

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 21, 2019

5:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Giraudo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and Chief Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraudo, Hartley, and White. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:03 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

II. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: LisaMarie Mason v. El Dorado Hills County Water District, et. al.; United States District Court Case No. 2:18-cv-00223-MCE-AC**
- B. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1): Conference with legal counsel regarding pending litigation: Thomas and Helen Austin v. The County of El Dorado, et. al.; El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. 21050633**
- C. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with designated representatives regarding potential modifications to Memorandum of Understanding related to Education Pay, Staffing, Probationary periods; Designated Representatives: Directors Giraudo and White; Represented Group: El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters**

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 795th Board meeting held January 17, 2019
- B. Approve Minutes of the 796th Special Board meeting held January 31, 2019
- C. Approve Financial Statements for January 2019

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

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters – None
- B. EDH Firefighters Association – None
- C. Public Comment – Richard Ross, resident, expressed concerns regarding the

sustainability of the CalPERS pension system.

V. PRESENTATION

- A. EDH Development Snapshot** – Fire Marshal Cox presented a slideshow covering current development projects in El Dorado Hills.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Hartley)** – No report.

- B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraud and White)**

- 1. Review and approve MOU Side Letter regarding Station 91 Staffing** – Chief Johnson Stated that staff recommends replacing the patrol with a Type 1 Engine to increase safety and service to the community.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve MOU Side Letter regarding Station 91 Staffing, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

- 2. Review and approve MOU Letter of Clarification regarding “Education Pay”** – Chief Johnson reported that State Fire Training changed the requirements for the Fire Officer certification and the proposed letter clarifies the intent of the MOU, which is to pay employees based on the completion of the required courses, not the position held.

Director Durante made a motion to approve MOU Letter of Clarification regarding “Education Pay,” seconded by Director Bennett, and unanimously carried.

- 3. 2018/19 Mid-Year Budget Review** – Director of Finance Braddock summarized the mid-year budget review stating that it is trending on target.
- 4. 2019/20 Budget Timeline** – Director of Finance Braddock stated that the Finance committee discussed a timeline for the budget process and the plan is to present the preliminary budget for review at the May Board meeting.
- 5. Review and approve revised Rescue Shared Services Contract** – Chief Johnson presented a revised Shared Services Agreement that extends through December 31, 2019, adding that the major change is that Chief Keating will no longer be available to offer Deputy Chief services as of March 31, 2019. Director Durante asked what compensation the District would be getting from Rescue and Chief Johnson responded that no

monetary compensation would be given, but the District would have access to Rescue's Administrative Assistant as needed.

Director White made a motion to approve revised Rescue Shared Services Contract, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried.

6. **Approval of a change to the Rules and Regulations from an 18-month to a 12-month Firefighter/Paramedic probation timeframe** – Chief Johnson explained that best practice in the fire service is to have a 12-month probationary period and recommends that the rules and regulations be updated to reflect a 12-month probation for the Firefighter/Paramedic rank.

Director Bennett made a motion to approve a change to the Rules and Regulations from an 18-month to a 12-month Firefighter/Paramedic Probation timeframe, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

7. **Direct staff to conduct a Rescue Annexation Feasibility Study/Plan for Service** – Chief Johnson asked that the Board direct Staff to do a thorough feasibility study of the potential annexation of Rescue Fire Protection District.

Richard Ross, resident, asked that staff have a meeting with the public to find out what the citizens would like to see presented in the study. Chief Johnson explained that there will be multiple opportunities for the public to be a part of the discussion prior to any official decision.

Director Hartley made a motion to direct staff to conduct a Rescue Annexation Feasibility Study/Plan for Service, seconded by Director Bennett, and unanimously carried.

8. **Discuss upcoming contract negotiations and appoint Chief Johnson to negotiate on the Board's behalf** – Chief Johnson stated that he and the Union have a great working relationship and he recommends that the Board designate him as the lead negotiator for the upcoming contract negotiations. Director White reported that the Finance Committee supports the Chief's recommendation.

Director Bennett made a motion to appoint Chief Johnson to negotiate on the Board's behalf, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried.

- IX. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Johnson updated the Board on the deficiencies in the County communications system. Captain MacKenzie gave a report on the options that the

District has looked at for communications solutions and his recommendation that the District hire a consultant to study the needs of the Department. He added that an official recommendation will come to the Board for approval to move forward.

Chief Johnson stated that the County has put together a group together to discuss fire service sustainability. He reported that Staff is a part of that discussion and the Fire Chiefs in the County have decided to have those discussions with the local board members and labor groups and then bring their solutions/recommendations to the County.

Chief Johnson stated that the County is looking at a vegetation management ordinance and Fire Marshal Cox is involved in those conversations with specific concerns about safety and feasibility.

Chief Johnson reported that the District will be hosting a Sacramento Homeland Security drill and more information will be presented as it comes. He anticipates it will attract a lot of media surrounding the event and it will be a benefit to the District.

Chief Johnson continued in briefing the Board on the following topics: the HR Director recruitment flyer has been posted and is getting a great amount of interest; employee John VanDalen, Firefighter/Paramedic, will be representing the District on the Firescope EMS Specialist Group; the annual report workshop will likely be held in April or May; and Staff is looking into the Department joining the statewide FEMA USAR team.

X. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. **Operations Report (Receive and file)** – Director White asked that the deployment measures be presented in the Operations report even if the information is not all available or completely accurate.
- B. **Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority** – No report.

XI. FISCAL ITEMS – None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve changes to the Unimproved Property Hazard Abatement Program Standard** – Fire Marshal Cox asked that the Board approve the proposed change to the Unimproved Property Hazard Abatement Program Standard increasing the clearance from 100 feet to the whole parcel up to one acre. Director White recommended a few changes for clarity in the document.

Director Durante made a motion to approve changes to the Unimproved Property Hazard Abatement Program Standard including Director White's recommendations, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried.

- XIII. OLD BUSINESS** – Director White asked about any follow-up about DOT looking at the Bass Lake site. Chief Johnson reported that discussions are still happening, and he will

update the Board when he has more information.

XIV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

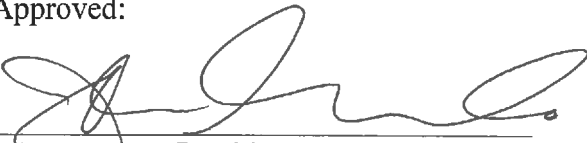
- A. **Directors** – Director Hartley complimented the Director of Finance on the Budget timeline document. Director Girauda stated that Director Hartley has decided to give his seat on the Admin committee to Director Bennett.
- B. **Staff** – None.
- C. **Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – A tentative Special Meeting was scheduled for March 14, at 5:30 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved:



John Girauda, President

Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary