

**SIX HUNDRED TWENTY NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

The six hundred twenty ninth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Durante, Hidahl, Hartley, and Knight with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was in attendance. (Director Thomsen was absent. Director Knight arrived at 7:40 p.m.) Chief Veerkamp, Chief Planje and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hidahl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Hartley moved to approve the Consent Calendar which included the minutes of the 627th meeting held October 15, 2008, and the financial statements for October and November 2008, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (The November Strategic Planning Minutes will be reviewed in January.)

Neil Hillel, a twenty year volunteer and member of the El Dorado Hills Firefighters' Association, gave a presentation defining the Associations' role and purpose. He advised the Board that all staff and Board members were members of the Association within four classifications. There are Active members, Inactive members, Life members, and Honorary members. He stated that they are not connected in any way to the paid Association (El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters.) He also stated that they do not engage in any political activities. There is also a Foundation, which is a 501C3 tax exempt entity, which provides for funding for community safety programs, financial assistance to members in need, and scholarships for dependents of Association active and life members. Anyone can contribute to the Foundation. The foundation is primarily funded by the Association and staff through contributions.

President Hidahl stated that he would like to capture this in the Board Policy Manual. He would also like it to state that a Board Member can be an active member of the Association but cannot actively participate as a volunteer as it relates to responding to incidents, training, etc. President Hidahl also wanted the Policy Manual to state that all Board members are Honorary Members of the Firefighters' Association.

Correspondence was received from CALFIRE thanking the District for its help on the Lightning Fire.

President Hidahl announced that the Closed Session, Item VI-A.1, would be postponed to next month.

Chief Veerkamp reported that Dennis Dong, the architect, will move forward with the submittal to the County for the special use permit. Chiefs Veerkamp and O'Camb will handle the permitting process with Dennis Dong.

There was no meeting regarding recording the Board Meetings. It was determined that this item could be closed out with some minor changes to the Board Policy Manual stating that the meetings would be audio recorded and would be available to the public.

The Request for Proposal for Solar Power was reviewed. The dates were altered for distribution of the package to give the vendors more time to review and submit proposals.

Director Knight moved to approve the Request for Solar Power and publicize it as customary. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Chief Couper of Latrobe Fire had not been available for a meeting regarding contracting. This will be continued until next month.

Chief Planje gave the Operations Report for October and November. He also reviewed the Building, the Prevention and Training Reports. Chief Planje reported that the response times were met per the contract.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the Red Hawk Casino was opening December 17th in Shingle Springs. The JPA continues their search for an executive Director. The JPA's Request for an Audit Proposal came back with no responses. They have four new medic units on order, all on Dodge chassis. The System Status Committee met and is working on a self-funded BLS car.

A proposal was submitted for updating the District web page on the internet and also for a local intranet. The Board expressed concern that there is plenty of input from staff to make this more user friendly for staff and public. Staff received three quotes and recommended Todd Lando, Web Designer, as the provider based on his experience and existing web pages.

Director Durante moved to approve the proposal from Todd Lando, with a cost not to exceed \$6,500 for the internet and \$3,500 for the intranet, seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

Chief Financial Officer Bair reported that the Annual Audit was in progress.

The pending Board vacancy was discussed. Director John Knight has been elected to the Board of Supervisors and will submit a formal resignation prior to his appointment on January 5, 2009.

President Hidahl directed staff to put out a Public Notice soliciting candidates for the Board vacancy. The candidate's resume/statement is due January 14, 2009. The Board intends to interview the candidates at the next regular meeting on January 21, 2009.

President Hidahl announced that it was time to reorganize the Board and Committees but suggested that this be continued.

Director Knight moved to continue the reorganization of the Board to the January Board meeting, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Chief Veerkamp advised the Board that he had been researching a new site for Station 84. He has identified a parcel at the corner of Green Valley Road and Francisco Blvd.

He would like to have this assigned to a Committee for further research and possible negotiations. This will be discussed on future agendas in closed session.

President Hidahl referred this item to the Administrative Committee.

Director Hartley requested that the Board draft a Resolution recognizing the contributions of Supervisor Dupray and Baumann, especially with their work on the Senior Center. Staff will draft a resolution for adoption and presentation at the January 2009 meeting.

A few Board members commented on the Christmas Tree at the Senior Center which the Department and Association had decorated.

President Hidahl stated that the 2009 Goals would be reviewed at the January meeting. He also stated that the Fire Committee would meet with Chief Veerkamp to review his request for stipend.

Chief Veerkamp requested that the Board consider moving the time forward on the monthly Board Meetings. This would be discussed along with other Board Policy Manual revisions.

Director Hartley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved:

Connie Bair, Board Secretary

John Hidahl, President