

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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CAMINO, CALIFORNIA 95709

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PAT CARROLL
ED COURTIAL – VICE CHAIR
THOMAS MAHACH
JOE ROSE – CHAIRMAN
CURTISS WEIDMER

FIRE CHIEF

BRUCE M. LACHER

CONFORMED AGENDA

January 09, 2008

CLOSED SESSION
6:30 P.M.

OPEN SESSION
7:00 P.M.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:15**
Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Board of Directors inspected the new E-21.
2. **CLOSED SESSION-** Employee negotiations with the Professional Firefighters Association, Management Association and the Non-Safety Employees Association per Government Code Section 54957.6
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

4. APPROVE AGENDA -

ACTION TAKEN – Director Courtial moved to approve the agenda and Director Mahach seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose

ABSENT: Carroll

NOES: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (All items approved on single vote except those pulled for individual comment)

A. MINUTES: December 12, 2007 regular Board meeting.

B. CLAIM PAYMENT – Report of Vouchers December 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

CLAIM BATCHES:

DISTRICT:

\$ 31,109.97 (December 01, 2007)

\$ 107,780.06 (December 01, 2007)

\$ 58,858.68 (December 15, 2007)

\$ 108,075.00 (December 15, 2007)

AMBULANCE/JPA:

\$ 3,290.84 (December 05, 2007)

\$ 5,496.84 (December 19, 2007)

DEPOSITS:

\$ 627.44 (December 12, 2007)

\$ 1,475.98 (December 12, 2007)

\$ 1,749.68 (December 12, 2007)

ACTION TAKEN – Director Mahach moved to approve the consent calendar and Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose

ABSENT: Carroll

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-
ACTION TAKEN- No action taken.

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS-
 - A. INTRODUCTION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF AND FIRE CAPTAIN-
ACTION TAKEN- Fire Chief Lacher announced the new promotions to Assistant Chief of Administration and Fire Captain. Chief Lacher led Assistant Chief Mark Johnson and Captain Greg Morford in the Oath of Office and pinned their badges on them. The Board of Directors congratulated the new officers.

 - B. Ordinance 2007-01-
Public Hearing to Review and Approve Amendments to the 2007 California Fire Code. Public Hearing published in the Mountain Democrat November 28, 2007 and December 05, 2007.
ACTION TAKEN- Open to public comment @ 7:24. Assistant Chief Johnson advised the Board members that the ordinance has support from the Planning Department and City Council. Once the Ordinance is adopted by this governing Board, it will be filed at the State Housing Department to insure all process has been completed accurately. Public hearing closed at 7:25. Director Mahach moved to adopt Ordinance 2007-01 approving amendments to the 2007 California Fire Code. Director Courtial seconded the motion.
AYES: Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose
ABSENT: Carroll
NOES: None

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS- continued-**C. RESOLUTION 2008-01-**

Resolution 2008-01 allowing the Fire District to increase the monthly contribution to PERS Health Care due to the increase in medical health care insurance costs effective January 1, 2008.

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher explained to the Board of Directors that the current employee MOU's require the District to pay an amount equal to the highest CalPERS HMO health insurance available in the service area for represented employees and their families, and retirees and their families. The health premiums have increased ten percent this year. Director Weidmer reviewed the amount of this increase. This amount has been built into the current Budget. Director Mahach asked about the health plan option changes. Health plan options were changed and by using the address of the Shingle Springs Fire Station, the choices for plan options were made easier to the employees of the District. Director Mahach moved to adopt Resolution 2008-01 increasing the monthly contribution to PERS Health Care. Director Courtial seconded the motion.
AYES: Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose
ABSENT: Carroll
NOES: None

D. RESOLUTION 2008-02-

El Dorado County Regional Prehospital Emergency Services Operations Authority (JPA) resolution to amend the JPA By-laws, including changing the Fire District Representative from a Board Member to the Fire Chief.

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher went through the background of the JPA and how a committee was set to review the structure of the organization. The JPA had a consultant review the organization. One

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proposal was to decrease the amount of Board members to five members vs. ten members. The Executive Board would meet monthly and the Non-providers would meet quarterly. But the non-provider agencies felt they would not be represented fairly. The Fire Chief's Organization created a proposal to have the JPA Board made up of a Chief from each District. The JPA Board voted 8 – 2 to have the proposal presented to each District for a vote. Chief Lacher reviewed the proposed by-law changes. Chief Lacher also reported that seven yes votes were received in December; one District did not have a second to the motion to vote on the proposal. The El Dorado County Fire Board and the Mosquito Fire Board have not voted yet. The president of the Fire Chief's Association would be the Chairman of the JPA Board. Captain Jeff Chandler, president of Local Union 3556 spoke in support of the Chief's proposal on behalf of the union. Director Mahach stated that he supports the idea. The operational control will go to the Chiefs. The Western Slope has a Mutual Aid program which represents all Districts as one District. The Chief's position is one of honor. The Fire Chief's are honorable and Director Mahach strongly supports the proposal. Director Weidmer stated that he has concerns regarding the proposal. Director Weidmer feels there is no plan to improve the function of JPA or how changes and improvements would be met. The alternate to the Chief is not specific. The JPA budget is over 9 million Dollars; can the Chiefs affectively analyze and approve this budget? In the By-Law changes #11 – Exhibit "C" attachment is not there. Director Weidmer's two major concerns are that the Board of Directors for the JPA will no longer be elected officials who answer to the voters and conflicts of interest of fire vs. medical emergencies. Director Weidmer stated that he feels that the Executive Officer cannot be independent if they are hired and fired by the Chiefs. Director Courtial feels that the Chief's

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Association has created direction in a forward way. There will be an evaluation in two years to see how this new program is progressing. Director Courtial feels it is time to move forward and to give the Chief's an opportunity to make those changes in the JPA system. Chief Lacher stated that the majority of the JPA Budget is operational costs. The Fire Chiefs would still represent individual agencies and report to each District Board. The Fire Chief's are held accountable to the public that they serve. Director Rose stated that he has taken time to study this proposal. Director Rose had observed instability and lack of proper leadership in the JPA program. Originally Director Rose was opposed to the Chief's proposal and was concerned that there could be a better way to solve the JPA issues. Director Rose has a lot of respect for Director Weidmer's expertise. However, the JPA Board seems to have destroyed itself and caused much frustration. The Chief's proposal would inhibit a single District from pulling out of the system. It would enhance accountability because each District Board controls their Chief, as a body. This proposal has already passed by the votes of the other Districts and is going forward anyway. Director Rose wants to stabilize the JPA and move on. Director Rose supports the proposal. Director Mahach moved to approve Resolution 2008-02 to amend the JPA By-Laws, including changing the Board Membership, including Attachment "C" and Attachment "C1" with no changes. Director Courtial seconded the motion. Board Chair asked the Board Secretary to poll the Board.

Director Mahach: Yes
Director Weidmer: No
Director Courtial: Yes
Director Rose: Yes
Director Carroll: Absent

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE-

ACTION TAKEN- AC Johnson met with the Architects on the revision of plans for the new Station in Shingle Springs. The new plan brings the structure to 8,127 Square Feet, in size. Bay #3 has been increased in depth and the door is larger. This bay may fit a fire engine with room for minor repairs or to add equipment. With the changes, the new Firehouse is within budget. Assistant Chief Johnson requested the Board to approve the design and allow him to take the plans back to committee. Director Weidmer moved to approve the revised 8,127 Square Foot plan for a new Fire house in Shingle Springs and allow AC Johnson to take the plan back to committee. Director Courtial seconded the motion. Director Mahach asked if the roof would be able to support solar panels in the future. AC Johnson said they were designed with this in mind.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose

ABSENT: Carroll

NOES: None

B. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL -

ACTION TAKEN – No report, there was no meeting.

10. EL DORADO COUNTY REGIONAL PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AUTHORITY ("JPA") -

ACTION TAKEN- No report, there was no meeting.

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS-

A. Report on litigation and/or State Budget issues-

ACTION TAKEN – The State budget report is due to be released tomorrow.

12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION –

- ✚ Department Activity Report -
- ✚ JPA Activity Report -
- ✚ Thank you note to Station #28 from the Adhrna family for saving their home and pets during a fire last summer.
- ✚ Stations #17, #21 and #25 all received thank you letters for the job shadow experiences from the Central Sierra ROP Medical Assisting & Hospital Occupations students.
ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher pointed out that the Fire District broke 7000 emergency calls this last year.

13. CHIEF OFFICER REPORTS-

- ❖ Assistant Chief Rob Cima -
- ❖ A Shift Battalion Chief Tim Cordero -
- ❖ B Shift Battalion Chief Mike Hardy -
- ❖ C Shift Battalion Chief Kurt Taylor -
- ❖ Prevention Battalion Chief Mark Johnson -
- ❖ Training Battalion Chief Sam Huffman -
ACTION TAKEN- Reports received.

14. CHIEF'S REPORT –

ACTION TAKEN- Chief Lacher reported that the 2007 year ended very busy with 6 working structure fires. The crews were very aggressive and had nice stops. This last set of storms had the District incredibly busy. Three additional engines were staffed last Friday to handle the increased calls. There are three recruits to start the next academy in February. The start date has yet to be announced. The Volunteer Academy, which began in January, has seven new recruits.

15. BOARD COMMENTS-

Pat Carroll- Absent

Ed Courtial – Nothing further.

Tom Mahach- Congratulations to AC Johnson and Captain Morford. Good to see the Boards support the Fire Chief.

Joe Rose- Congratulations to AC Johnson and to Captain Morford.

Curtiss Weidmer- Would like a card to go to Pat Carroll from the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Assistant Chief Johnson.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

Next meeting: Regularly scheduled Board Meeting February 13, 2008 @ 2850 Fairlane Court, Building "C", Placerville, California. Agenda closing time 4:30 P.M., Tuesday February 5, 2008.

ACTION TAKEN- Director Rose requested to have an agenda item added for new time, date and location for Board of Director's meetings.

17. ADJOURNMENT - 8:50pm

ACTION TAKEN- Director Mahach moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Courtial seconded the motion.

AYES: Courtial, Mahach, Weidmer and Rose

ABSENT: Carroll

NOES: None

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