

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 18, 2020

5:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-President White called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraud, and White. Director Durante attended via teleconference. Director Hartley was absent. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. The Board took no action during closed session.

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9 (d)4); potential litigation; two matters**
- B. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief**

III. PRESENTATION

- A. **Badge Pinning for Engineer Lowe and Captain Ferry** – Chief Johnson pinned recently promoted Engineer Lowe and Captain Ferry.
- B. **Welcome newly hired employees Leslie Hobert and Devin Newsom** - Chief Johnson welcomed recently hired Operations Support Technician Devin Newsom. Administrative Assistant Leslie Hobert was unable to attend.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING/APPEALS

- A. **Public Hearing: Property owner objections to or protests of the removal of weeds on private undeveloped properties as found in El Dorado Hills County Water District Resolution 2020-05** – Public hearing opened at 6:16 p.m. and closed at 6:16 p.m. There was no public comment.
- B. **Appeal by Mali Karimi of Weed Abatement Charges Applied as a Special Assessment Against Her Property at 487 Montridge Way in Accordance with El Dorado Hills County Water District Resolution 2019-01** – Ron Phillips, Special Projects Manager, reported the details of the weed abatement process of Mali Karimi's property and her appeal. Mali Karimi, homeowner, stated her case to the Board.

Director White made a motion to waive the administrative fee of \$370 for the imposed weed abatement charges and refund that amount to Mali Karimi, seconded by Director Durante and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the 816th Board meeting held May 21, 2020**
- B. Approve Financial Statements and Financial Forecast for May 2020**
- C. Approve Employee Development Center (EDC) Financial Report**

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

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Professional Firefighters** – Mark Ali, President, congratulated Captain Ferry and Engineer Lowe. He also thanked Staff for the protection that is offered to the employees and asked that the Local 3604 continue to be a part of those conversations.
- B. EDH Firefighters Association** – Marshall Cox, Sergeant of Arms, stated that the Association received applications for the annual scholarship process and the interviews will be held on 6/25/20.
- C. Public Comment** – None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VIII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Bennett and Hartley)** – No report.
- B. Finance Committee (Directors Girauda and White)** – No report.
- C. Joint Powers Authority (Directors Hartley and Girauda)** – Chief Johnson reported that the JPA presented a balanced budget for 2020/21 but acknowledged that there are significant financial challenges ahead.
- D. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Durante and White)** - No report.

X. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:

- Chief Phillips updated the Board on the recent activities of the Community Risk Reduction Division.
- The EDC is open and is being scheduled for numerous classes.
- Rescue Fire Protection District directed Staff to submit a Letter of Intent to Annex.
- The Engineer training event has been completed.
- Captain Ferlini retired.

- The new Safeway will be open on June 24th.
- He was recently appointed to the Fire Scope Board representing the El Dorado Hills Fire Department.

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and file) – Received and filed.**

XII. FISCAL ITEMS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2020-10 adopting the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget and set notice for public hearing as required by law –** Director of Finance Braddock presented the Preliminary Budget for adoption. She noted Director Bennett’s suggestion to change the word “permanent” to “regular” in Resolution 2020-10 in reference to District employees.

Director Giraudo made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 adopting the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget and set notice for public hearing as required by law with the suggested correction, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

- B. Authorize Staff to transfer \$1M to PARS –** Director of Finance Braddock recommended that the Board approve a transfer of \$1M to PARS as per the 2019/20 Final Budget.

Director Giraudo made a motion to Authorize Staff to transfer \$1M to PARS, seconded by Director Bennett and unanimously carried.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2020-11 amending the District’s Conflict of Interest code to add new positions –** Item continued to the August Board meeting.
- B. Approve contribution for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to the El Dorado Hills CSD for the El Dorado Hills Incorporation effort initial financial assessment –** Chief Johnson reported that the CSD requested the District contribute \$5,000 for a financial feasibility study. This contribution would ensure the District is part of the discussions about the incorporation efforts.

Director Bennett made a motion to approve contribution for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to the El Dorado Hills CSD for the El Dorado Hills Incorporation effort initial financial assessment, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve Resolution 2020-12 to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors El Dorado Hills County Water District** – Director of Finance Braddock explained this is the final resolution to amend the District's CalPERS contract for employee contribution increases agreed upon in the current MOU and wages & benefits resolutions.

Director Bennett made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-12 to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors El Dorado Hills County Water District, seconded by Director Giraud and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0)

XV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS


- A. **Directors** – Director Bennett stated that she has been participating in the CERT Training and it is going well. Director White complimented Staff on the execution of Captain Ferlini's retirement ceremony.
- B. **Staff** – Chief Johnson expressed his gratitude for the staff and the excellent service they provide.
- C. **Schedule upcoming committee meetings** – None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT


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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:



Charles J. Hartley, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary