

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NINE HUNDREDTH SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Durante called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Directors in attendance: Donelli, Durante, Manning, and White. Director Gotro 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(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief
- C. **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 5:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. There was no report out of closed session.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

- A. **Introduction and welcome new employee Amber Wilson, Accounting Analyst and Board Clerk** – Director of Finance Braddock introduced and welcomed Amber Wilson to the team.
- B. **Medal of Valor and Life Saving Award Presentation** – Chief Moreno provided an overview of the Broome Ct. structure fire. Chief Lilienthal presented the Medal of Valor to Captain Adam Tiffany and Life Saving Awards to CalFire Firefighter Gary Culmer and civilian Jessie Sanchez for their actions that led to rescuing a citizen from the structure fire.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 905th Regular Board Meeting held February 20, 2025**

- B. **Approve Minutes of the 906th Special Board Meeting held March 6, 2025**
- C. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for February 2025**
End Consent Calendar

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

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Firefighters' Association** – No representatives present.
- B. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – President Hemstalk thanked everyone for recognizing award recipients at the meeting and acknowledged the recent deaths of Chief Lucas Shepard from El Dorado County Fire and Fire Fighter Anthony Ganzler, previously El Dorado County Fire. Additionally, President Hemstalk expressed support for Engineer Jeff Cummins.
- C. **Public Comment** - None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE - Correspondence received was reviewed and acknowledged by the Board members.

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 White reported that the JPA Board voted to reimburse transporting agencies for additional administrative costs, and the next JPA Board meeting is April 23rd.
- D. **CRCR Advisory Committee (Directors Donelli and Manning)** - Director Durante proposed each Director nominate a community member to participate in future meetings.
- E. **Regionalization (Directors Durante and White)** – Director Durante indicated he would like to see continued involvement by Directors in ongoing cityhood meetings.
- F. **Strategic Plan (Directors Donelli and Gotro)** - No report.
- G. **Technology (Directors Gotro and Manning)** – Chief Lilienthal discussed grant funds slated for the department to upgrade the main conference room for hybrid meeting capabilities.
- H. **EDHF 2x2 (Directors Gotro and Manning)** – No report.

X. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. **OES Report**
 - 1. **EDSO OES position backfill update**
 - a. Local 3604 approved the OES Liaison Captain. The County Board of Supervisors is expected to approve the contract amendment on April 8th. Captain Belleci will move into this role effective March 31st with County OES reimbursement beginning April 8th .

- B. Other Updates - Chief Lilienthal reported the following to the Board:**
1. The department is providing continued support of El Dorado County Fire with the recent passing of Chief Shepard
 2. Part of succession planning is to decentralize the projects from Admin/Chief level and allow members of organization to take leadership roles. The following employees have stepped up into some of these roles:
 - a. Firefighter Edelman is leader of the PR program
 - b. Ty Dennis leading planning and organization of the Santa Run
 3. Heart of the Hills at District church on May 10th - Chief Lilienthal approved a \$500 reduction in special event application permit fee
 4. The annual February Dinner was well attended for first year back
 5. The recent retiree breakfast was a success
 6. Chief Lilienthal attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference
 7. Cristy Jorgenson's contract ended
 8. Upcoming promotions effective 3/31 include:
 - a. Engineer/Paramedic Austerman promoting to Captain
 - b. Firefighter/Paramedic Chima promoting to Engineer/Paramedic.
 9. The department is supporting Engineer Cummins in his road ahead

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and File) – Chief Brady presented the Operations Report for the month of February and emphasized training needs prior to deployment of the rescue boat.**

XII. COMMUNITY RISK/COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

- A. CRCR Report (Receive and File) – Chief Hall gave an update on plan review times and acknowledged the hard work that has been done in the CRCR division. Chief Fields presented the February CRCR report.**

XIII. FISCAL ITEMS – None.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Director training for 2025**

Director White made a motion to approve the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) as approved courses for Director Training for 2025, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

- B. Review and approve the updated Position Authorization Document (PAD) and CRCR Organizational Chart – Chief Lilienthal provided an overview of the changes made to the proposed Position Authorization Document and presented the CRCR reorganization plan.**

Director Manning made a motion to approve the updated Position

Authorization Document (PAD) and CRCR Organizational Chart, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

- C. Review and approve updated Public Salary Schedule effective March 20, 2025

Director White made a motion to approve the updated Public Salary Schedule effective March 20, 2025, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

- D. Review and approve MOU Side Letter Agreement #2 – Limited Term Vacancies Arising from Department’s Contract with County OES - Director White noted that the MOU side letter is not between “the representatives” of the Department and Local 3604 as stated in the document but is between the Department itself and Local 3604.

Director White made a motion to approve the MOU Side Letter Agreement #2 with a request to attempt to remove the language “representatives of the” from the El Dorado Hills County Water District as a named party, seconded by Director Manning and unanimously carried.

- E. Review and approve Resolution 2025-03 Authorizing the Surplus and Disposal of Capital Assets

Director Donelli made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 authorizing the Surplus and Disposal of Capital Assets, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent:1)

- F. Review and approve purchase of one (1) wireless mobile column lift system for apparatus repairs

Director White made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) wireless mobile column lift system for apparatus repairs in an amount not to exceed \$92,721, seconded by Director Manning and unanimously carried.

- G. Review and approve deployment pay for Chief Lilienthal for OES Preposition (Mud/Debris) incident

Director Donelli made a motion to approve the deployment pay for Chief Lilienthal for OES Preposition (Mud/Debris) incident, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

XV. Old Business

- A. Update on Station 86 Temporary Closure and related operational issues - Chief Hall gave updates on the progress of the repairs at Station 86.
B. Ratify executed agreements for Station 86 emergency repairs

Director White made a motion to ratify the two executed agreements for Station 86 emergency repairs, seconded by Director Manning and unanimously carried.

XVI. Set Committee Meeting Dates – Director Durante stated there would be a Special Board Meeting on April 24th at 1800 (later rescheduled to April 21st at 1730). Chief Lilienthal and Director Durante to communicate separately on scheduling of other meetings.

XVII. Oral Communications

- A. Directors** - Director Manning expressed appreciation for all the hard work and inquired whether the department has a “buy local policy.” Director White discussed his participation and the attendee appreciation of the retiree breakfast event. Director Durante emphasized the importance of transparency, visibility, and accountability and shared a Lake Hills Fire Safety Council event was occurring on April 1st. He also thanked the crew for their attendance at the meeting and President Hemstalk for his leadership.
- B. Staff** – Chief Lilienthal acknowledged the heavy workload of department employees and expressed appreciation for everyone’s patience during the current transition process.

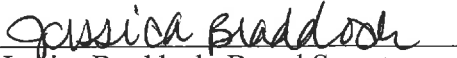
XVIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approved:



Greg Durante, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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