

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
4040 CARSON ROAD  
CAMINO, CALIFORNIA 95709**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ROBERT AMARAL  
ED COURTIAL - CHAIR  
THOMAS MAHACH  
JOE ROSE – VICE CHAIR  
CURTISS WEIDMER**

**FIRE CHIEF**

**BRUCE M. LACHER**

**CONFORMED AGENDA**

**May 9, 2007**

**CLOSED SESSION  
6:00P.M.**

**OPEN SESSION  
7:00 P.M.**

**2850 Fairlane Court, Building "C"  
Placerville, CA 95667**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:10PM**
- 2. CLOSED SESSION-**
  - A. Employee Negotiations with the Professional Firefighters Association and the Non-Safety Employees Association per Government Code Section 54957.6**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

- 4. APPROVE AGENDA -  
**ACTION TAKEN** – Motion to approve agenda made by Director Amaral and seconded by Director Mahach.  
AYES: Amaral, Courtial, Mahach and Weidmer  
ABSENT: Rose  
NOES: None
  
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (All items approved on single vote except those pulled for individual comment)
  - A. MINUTES: April 11, 2007 regular Board meeting.
  
  - B. CLAIM PAYMENT – Report of Vouchers April 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007.

**CLAIM BATCHES:**

**DISTRICT:**

\$ 94,204.06 (April 01, 2007)  
\$ 142,372.66 (April 15, 2007)  
\$ 109,112.89 (April 17, 2007)

**AMBULANCE/JPA:**

\$ 5,450.80 (April 11, 2007)  
\$ 38,092.57 (April 25, 2007)

***INVOICES/TRANSFERS/JOURNAL ENTRIES***

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – continued-

**DEPOSITS:**

\$ 555.00 (April 05, 2007)  
\$ 121,908.94 (April 05, 2007)  
\$ 5,834.18 (April 05, 2007)  
\$ 18,295.00 (April 24, 2007)  
\$ 1,182.27 (April 24, 2007)

**ACTION TAKEN** – Motion to approve the consent calendar made by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Amaral.

**AYES:** Amaral, Courtial, Mahach and Weidmer

**ABSENT:** Rose

**NOES:** None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (any person wishing to address the Board on any item that is not on the Agenda, may do so at this time).

Public comments are limited to five minutes per person.

**ACTION TAKEN-** No public comments.

7. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION-

A. **ACTION TAKEN-** Informational only. No action taken.

**8. DEPARTMENT MATTERS-****A. DELTA DENTAL CONTRACT RENEWAL-**

Contract renewal and amendment effective July 1, 2007-

**ACTION TAKEN**- The renewal contract had enhancements added and rates remained the same. Director Amaral moved to renew the contract with Delta Dental and Director Mahach seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Amaral, Courtial, Mahach and Weidmer

**ABSENT:** Rose

**NOES:** None

**B. STATION #28 PROGRESS REPORT-**

**ACTION TAKEN**- Chief Lacher reported to the Board members that the District is still looking at the property on Sunset Lane, in Shingle Springs, to see if it is feasible to build the replacement fire station at this location. The District has been working with engineers and the planning department. The property is zoned residential; therefore, a rezoning or Special Use Permit might be required. Director Weidmer asked if the sellers would be interested on a sale contingent upon the Fire District getting a Special Use Permit. Director Amaral asked if the Fire District has been looking at any other property. It was suggested to speak with the residents to see if there is any objection to a re-zoning. All of the issues will take up to eight months to be resolved.

## 8. DEPARTMENT MATTERS- continued

## C. MID-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET REVISION-

**ACTION TAKEN**- Chief Lacher explained the proposed amended budget reflects the salary and benefit package adjustments for the Management Association, and a place holder for the non-safety administrative staff and safety personnel. Director Weidmer stated that there should be a Medicare reduction when everyone is required to apply for Medicare at age 65. The District will have a preliminary budget for 2007-2008 at the next meeting. Director Weidmer motioned to approve of the mid-year operating budget revision. Director Mahach seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Amaral, Courtial, Mahach and Weidmer

**ABSENT:** None

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Rose

## D. VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PLACERVILLE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE EI Dorado COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT -

## Contract renewal

**ACTION TAKEN**- The hourly rate is proposed to increase from \$57 per hour to \$60 per hour. Chief Lacher reported that the District has been very happy with this service and the new rate is still below the typical rates for commercial truck repairs. Director Mahach moved to renew the contract with Placerville Union School District. Director Amaral seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Amaral, Courtial, Mahach, Rose and Weidmer

**ABSENT:** None

**NOES:** None

**8. DEPARTMENT MATTERS- continued-****E. RESOLUTION 2007-05-**

Resolution requesting CalPERS continue the Blue Shield EPO Plan for employees in El Dorado County

**ACTION TAKEN**- Blue Shield is considering pulling their EPO medical Plan from four counties including El Dorado County. The District has collaborated with other public agencies in the County to try and convince CalPERS of the necessity to continue the relationship with Blue Shield and the El Dorado County CalPERS members. The majority of the District's personnel use the Blue Shield EPO insurance program. Director Rose motioned to adopt Resolution 2007-05 requesting CalPERS continue the Blue Shield EPO Plan for employees in El Dorado County. Director Mahach seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Amaral, Courtial, Mahach, Rose and Weidmer

**ABSENT:** None

**NOES:** None

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS -****A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE-**

**ACTION TAKEN**- No action taken.

**B. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL -**

**ACTION TAKEN** – The chipper program has been continued for this season.

10. EL DORADO COUNTY REGIONAL PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AUTHORITY ("JPA") -
  - A. Report on Joint Powers Authority-  
**ACTION TAKEN-** Director Weidmer reported there has been a 7% increase on the previous cap in the budget. There is a response time issue. The standards are based on the time of the arrival of the medic unit and not the fire engines that also have medics responding. A proposal will be written to the Health Department regarding response times. Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire has considered pulling out of the JPA program and running their own ambulance service. The current structure of the Board of Directors of JPA has five provider representatives and five non-provider representatives. The JPA Board is continuing to review alternative representation.
  
11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS-
  - A. Report on litigation and/or State Budget issues-  
**ACTION TAKEN** – No report.
  
12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION –
  - Department Activity Report-
  - JPA Activity Report-
  - Memo from LAFCO closing the election of the Special District Representatives. The new representatives are: Ken Humphreys, Harry Norris, and Michael Cooper.
  - Letter sent to CalPERS Board of Administration from Fire Chief Bruce Lacher requesting that CalPERS not approve the discontinuance of coverage for the employees of El Dorado, Lake, Napa and Plumas counties.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION – continued-**

- Letter to the CalPERS Health Benefits Committee from the City of Placerville, El Dorado County Fire Protection District, El Dorado County Transit Authority, El Dorado County Transportation Commission, El Dorado Hills Water District (Fire Department), El Dorado Irrigation District, El Dorado Union High School District, and Placerville General Unit Employee Association requesting the committee to consider optional avenues for Blue Shield coverage in the County.
- The District received a thank you letter from J.C. Laverty, ER nurse and parent of a Ponderosa High school student that was a participant in the "Every Fifteen Minute Program".
- El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission has approved the Final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008.
- Chief Lacher received an announcement of the Sacramento Regional Fire Academy commencement ceremonies for Class 2007-1. The ceremony is scheduled for May 16, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Crest Theatre, 1030 K Street in downtown Sacramento.
- Thank you card from the Scott Land family.
- Thank you to the crews that responded to a fire March 14, 2007 at Greenstone Estates from Emerson and Shirley Baughman.

**13. CHIEF OFFICER REPORT –**

- Training Battalion Chief Sam Huffman-
- Prevention Battalion Chief Mark Johnson-

**ACTION TAKEN** – Battalion Chief Huffman, Training Division, presented a power point to the Board of Directors giving details of his job position and duties. Battalion Chief Mark Johnson, Prevention Bureau, gave a report on activities happening in each of the Board members areas of representation.

**13. CHIEF OFFICER REPORT – continued-**

BC Johnson also shared that the extra help members are completing inspections and working with public relations to assist the Fire District.

**14. CHIEF'S REPORT –**

**ACTION TAKEN** – Chief Lacher reported to the Board of Directors that the Recruit Academy Graduation will be held Wednesday, May 16, 2007 @ 6:30pm, at the Crest theatre in Sacramento. The Date of the graduation ceremony has changed a couple times and unfortunately, the chief has a scheduling conflict therefore Assistant Chief Cima will be attending this ceremony and presenting the graduates with their badges. Director Mahach was able to attend last year and advised everyone that is quite an impressive ceremony and well worth attending. The graduation ceremony for the Volunteer recruit academy will be held May 30, 2007, @ 5:30pm at Union Mine School. Pioneer Fire is hiring a permanent Fire Chief and has requested the El Dorado County Fire Protection District assist them with Operations support while they are searching. The District is ordering a new type I Engine. This Engine will replace Engine #21. Chief Lacher has been elected to a second term as the President of the County Chiefs. He will also be the OES Fire/Rescue Coordinator for the County.

**15. BOARD COMMENTS-**

**Robert Amaral – Enjoyed the presentations**

**Ed Courtial – no comments**

**Tom Mahach-no comments**

**Joe Rose- Thanks for the presentations. Director Rose attended the funeral services for Matthew Guthrie and thanked the Color Guard.**

**Curtiss Weidmer- no comments**

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-**

**Next meeting: Regularly scheduled Board Meeting June 13, 2007 @ 2850 Fairlane Court, Building "C", Placerville, California.**

**Agenda closing time 4:30 P.M., Tuesday June 05, 2007.**

**17. ADJOURNMENT - 9:10pm**

**ACTION TAKEN- Director Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting and Director Weidmer seconded the motion.**

**AYES: Amaral, Courtial, Mahach, Rose and Weidmer**

**ABSENT: None**

**NOES: None**

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