

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NINE HUNDREDTH SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Consideration of public employee appointment/employment; Positions under consideration: Fire Chief (Interim Appointment)
- B. **Closed Session:** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with Labor Negotiators; Agency Designated Representatives: TBD; 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 6:01 p.m. The Board reported that they selected Michael Lilienthal as Interim Fire Chief for a six-month term at a monthly salary of \$21,044.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PRESENTATION

- A. **Review and approve 2023/2024 Final Audit Report and SAS 114 Governance Letter** - Ingrid Sheipline, Partner at Richardson and Company, LLC, presented the 2023/24 financial statement audit report and related documents.

Director Gotro made a motion to approve 2023/2024 Final Audit Report and SAS 114 Governance Letter, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 900th Regular Board Meeting held November 21, 2024**
- B. **Approve Minutes of the 901st Special Board Meeting held December 9, 2024**
- C. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for November 2024**

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

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters – None**
- B. **EDH Firefighters Association – None**

- C. **Public Comment** – Esther Beckman, citizen, thanked the Fire Department on behalf of the Heritage Community for visiting their community during the Santa Run.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VIII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

IX. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Administrative Committee (TBD)** – No report.
- B. **Finance Committee (TBD)** – No report.
- C. **Joint Powers Authority (TBD)** – Director White reported that Cristy Jorgensen was appointed as the Executive Director of the JPA, the JPA Board hired new legal counsel, and they are still in the process of negotiating a new contract with El Dorado County.

X. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Communications (Ad-Hoc) (TBD)** – No report.
- B. **CRR Services (Ad-Hoc) (TBD)** – No report.
- C. **EDHCSD/EDHFD 2x2 (TBD)** – No report.
- D. **County Fire/E DHFD 2x2 (TBD)** – No report.
- E. **CPCSD/EDHFD 2x2 (TBD)** – No report.

XI. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT - Chief Johnson expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve this community.

- A. **OES Report** – None.
- B. **Hosted Training Report** – None.
- C. **Training Facility Update** – None.
- D. **Other Updates** – None.

XII. OPERATIONS REPORT

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

XIII. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REPORT

- A. **CRRD Report** – Chief Fields presented the CRRD Report for the month of November.

XIV. FISCAL ITEMS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review and approve Resolution 2024-20 of appreciation for Director Hidahl** – Item taken out of order after Item III. Pledge of Allegiance. A resolution of appreciation for Director Hidahl’s many years of service to the community was read and presented to his wife, Eileen Hidahl.

Director Durante made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-20 of appreciation for Director Hidahl, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Vacant: 1)

- B. Public Hearing (continued): Review and approve Ordinance 2024-01 related to vegetation management on unimproved parcels, and declaring certain hazardous vegetation and combustible materials a public nuisance, and providing for the removal thereof**

Director White opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Chief Fields completed the second reading of the proposed Ordinance, summarizing the material changes from the previous Ordinance.

Director White closed the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Director Donelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01 related to vegetation management on unimproved parcels, and declaring certain hazardous vegetation and combustible materials a public nuisance, and providing for the removal thereof, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Vacant: 1)

- C. Election of Board President and Vice President for 2025**

Director White nominated Greg Durante for Board President, seconded by Director Donelli and unanimously carried.

Director Durante nominated Tim White for Board Vice-President, seconded by Director Gotro and unanimously carried.

- D. Reorganization of Committees for 2025 – Continued to the January Board meeting.**
E. Review and establish meeting dates for 2025 – The Board agreed to continue the regular Board meetings on the third Thursday of every month.
F. Set a Special Meeting for January 6th, 2025 to interview and make a selection for the vacant Board seat – Director Durante set a special meeting for January 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to hold interviews and appoint a candidate to fill the vacant Board seat.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS – None.

- A. Board acknowledgement of the temporary suspension of the OES Agreement for Services – Chief Lilienthal reported that the District will need to suspend the OES agreement while the he transitions into the Fire Chief role and a plan is made to fill that position.**

Director White made a motion to direct Council Cook to work with Staff to suspend the current OES agreement, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried.

XVII. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Directors** – The Directors thanked Chief Johnson for his service to the District and to the fire service as a whole.
- B. **Staff** – None.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Approved:



Timothy White, President



Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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