

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NINE HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 17, 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, Gotro, and White. Director Manning was absent. Staff in attendance: Chief Lilienthal. 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(b)(1); Consideration of public employee appointment; Positions under consideration: Fire Chief (Permanent)
- D. **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. **Promotional Badge Pinning** – Chief Lilienthal congratulated Captain Austerman and Engineer Chima on their recent promotions.

The Board took a break for a cake celebration and reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 907th Regular Board Meeting held March 20, 2025**
- B. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for March 2025**
End Consent Calendar

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

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. EDH Firefighters' Association** - None
- B. EDH Professional Firefighters** - None
- C. Public Comment** - None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE - None

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)** – The next JPA Board meeting is scheduled for April 23rd.
- D. CRCR Advisory Committee (Directors Donelli and Manning)** – No report
- E. Regionalization (Directors Durante and White)** – Director White noted the committee following the efforts for cityhood.
- F. Strategic Plan (Directors Donelli and Gotro)** – Chief Lilienthal provided an update on the survey for the strategic plan.
- G. Technology (Directors Gotro and Manning)** – Director Gotro noted Chief Lilienthal and Chief Hall presented a proposal to the committee for an all-encompassing technology package for the conference room, and the committee requested an additional package option for comparison.
- H. EDHF 2x2 (Directors Gotro and Manning)** – Director Durante proposed the disbanding of this committee. This committee will be removed from future agendas.

X. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. OES Report** – No report
- B. Other Updates** - Chief Lilienthal reported the following to the Board:
 - 1. Funeral for Firefighter Ganzler and Memorial for Chief Shephard were both held in El Dorado Hills. The Department provided support via the honor guard, engine coverage, and operational support for El Dorado County Fire during this time
 - 2. Recruitment for the Firefighter/Paramedic and Single Role Paramedic ranks is underway
 - 3. Matt Belleci officially started his role as the OES liaison on April 8th
 - 4. Santa Run planning, led by Ty Dennis, is underway
 - 5. The County approved the Latrobe base transfer and will include it in the 2025/26 proposed final budget
 - 6. Supervisor Turnboo is looking to rename Cypress Point Court to recognize John Hidahl's service to the community

7. The preliminary budget for 2025/26 is in process
8. Chief Lilienthal will be presenting the Department's succession plan to each shift
9. The Department is monitoring the cityhood proposal and potential impacts to the Department. Chief Lilienthal expressed the Department has not taken a position on cityhood, and the Directors agreed that the Board remains neutral on the topic at this time
10. The lease at the employee development center is being reduced to one classroom
11. The Department intern program is expanding to include CRCR and administrative positions
12. The Department and El Dorado Hills Fire Foundation continue to support Engineer Cummins
13. AT&T has proposed upgrading the cell tower at station 84 to 5G. The Department has concerns regarding the RF signal and emissions to the employees sleeping at that station, and Staff is in the process of discussing these concerns with AT&T
14. An engine company will attend the reopening of Bertelsen Park on April 23rd
15. The Department is participating in a pilot program with KIME physical therapy, giving employees an opportunity to obtain individualized assessments and customized programs

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Operations Report (Receive and File)** – Chief Brady presented the Operations Report for the month of March, providing a brief overview of the recent PG&E drill as well as upcoming department activities.

XII. COMMUNITY RISK/COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

- A. CRCR Report (Receive and File)** – Chief Hall gave an update on plan review times, provided an overview of CRCR participation at recent community events, and emphasized the hard work of the CRCR team. Chief Fields presented the March CRCR report.

XIII. FISCAL ITEMS – None.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve terms of employment for position of Fire Chief (permanent) for Michael Lilienthal**

Director White made a motion to approve the terms of employment for position of Fire Chief (permanent) for Michael Lilienthal, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

- B. Ratify OES Liaison Contract Amendment**

Director Donelli made a motion to ratify OES Liaison Contract Amendment, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried.

C. Ratify contract with David Castillo for consulting services

Director White made a motion to ratify the contract with David Castillo for consulting services, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

D. Review and approve agreement with SCI Consulting Group to complete an updated development impact fee nexus study

Director Donelli made a motion to approve agreement with SCI Consulting Group to complete an updated development impact fee nexus study in an amount not to exceed \$21,000, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

E. Review and approve Resolution 2025-05 Authorizing the Surplus and Disposal of Capital Assets (SIM Table)

Director White made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 authorizing the Surplus and Disposal of Capital Assets (SIM Table), seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent:1)

F. Review and approve purchase of two (2) rescue jet skis

Director White made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) rescue jet skis, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

G. Review and approve Resolution 2025-06 waiving the public employee pension reform act 180-day waiting period to hire a retired CalPERS annuitant

Director White made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 waiving the public employee pension reform act 180-day waiting period to hire a retired CalPERS annuitant, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent:1)

H. Ratify agreement for temporary limited-term “extra-help” employment with Michel MacKenzie

Director Donelli made a motion to ratify the agreement for temporary limited-term “extra-help” employment with Michael MacKenzie, seconded by Director Gotro 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 Donelli made a motion to ratify the three executed agreements for Station 86 emergency repairs, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried.

XVI. Set Committee Meeting Dates –Director Durante expressed his desire for the Regionalization Committee to attend cityhood meetings.

XVII. Oral Communications

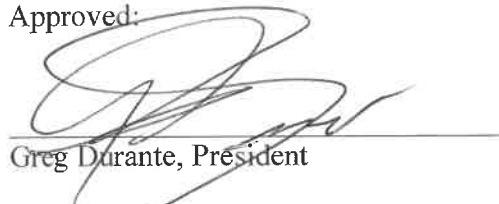
A. Directors – Director Durante is going to be a representative for the department at the Chamber of Commerce. He is also considering volunteering for fire watch at Pilot Peak.

B. Staff – Chief Lilienthal expressed his appreciation for the trust and confidence in him as the permanent Fire Chief. Chief Brady thanked the Board for supporting the water rescue and rescue programs.

XVIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved:


Greg Durante, President


Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

This is a summary of the meeting. Board Meetings are recorded, and anyone wanting to listen to the full meeting recording should contact the main office at 916-933-6623 or clerkoftheboard@edhfire.com.

