

# EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY NINETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Thursday, April 18, 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 Director Giraudo 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 5:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:06 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

### II. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1): 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 existing 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 labor negotiators; items under negotiation: Memorandum of Understanding with the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters pertaining to wages and benefits; District negotiator is Chief Johnson
- D. Closed Session: pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title: Fire Chief Maurice Johnson

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 798th Board meeting held March 21, 2019
- B. Approve Financial Statements for March 2019

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

### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters – Matt Belleci, representative, reported that the Fire Chief transition has gone very well. He also recognized four upcoming promotions, highlighted EDHPFF's involvement in raising money for Big

Brothers, Big Sisters and the upcoming “Walk in Her Shoes” event, forwarded President Ali’s appreciation for his involvement in the HR hiring process, and stated that they are continuing to meet with Chief Johnson to work on MOU negotiations.

- B. EDH Firefighters Association – None**
- C. Public Comment – None**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**VI. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None**

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Bennett and Durante) –** Director Durante reported that the Administrative Committee met to evaluate Chief Johnson’s performance and plans to formalize a plan at the May Special Board Meeting.
- B. Finance Committee (Directors Giraud and White) –** Director of Finance Braddock reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the status of the Rescue Feasibility Study, the 2019-20 budget, the District’s check signing procedures, and MOU negotiations.

**VIII. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT –** Chief Johnson updated the Board on recent events including Chief Keating’s retirement ceremony, Rescue employee Isaac English’s promotion, Tim Kerwood’s appointment to the vacant Firefighter position at Rescue, upcoming meetings with potential project managers for the Training Center, the retirement of Captain Zellhoefer, and promotions of Captains Baldwin and Belleci and Engineers Tiffany and Leduc. He also acknowledged Firefighter Lovinger for 20 years of service and the following personnel getting off of probation: Engineer Lorence and Firefighters Vogan, Ramsey, Huerta, Hartman, Netherton, Jower, and Willock. Chief Johnson went on to thank Captain Wilkey and Engineer Cummins for painting the Station 91 Mural and Captain Anselmo for painting Station 92. He added that an HR Director and Lateral Inspector I were selected for hire, the Deputy Chief of Operations recruitment will be posted tomorrow, June 25 was selected as a tentative date for the annual Board workshop, and the JPA discussed their voting structure, financial issues and out of County Interfacility transfers.

Director White asked Chief Johnson to talk about residential sprinkler inspections. Chief Johnson stated that El Dorado County has been doing the inspections, but the jurisdiction of the falls under the Fire Department and he plans to meet with the County to transition those inspections back to the prevention team. Richard Ross, citizen, raised his concern about the fees potentially increasing and Chief Johnson reported that the fees have not

been determined and a community risk reduction study will help to determine the fee structure.

**IX. OPERATIONS REPORT**

- A. Operations Report (Receive and file)**
- B. Review and update regarding Joint Powers Authority – None**

**X. FISCAL ITEMS – None**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**XII. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**XIII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Directors** – Director Hartley stated that he was very impressed with the mural at Station 91.
- B. Staff** – Chief Johnson thanked Staff for all the hard work they do every day.
- C. Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – A Finance committee meeting was set for May 7 at 11:00 a.m.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved:

  
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John Girardo, President

  
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Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary