

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

The six hundred seventeenth meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 7:32 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Gilmore, Hartley, Hidahl, and Knight with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was also in attendance. Chief Veerkamp and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance. (Director Thomsen was absent.)

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

Director Knight moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the minutes of the 616th meeting held January 16, 2008, the expenditures for January 2008, and the ratification of the release of 50% of the retention fund to Allen Bender Construction for Station 87 in the amount of \$179,597.05. The motion was seconded by Director Gilmore and unanimously carried.

Correspondence was received from Fred Russell, Project Manager for Station 87, thanking the Board for their support and for giving him the opportunity to complete the construction of Station 87 as Project Manager and Inspector of Record. He also stated that the entire project was completed below the contractor's bid price and the change orders were less than 1% of the total project.

The Administrative Committee met regarding Station 87 and stated that they were pleased with the cost of the change orders on the project and appreciated Fred's guidance and expertise. President Hidahl stated that Fred's hours more than paid for itself on this project and thanked him for his outstanding effort. Chief Veerkamp and Captain Jankowski will be following up with the punch list on the station.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the architect, Dennis Dong, was willing to honor the contract price of \$29,000 to complete the site plan/special use permit process for the training facility. The Administrative Committee held a meeting with the Chief and the Sheriff's Department, Dennis Dong, and George Warren. The Sheriff's Department requested to be included in the planning of the facility. Mr. Dong was redesigning the master plan to include a shooting range. They are planning to have this ready to submit for a special use permit and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Board stated that the Sheriff's Department should submit a letter of intent before the District commits resources of the District to the project.

Chief Veerkamp met with Premier Power, a local company in the EDH Business Park to discuss installing solar power at three stations. It was recommended to have the company give a presentation at a Board meeting. Issues discussed were rate of return, net savings, warranty, roof warranty, defect rates, and C C & R accommodations.

The Board discussed the potential utilization of the undeveloped portion of the Station 86 property on Bass Lake. There was some interest from the Sheriff's Department to purchase the excess property and to build a facility there. Counsel Cook stated that this is really the Sheriff's project and other than possibly declaring the property surplus to the County and putting it out to bid, there was really nothing for this District to do at this time. He stated that it appeared that the Board was interested in surplus this property.

Chief Veerkamp reviewed the Activity Report with the Board. The Medic statistics were reviewed. Chief Veerkamp reported that the ladder truck is out of service and is being evaluated for the best possible fix.

Director Hartley reported that the JPA met only to pass the control to the El Dorado County Fire Chiefs' Association. Chief Lacher of El Dorado County is the new President of the JPA. They will be meeting Tuesday and have set up a Finance Committee and a

System Status Management Committee, which will replace the Operations Committee. They plan to bring an Annual Budget back to this Board in March. Currently they are meeting on the third Wednesday of every month, either at the County Library or the County OES Meeting Room at 9:00 a.m.

President Hidahl would like copies of the JPA meeting minutes and agenda in the Board packets.

The JPA requested that this Board approve an amendment to the JPA Bylaws adding the effective date of February 5, 2008, consistent with the Resolution 2007-10 adopted by this Board on December 19, 2007.

Director Hartley moved to add the effective date of February 5, 2008 to the JPA Bylaws, subject to review by Counsel Cook. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

Chief Veerkamp stated that there has been a change in volunteer response expectations. There is a drastic reduction in the potential of money that goes to the Association. He has reviewed the annual budget for the Association and determined that the majority of their expenditures are for the community, the department and for a good cause. Chief Veerkamp recommended that the District pay the \$80,000, with \$30,000 being paid every six months and the additional \$10,000 being paid on a six month incentive program. For the last six months, July to December 2007, he recommended that the District pay \$40,000. The fee paid to the volunteers is currently \$15 per incident responded to by any volunteer.

President Hidahl was concerned that this was a significant departure from what the process was in the past. He was concerned that this could be inappropriate use of public funds. Counsel Cook advised that the Board is making a finding that volunteers are providing a service to the department and the community, and it is not a gift of public funds. The Board would like an annual accounting.

Director Hartley moved to adopt staff recommendation to pay the Volunteer Association \$40,000 for July to December 2007, and \$30,000 for January to June 2008 with the other \$10,000 to be paid under the incentive program as developed by Chief, staff and volunteers. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

The Annual Report was presented to the Board.

The 2006/2007 Annual Audit was presented to the Board. Chief Financial Officer Bair was congratulated on another audit with no recommendations.

Director Hartley moved to receive and file the audit as prepared, seconded by Director Gilmore and unanimously carried.

Chief Veerkamp advised the Board that there was a complaint generated from the Firefighters' Burn Institute Boot Drive. It was due to the traffic caused, and that the firefighters were acting like panhandlers. Captain Storz and Chief Veerkamp both contacted the man who complained and addressed his concerns.

Director Gilmore thanked the department staff for helping with the Senior Valentine Lunch. Appreciation was also received the Chamber for hosting the chamber lunch meeting, and from the Ackerman Family for the condolences sent to his family.

The Board members were given the information to complete their Form 700s and were requested to return them to CFO Bair at the March meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary