

# EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## NINE HUNDREDTH FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Thursday, January 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER

President Durante called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Directors in attendance: Donelli, Durante, Gotro, and Manning. Director White was absent. Staff in attendance: Chief Lilienthal and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Cook was also in attendance.

### II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. **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**
- B. **Closed Session:** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; **Conference with Labor Negotiators; Agency Designated Representatives: Directors Donelli and White; Employee Organization: El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters, Local 3604; Discuss meet and confer process for upcoming MOU negotiations**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:16 p.m. There was no report out of closed session.

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### IV. PRESENTATION

- A. **Presentation by Director Durante** – Director Durante gave a presentation on communication and transparency.

### V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 902nd Regular Board Meeting held December 19, 2024**
- B. **Approve Minutes of the 903rd Special Board Meeting held January 6, 2025**
- C. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for December 2024**

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

### VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – President Hemstark thanked Staff for their quick response to the Station 86 mold exposure and welcomed the new Board members.
- B. **Public Comment** – Richard Ross, citizen, gave public comment.

### VII. CORRESPONDENCE –

- A. **Email from Steve Cannon** – Chief Hall reported he contacted Mr. Cannon and addressed his concerns.

**VIII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None**

**IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and White) - No report**
- B. Finance Committee (Directors Donelli and White) - - No report**
- C. Joint Powers Authority (Directors Durante and Manning) Director Durante and Chief Lilienthal reported that the JPA is working on its 5-year budget, the replacement of Medic 85, and contract negotiations with the County. The JPA Board is also discussing the addition of a 9<sup>th</sup> medic unit.**
- D. CRCR Services (Directors Donelli and Manning) - No report**
- E. Regionalization (Directors Durante and White) - No report**
- F. Strategic Plan (Directors Donelli and Gotro) - No report**
- G. Technology (Directors Gotro and Manning) - No report**
- H. EDHF 2x2 (Directors Gotro and Manning) - No report**

**X. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Lilienthal reported the following to the Board:**

- Staff developed a CRCR division reimaging plan to implement over the next 180 days.
- Station 86 identified a mold problem and took immediate action to continue service to the area.
- Staff and Union Leadership are meeting regularly to improve communication and address ongoing issues.
- There will be a Cameron Park update available to the public at the Regionalization Committee meeting on January 22.
- Focus will be given to reengaging retirees, strategic planning and succession planning.

**A. OES Report – None**

**B. Hosted Training Report – External Hosted Training courses will be discontinued, and the classroom will be used to provide necessary training to our internal Staff.**

**C. Other Updates – None**

**XI. OPERATIONS REPORT**

**A. Operations Report (Receive and File) – Chief Brady presented the Operations Report for the month of December.**

**XII. COMMUNITY RISK COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT**

**A. CRCR Report – Chief Hall described the recent changes in the CRCR division and Chief Fields presented the monthly report for December.**

**XIII. FISCAL ITEMS**

**A. Receive and file 2023/2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – Director of Finance Braddock presented the 2023/2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Chief Lilienthal presented Director of Finance Braddock and Megan Selling, Accounting Analyst/Board Clerk with a Letter of Commendation recognizing their hard work and dedication.**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2025-01 of appreciation for retired Fire Chief Johnson** – Chief Lilienthal read Resolution 2025-01 recognizing Chief Johnson’s service to the District.

*Director Donelli made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 of appreciation for retired Fire Chief Johnson, seconded by Director Manning and unanimously carried.*

- B. Reorganization of Committees for 2025**  
**C. Review and approve the updated Position Authorization Document and Org Chart** – Chief Lilienthal presented the updated Position Authorization Document and Organization Chart for approval.

*Director Gotro made a motion to approve the updated Position Authorization Document and Org Chart, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.*

- D. Review and approve a one (1) year contract extension with Lawson SSP Group for HVAC Services** – Chief Hall presented a contract extension with Lawon SSP Group to continue HVAC maintenance services for an additional year.

*Director Donelli made a motion to approve a one (1) year contract extension with Lawson SSP Group for HVAC Services, seconded by Director Manning and unanimously carried.*

- E. Station 86 Temporary Closure and related operational issues; Discuss and authorize emergency plan for continued operations; Discuss temporary facility planning issues; Select remediation contractor to address existing Station issues; Discuss operational issues raised by temporary closure; authorize Chief to implement all necessary measures to maintain effective emergency operations.** Chiefs Lilienthal and Hall summarized the recent Station 86 mold emergency, the immediate response to stop exposure to employees, and the steps they plan to take to remediate the mold and repair the station.

*Director Manning made a motion to authorize the emergency plan for continued operations, authorize the Chief to select a remediation contractor to address the existing station issues, and authorize the Chief to implement all necessary measures to maintain effective emergency operations, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried.*

- F. Ratify executed lease agreements for Station 86 temporary housing solutions**

*Director Donelli made a motion to ratify the lease on the 981 Merrill Ct. property and the fifth wheel rental agreement, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried.*

**XV. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**XVI. SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES** – Regionalization Committee meetings were set for January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>.

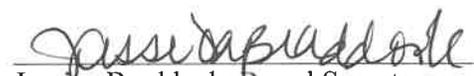
**XVII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Directors** – Director Manning suggested advertising Board Meetings on social media. Director Durante reported that Chief Lilienthal will be preparing a presentation about strike teams and reported that Directors Manning and Gotro will be absent for the February meeting.
- B. Staff** – Director Finance Braddock thanked Megan Selling for her 10 years of hard work and dedication to the Department and wished her well as she transitions into her new job.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Greg Durante, President  
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Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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