

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

The six hundred twenty second meeting of the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Hills County Water District was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the District, the District Office, 1050 Wilson Blvd., El Dorado Hills, California. Present were Directors Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, Knight and Thomsen with President Hidahl presiding. Counsel Mike Cook was also in attendance. Chiefs Veerkamp, Planje, and Chief Financial Officer Bair were also in attendance.

President Hidahl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then announced that the Board would be adjourning to closed session.

The Board adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Grievance at 7:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

President Hidahl stated that no action was taken by the Board in closed session. He also stated that the Board intends to have two more Closed Sessions and will conduct them following the Item XI Old Business.

Director Hartley moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the minutes of the six hundred twentieth meeting held May 21, 2008, and the expenditures for May 2008, seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried.

Director Knight questioned the minutes from the last meeting. He stated that Director Durante abstained or should have abstained on a vote on the minutes at the last meeting. Director Durante had not abstained and it was noted that there is no policy of the Board that states when a Board member should abstain.

There were no oral communications.

President Hidahl questioned if there was correspondence. He was questioned when correspondence would be presented to the Board and when it would be handled by Staff. Staff stated that if correspondence was “addressed” to the Board it would be in their packet. President Hidahl will review this with Chief Veerkamp and Chief Financial Officer Bair.

President Hidahl discussed SB1617 relating to SRA land. Chief Veerkamp stated that the SRA (State Responsibility Area) fees are being discussed again by the legislature with the State Budget crisis. He stated that there were a lot of misconceptions as it relates to who puts out the fire and who pays the bill. Chief Veerkamp stated that this bill proposes an additional assessment for SRA lands on the next tax bill. President Hidahl requested a resolution adamantly opposing the bill on behalf of the residents of El Dorado Hills. He requested that Staff work with the newspaper to educate the public. Chief Veerkamp stated that he was sure he could come up with a sample resolution opposing the bill from FDAC who is also opposing the bill.

The Fire Committee met with Counsel Cook and the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters regarding the amendment to the El Dorado Hills Associated Firefighters’ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). They did not discuss the changes proposed to the Rules and Regulations.

Counsel stated that the MOU, Section VII-5 indicates that an Admin Captain can transfer to the next available line position that becomes available. The Administration and the Association came to agreement that this is no longer necessary or desirable and to eliminate this sentence from the MOU. Counsel stated that the existing Captain in that position (Captain Storz) will have a sunset clause to protect him.

Director Knight moved to amend the MOU Section VII-5, as discussed, with consent from the Association. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried.

There were no Committee Meetings related to the Training Facility or the Solar Power. This will be continued to the next meeting. Director Knight will follow up with the incentives that may be available from Pacific Gas & Electric or other agencies.

The meeting with Latrobe Fire was postponed.

Directors Knight and Hidahl met with the Association Board as directed. They stated that they discussed the need for better communications and reached an agreement with methods for communications following the chain of command. The Association conveyed to the Committee that they purely wanted to be more proactive and move forward in the right direction.

Counsel Cook stated that the Board was obligated under the Brown Act to make sure they did not violate the Act. He stated that individual communication with the Association members was fine but not a hub in any way.

Chief Planje gave the Operations Report. It was reported that Medic 285 was in service 29 out of 31 days and responded to 49 incidents. Options were discussed to more fully utilize the Medic. Chief Veerkamp reminded the Board that they must abide by the staffing agreement in the MOU.

Chief Veerkamp reported that the JPA System Status Management Committee recommended to the JPA Board that they slow down move-out and speed up move-in of the units. This new process will be in place by July 1. They also added the ½ time car to the budget with initial placement at Station 86. There is no exact date that this will happen. Chief Veerkamp reported that the staffing will be first El Dorado Hills personnel, second JPA System staffing, third a help list, and forth a brown out of the unit.

Chief Veerkamp also reported that Gayle Erbe-Hamlin is recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the CSA7 reserve fund be transferred to the JPA, less two million dollars for reserve, and without the same oversight that currently occurs.

President Hidahl requested that if El Dorado Hills Fire was under budget with the JPA, that the District request the reimbursement for the overtime spent the last few months.

The Chiefs advised the Board that the Casino being built on US 50 would have an impact on the system and was not targeted to come on until mid-November. The JPA is negotiating with the Casino group to get augmentation money for the services.

The JPA is still evaluating the need for an Executive Director at this time.

Medic 285 will go out of service June 30, by design, to evaluate the new policy for move-in/move-out. The gap without Medic 285 will show statistically what exactly is needed. Director Hartley and Knight expressed a concern that the level of service will decrease if Medic 285 is suspended. Chief Veerkamp also questioned if the Board wanted to continue to augment the JPA with the uncertainty whether the JPA will pay back the funds.

Director Hartley moved to continue operating Medic 285 for the next sixty days to be reviewed every thirty days. The motion was seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The JPA Budget will be addressed again at the July Meeting. The final adoption will be in September.

The Net Motion Program for the grant project was discussed. The low bid was from CDCE in the amount of \$24,621.

Director Thomsen moved to approve the purchase of the Net Motion Program from CDCE, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The Preliminary Budget for 2008/2009 was reviewed and discussed. The Budget Advisory Committee, Directors Hartley and Knight had met with staff to review the budget in advance. Chief Veerkamp reviewed the line items with the Board.

Director Thomsen discussed constant staffing at the third station. Chief Veerkamp stated that the MOU states that this should be implemented no later than June 30, 2009, and is included in the budget accordingly.

Director Knight recalled that there was a proposal for \$210,000 for Pandemic issues discussed at the Strategic Planning Meeting. It was discussed that this may already be covered by the State of California, however, there may be a need for a local cache. Staff will continue to research this and bring it back for discussion at the August meeting.

Director Hartley and Knight stated that the Committee had reviewed the budget and was prepared to move it forward to the entire Board for adoption. They stated that the final revenue figures would be reviewed again after the County releases the final revenue information in August.

Director Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2008-03, approving the 2008/2009 Preliminary Budget and notice it as required by law. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all. Noes, none.)

The Operations Support Tech position was discussed. Chief Veerkamp explained that this position was currently being filled with a part-time person hired through Blue Ribbon Personnel. He stated that the benefits of the position outweigh the costs. He expects to save money in the area of repairs, facility and vehicle maintenance, janitorial and overtime. Staff recommends that the Operations Support Tech position be filled as a full-time position.

Director Durante moved to accept staff recommendation to hire an Operations Support Tech as a full-time position, seconded by Director Hartley and carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, Durante, Hartley, Hidahl, Knight. Noes, Thomsen.)

Chief Financial Officer Bair reviewed the request to prefund Post Retirement Benefits. The first year contribution to the plan is \$710,000.

Director Hartley moved to adopt Resolution 2008-04, to prefund other post employment benefits through CalPERS Employer's Trust Fund, to contribute 100% of the ARC, and to designate the Fire Chief and the Chief Financial Officer as authority to request disbursements from the fund. The motion was seconded by Director Thomsen and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all. Noes, none.)

The Board reviewed the request to make the annual prepayment to CalPERS for the retirement contribution. This will save the District an estimated \$750,000 for this fiscal year.

Director Thomsen moved to make the annual prepayment to CalPERS for the retirement contribution as budgeted for, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

Due to the addition of a new Director on the Board, new signature authorization cards will be required by Bank of America.

Director Thomsen moved to add Director Durante as an authorized signer with Bank of America and authorized a new signature card. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried.

The response to the Grand Jury Report was reviewed and discussed.

Director Knight moved to approve the response to the Grand Jury as submitted, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried.

The Board has three positions up for election; two regular terms and one unexpired term. The County needs a resolution declaring an election to be held and stating that there are no measures to be voted on.

Director Knight moved to adopt Resolution 2008-05, declaring an election to be held November 4, 2008 for three Directors for two full four-year terms and one unexpired two-year term and stating that there are no measures to be voted on. The motion was seconded by Director Hartley and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes, all. Noes, none.)

The policy and cost of recording meetings was discussed. It was determined that for probably under \$1,000 the District could purchase the equipment to record the minutes in one form or another. Counsel Cook stated that the Board needs to determine why they are recording the minutes (is it an official record of the District; does it take the place of minutes, etc.) This item was referred to the Fire Committee and Staff to make a recommendation back to the Board.

The Board was advised that the complaint from Dr. Weidmer was a closed issue.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:37 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6 to review and discuss Administrative wage and benefit negotiations and Public Employee Evaluation, Chief.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 12:08 a.m.

President Hidahl announced that no action was taken in closed session.

Chief Veerkamp stated that there was a large live-in health care facility coming into El Dorado Hills. He would like to pursue a fee ordinance for reimbursement of Medicare/Medical patients and will bring this forward in the future.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 a.m.

Approved:

John Hidahl, President

Connie Bair, Board Secretary