has a full year's operating budget in reserves, and he is pleased with the protection built into the MOU for salary adjustments and the ability to renegotiate staffing based on recommendations from the completed Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover documents.

Members of the public asked for the comparison data from surrounding departments to be provided and expressed their concern about the salary increase, the PERS pension contribution, sick and vacation time, and negotiating techniques. Union members expressed their care for the department and community and corrected some of the false statements

made regarding sick and vacation, salary adjustments, the PERS adjustment, and the uniform allowance.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters pertaining to wages and benefits, seconded by Director Winn and carried. (Roll call- Ayes-3; Noes-1-Hus).*

7. **Review and approve Agreements with unrepresented employees pertaining to wages and benefits** – Director Hidahl presented a summary of the proposed changes to the Chief Officers’ agreement.

Members of the public stated their concern about the 7.5% increase in pay for working the suppression 40-hour schedule and the lack of transparency to the public.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve Agreements with unrepresented Chief Officer employees pertaining to wages and benefits, seconded by Director Winn and carried. (Roll call- Ayes-3; Noes-1-Hus).*

Director Hidahl presented a summary of the proposed changes to the Administrative Support agreement. Director Hus stated that he thinks the Department is overpaying its employees.

Members of the public expressed their concern about the PERS contribution.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve Agreements with unrepresented Administrative Support employees pertaining to wages and benefits, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried. (Roll call- Ayes-3; Noes-1-Hus).*

8. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Fire Chief David Roberts**

- B. **Fire Committee (Directors Hus and Winn)** – Director Hus reported that the Fire Committee reviewed the preliminary 2016-17 budget and will bring it to the Board for the first review in May.

1. **Public Hearing** Regarding Transfer from El Dorado County to El Dorado Hills County Water District of Latrobe Area Real Property Tax Revenues pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99.02 – Counsel Cook explained that this item will be continued to the May Board meeting. President Hidahl assigned this item to the Strategic Planning Committee for review.

*Director Hartley made a motion to continue Public Hearing Item VI-B.1 to the May Board meeting, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.*

**C. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

1. **Strategic Planning Committee (Directors Hartley and Hidahl)** – No report.
2. **Solar Committee (Directors Hus and Hidahl)** – Director Hus reported that installation is going to start sooner than expected, potentially within the next month.
3. **Communications Committee (Directors Durante and Winn)** – No report.
4. **Volunteer Stakeholders Committee (Directors Hidahl and Durante)** – No report.
5. **Training Facility Committee (Directors Hartley and Durante)** – Director Hartley stated that the committee looked at and will continue to look at other options to the proposed training facility plan including using the Station 86 property. Chief Roberts added that Citygate will be looking at where the best location is for the training facility and what props the department should utilize.
6. **CSD/Fire Collaboration Committee (Directors Hidahl and Durante)** – No report.

**The Board adjourned to discuss Closed Session Item VI-A.4, Closed Session Item VI-A.5 and Closed Session Item VI-A.8 at 6:27 p.m.**

The meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

**VII. OPERATIONS REPORT**

- A. **Operation Report (Received and filed)** – Director Hus pointed out that mutual aid and transfers are a significant percentage of increase in call volume and expressed his concern about the lack of development in the Latrobe area.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – Chief Roberts stated that the meeting with Supervisors was cancelled and needs to be rescheduled.

- C. **Receive and file 2015 Annual Report** – Chief Roberts stated that a correction was submitted on the Board organization page and that he was very happy with how the report turned out. Director Hus asked if the Latrobe data could be separated out in the report. Director of Finance Braddock stated that the annual report will continue to show the increase from the annexation as a footnote, but since the report is showing the whole district, the Latrobe area cannot be broken out going forward.
- D. **Review and approve Resolution 2016-01 initiating the 2016 Weed abatement program** – Staff asked the Board to approve Resolution 2016-01 exercising its authority to abate weeds that have been declared a public nuisance.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01 initiating the 2016 Weed abatement program, seconded by Director Hus and unanimously carried. (Roll call- Ayes-4; Noes-0).*

- E. **Review and approve surplus vehicle; Water Tender 91** – Chief Roberts reported that water tender 91 is not ideal for fire department use because the tanks are not baffled making it difficult to drive. He stated additionally that the department does not have a legitimate need for the extra water tender and is recommending surplus of the vehicle.

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve surplus vehicle; Water Tender 91, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried.*

#### VIII. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. **Review revenue and expense forecast for fiscal year 2015/16** – Director of Finance Braddock stated that she prepared a forecast verses actuals analysis and the numbers are looking favorable.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve Resolution 2016-02 in appreciation to Retired Captain/Paramedic Brian Bresnahan**

*Director Hartley made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-02 in appreciation to Retired Captain/Paramedic Brian Bresnahan, seconded by Director Hidahl and unanimously carried. (Roll call- Ayes-4; Noes-0).*

- B. **Approve Resolution 2016-03 declaring an election be held in its Jurisdiction and consolidating with other Districts requesting election services**

*Director Hartley made a motion to Approve Resolution 2016-03 declaring an election be held in its Jurisdiction and consolidating with other Districts requesting election services, seconded by Director Hus and unanimously carried. (Roll call- Ayes-4; Noes-0).*

**X. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Directors** – Director Hus stated that he received several calls from a member of the public thanking the firefighters for their excellent and professional response.
- B. Staff** – None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Approved:

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Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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John Hidahl, President