

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES
January 20, 2011**

**2850 Fair Lane Ct., Building "C"
Placerville, CA 95667
2:00 P.M. Closed Session
3:00 P.M. Open Session**

2:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

A. Meeting with designated representatives of the El Dorado County Fire Protection District regarding employee salaries, salary schedules, and/or other compensation in the form of fringe benefits pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The El Dorado County Fire Protection District's designated representatives are Fire Chief Bruce Lacher, Director Tom Mahach, Director Dennis Edwards, David Mackowiak and Patrick Clark.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 in one potential case.

C. Govt. Code 54956.9 Conference with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Subdivision (a.). Case: Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District v. El Dorado County Fire Protection District, et al.

3:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial

Absent: Edwards

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

4. APPROVE AGENDA:

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Johnson to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Edwards

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

(All items approved on a single vote except those pulled for individual discussion and action).

A. Minutes: December 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

B. Claim Payments/Deposits

District Claims:

\$90,411.79
\$311,887.49
\$146,482.99

JPA Claims:

\$7,520.02
\$14,289.04
\$9,531.86

Deposits:

\$2,883.22
\$2,088.20
\$1,693.48
\$5,687.87
\$5,001.67

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the consent calendar. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Edwards

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).

No public comment

7. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

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Board voted unanimously to approve and ratify the tentative agreement between the District and El Dorado County Firefigthers Association, Local 3556. Board also voted unanimously to approve and ratify Memorandum of Understanding between the management association. The board also gave direction to its designated representatives to continue negotiations with the non-safety association.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 in one potential case.

No action taken

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No action taken

8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:

A. Oath of Office and Swearing in of Directors Rose and Johnson

Chief Lacher administered the Oath of Office and Swearing in of Directors Rose and Johnson.

B. Oath of Office and Swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Servais

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C. Resolution 2011-01, Recognizing Fire Apparatus Engineer Teri Simmons for 26 years of service.

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Mahach to approve Resolution 2011-01, Recognizing Fire Apparatus Engineer Teri Simmons for 26 years of service. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial

Noes: None

Absent: Edwards

D. Resolution 2011-02, Recognizing Captain Dave Mitchell for 34 years of service.

It was move by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Mahach to approve Resolution 2011-02, Recognizing Captain Dave Mitchell for 34 years of service. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Edwards

E. Resolution 2011-03, Recognizing Captain Ken Parker for 27 years of service.

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Mahach to approve Resolution 2011-03, Recognizing Captain Ken Parker for 27 years of service. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Edwards

F. Resolution 2011-04, requesting an agreement with the County of El Dorado regarding the provisions of emergency medical services (EMS).

Tabled to Future Meeting

G. Resolution 2011-05, requesting the creation of one or more exclusive operating areas within the El Dorado County regarding the provisions of emergency medical services (EMS)

Tabled to Future Meeting

H. Resolution 2011-06, Fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act.

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Courtial to approve Resolution 2011-06, fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Courtial
Noes: None
Absent: Edwards

I. Update to the following District Standard Operating Guidelines

1. Article 2: Section 16; Media Information Release
2. Article 2: Section 30; Field Training Officer Coordinator
3. Article 3: Section 4; Radio Communications
4. Article 3: Section 5; Swift Water Rescue
5. Article 4: Section 18; Continuous Quality Improvement Program

6. Article 5: Section 4; Report Narrative Review

Chief Lacher reported that the district will periodically update and create Standard Operating Guidelines for specific procedures as the need arises and requests approval of the above referenced SOG's.

It was moved by Director Rose and seconded by Director Johnson to approve the updated Standard Operating Guidelines. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mahach, Johnson, Rose, Edwards
Noes: None
Absent: Edwards

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Facilities & Equipment (Courtial/Johnson)

Director Johnson reported that project supervisor Fred Russell stated the project is moving along with minimum issues. The first layer of stucco has been applied. Project to date has been done with the least amount of change orders.

B. Fire Prevention (Mahach/Johnson)

Director Mahach reported that the Board of Directors for Fire Safe Council did not renew Vicki Yorty's contract. Director Mahach is also on the Resource Advisor Committee appointed by the Federal Government to decide how to use title 2 funds in the National Forest. As of now they have 43 applicants requesting the grant money. The money is to be used on watershed and road improvements.

C. El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority (JPA) (Rose)

Chief Lacher reported for the JPA. The districts medical response stats were met for December 2010. The JPA has been compliant 29 months with no exceptions. This shows the system is working, the move up and cover policy is efficient and effective. JPA is working on the 2011-2012 budget. Information received from the county shows there maybe a 4% reduction in tax revenues. All agencies are looking at their budgets to see where they can cut back to prepare for tax revenue reductions. Draft audit reports are in for 05/06, 06/07, 07/08, and 08/09, there are a few issues with loaned labor. The district is not in agreement with the JPA auditor and feel he is unclear on procedural issues. The districts auditor Craig Fechter has been hired to look over the records. JPA is ready to sign a contract for the EPCR program and will be working with a vendor that uses the I-Pad. Chief Hardy stated that both the laptop and I-Pad were looked at and it became clear that the I-Pad will work best for years to come. A field trial study will begin next week. Within 2 months it will be implemented in the JPA system throughout El Dorado County.

D. Human Resources (Mahach/Edwards) (alternate-Courtial)

No report

E. Budget and Finance (Courtial/Edwards)

No report

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

- Thank you letter from El Dorado Hills Fire Department to Chief Cima and Chief Marinas
- Memo from LAFCO regarding Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District
- Letter to the Mountain Democrat Editor
- Engine Statistics
- Agenda for El Dorado County Emergency Medical Services Authority, Board of Directors Meeting
- JPA Incident Summary Report

11. CHIEF OFFICER QUARTERLY REPORTS

12. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Lacher reported that last month during a cold spell station 16 in Kyburz had a copper pipe that froze and broke on the upstairs floor of the station. Being an unstaffed station it was unclear how long the water had run. The district was notified by a CHP officer who had stopped by the station. It caused a substantial amount of damage. The district is working with the insurance adjuster and it will be going out to bid for the restoration. The county wide reorganization workshop is scheduled for January 24th 7:00 p.m. at station 49. The district was contacted by Rescue Fire to provide a proposal to contract for service. Chief Lacher, Director Johnson, Director Courtial and Union President Luke Shepard met with Rescue's committee. Chief Lacher has since been contacted by Chief Keating and would like to meet for further discussions. Garden Valley Fire Department has also contacted Chief Lacher to set up a meeting to discuss a proposal to contract for service. Bill Holmes, Unit Chief for El Dorado/Amador took a new position with the State. He is now the Northern Region Chief for Cal Fire. Chief Jody Gossner will be interim Unit Chief. Chief Veerkamp has officially retired from El Dorado Hills Fire Department. Chief O'Camb will be interim Fire Chief until the position is filled. The end of the year was extremely busy for the district with 6 working structure fires. Two structures burned to the ground, one remains under investigation. Crews made aggressive stops on the other four. The district has brought in the DA's office and ATF to help assist in the investigation. El Dorado County Sheriff's Star's will be moving out of station 27. Their facilities agreement was up for renewal, the district requested they assist with utility payments, they elected to move out of the station. El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue agreed to do improvements to the Fort Jim facility.

13. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mahach: No comment
Johnson: No comment
Rose: No comment
Courtial: No comment
Edwards: Absent

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, February 17, 2011,
2850 Fair Lane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA 95667

15. ADJOURNMENT: 5:14 P.M.

It was moved by Director Courtial and seconded by Director Mahach to adjourn the meeting.