

EL DORADO HILLS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Giraudó called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Directors in attendance: Bennett, Durante, Giraudó, Hartley, and White. Staff in attendance: Chief Johnson and Director of Finance Braddock. Counsel Moebius was also in attendance.

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with Labor Negotiators; items under negotiation: Memorandum of Understanding with the El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters pertaining to wages and benefits; Agency Designated Representatives: Finance Committee, Directors Giraudó and White, Chief Johnson; Employee Organization: El Dorado Hills Professional Firefighters, Local 3604**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Approve Minutes of the 862nd Board meeting held March 16, 2023**
B. **Approve Minutes of the 863rd Special Board meeting held March 29, 2023**
C. **Approve Financial Statements and Check Register for March 2023**

Director Durante made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director White and unanimously carried.

V. PRESENTATION

- A. **CSDA Conference Presentation** – Director Durante presented the highlights of the knowledge he gained from attending the CSDA Conference.

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **EDH Professional Firefighters** – None
B. **EDH Firefighters Association** – None
C. **Public Comment**
i. **Fee Waiver Request** – Kathy Ventry, business owner, presented her fee waiver request to the Board. The Board stated that they will work on developing a compassionate billing policy, and a waiver application may be submitted under that policy once in place, but a waiver will not be granted at this time.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VIII. ATTORNEY ITEMS – None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Administrative Committee (Directors Durante and Bennett) –** Director Bennett distributed an outline of the proposed process to establish a strategic plan.
- B. Finance Committee (Directors White and Giraud) –** The committee met and discussed the District’s Nexus Study update currently in progress. Chief Lilienthal reported that Staff is working with consulting firm DTA on a draft Nexus Study to bring to the full Board in the coming months.
- C. Joint Powers Authority (Directors Giraud and White) –** No report.
- D. Communications (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and Durante) –** No report.
- E. CRR Services (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Hartley and White) –** No report.
- F. Ambulance Deployment (Ad-Hoc) (Directors Giraud and White) –** No report.

X. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT - Chief Johnson reported the following to the Board:

- He and staff members recently attended the following events:
 - Fire Districts Association of California conference
 - Amador County Fire event to welcome the new Fire Chief
 - LAFCO strategic planning meeting
 - Collaboration meeting with the Chamber and CSD
 - Meeting with Folsom Lake College about bringing the fire program back
 - Sacramento Fire Department promotional ceremony
 - Cal OES Mutual Aid Summit
 - Several 3604 negotiations meetings
 - Board of Supervisors TOT funds meeting
 - CalJac Conference
- Congratulations to all those hitting milestones with the District.
- Staff are monitoring various legislative bills that will affect the fire service.

XI. OPERATIONS REPORT

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

XII. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REPORT

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

XIII. FISCAL ITEMS – Director of Finance Braddock stated that Staff is working on finalizing the preliminary budget for FY23-24 and the mid-year budget for FY22-23 to bring to the full Board for review and approval.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve Resolution 2023-02 of the Board of Directors to execute its statutory authority to abate weeds on properties which said weeds**

constitute a public nuisance – Chief Fields requested approval of Resolution 2023-02 declaring weeds a public nuisance.

Director White made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 of the Board of Directors to execute its statutory authority to abate weeds on properties which said weeds constitute a public nuisance, seconded by Director Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll Call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- B. Review and discuss LAFCO Special District Election Ballot** – Director of Finance Braddock presented the LAFCO Special District election ballot for direction on how the Board would like to vote.

Director Bennett made a motion to rank Tim White number one on the election ballot, seconded by Director Hartley, and unanimously carried. Director White recused himself from the vote.

- C. Review and Approve Advanced Life Support Contract with the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority** – Chief Johnson presented the updated contract with the JPA for the Board’s review and approval.

Director Bennett made a motion to approve the Advanced Life Support Contract with the El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second reading and approval of Ordinance 2023-01 to consider a proposed Ordinance related to Hazardous Vegetation Management on Unimproved Parcels, and Declaring Certain Hazardous Vegetation and Combustible Materials a Public Nuisance, and Providing for the Removal Thereof** – Chief Phillips presented Ordinance 2023-01 related to Vegetation Management giving the District the right to abate weeds on uncompliant unimproved parcels every year going forward.

Director Hartley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 to consider a proposed Ordinance related to Hazardous 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 Durante, and unanimously carried. (Roll call: Ayes: 5; Noes: 0)

- B. Training Facility Update** – Chief Hall reported that the training facility project is nearing completion. The updated estimated completion date is May 18, 2023. Staff plans to have a soft opening for internal members around the first week of June.
- C. EDHCSD/EDHFD 2x2 update (Directors Bennett and Durante)** – Director Hartley stated that the committee met to get to know the other committee members.

XVI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Directors – None.

B. Staff – Chief Johnson highlighted and thanked the defensible space staff for their excellent work and stated that the District would be hosting the Firescope meeting in July.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved:


John Giraud, President


Jessica Braddock, Board Secretary

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