

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

**MINUTES  
March 17, 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.** Significant exposure to litigation in one potential case, El Dorado County Fire Protection District v. Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 in one potential case.

**D.** Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Closed session under Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) to consider the case of Sager v. El Dorado County Fire Protection District, DFEH #E201011E0998-00-a.

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**3:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 3:07 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 Courtial to approve 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: February 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting**

**B. Claim Payments/Deposits**

District Claims:

\$38,981.69  
\$103,366.62  
\$149,233.15  
\$116,648.35

JPA Claims:

\$9,386.68  
\$11,844.08

Deposits:

\$816,173.09  
\$858.05  
\$5,631.05

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Mahach to approve the consent calendar as presented. 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).

Rick Lind, President of EN2 Resources presented to the Board information regarding expanded water infrastructure to generate renewable energy, balance the grid and increase fire suppression capacity.

**7. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:**

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No action taken

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No action taken

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No action taken

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No action taken

**8. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS:**

**A. Presentation from City of Placerville re: Redevelopment Agency**

City of Placerville, City Manager Cleve Morris and the City's Redevelopment Project Manger Ya-Yen Isle gave a presentation and answered board questions regarding the City's redevelopment plan and its potential effect on the Fire District.

**B. Cal-Pers Amended Safety Contract**

Table to the April 21, 2011 Meeting

**C. Oath of Office and Badge Pinning of Recently Promoted Fire Captains**

Chief Lacher announced the appointments of Fire Captains Paul Dutch, Jason Lindberg, Ben Anderson and Steve Adams. Badge pinning and swearing in followed.

#### **D. Ordinance 2011-2 Adopting City of Placerville, California Fire Code**

Chief Hardy reported on the adoption of Ordinance 2011-02, City of Placerville, California Fire Code. In December 2010, the Fire Board adopted Ordinance 2010-01, adopting the 2011 California Fire Code. The Placerville City Council ratified the 2010 California Fire Code with local amendments, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 and 17958.7 at its regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on January 11, 2011. Staff requests the adoption of Ordinance 2011-02 for enforcement within City of Placerville.

Motion to wave the reading of California Fire Code was moved by Director Courtial and seconded by Director Mahach. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Motion to adopted Ordinance 2011-02 was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Johnson. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

#### **E. Review Board Policy 2210 Sexual and Workplace Harassment**

Continued to the April 21, 2011 Meeting

#### **F. JPA Preliminary Budget**

The Emergency Medical Services Agency and the County CEO have agreed on the JPA Annual Operating Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Per By-Laws, each member agency shall vote on the JPA Annual Budget.

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Rose to approve the 2011-2012 JPA Annual Operating Budget. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

#### **G. Request for Two Special District Vacancies on El Dorado LAFCO**

Election of two Special District Representatives to serve as a Regular Member and an Alternate Special District Representative to El Dorado LAFCO.

It was moved by Director Mahach and seconded by Director Courtial to nominate Joe Rose. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

#### **H. 2010-2011 Amended Fire Operations Budget**

Chief Lacher reported on mid year adjustments to the Fire Operations Budget. The budget as been adjusted to reflect funds received from I-Bank for the station 28 project.

It was moved by Chair Rose and seconded by Director Mahach to approve the 2010-2011 Amended Fire Operations Budget. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

### **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **A. Facilities & Equipment (Courtial/Johnson)**

Director Courtial reported that the station 28 project is on budget. Looking at the middle of May for completion.

#### **B. Fire Prevention (Mahach/Johnson)**

No report

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

Chief Lacher reported there is still a disparity with the JPA auditor regarding loaned labor. The districts auditor will be meeting with the JPA auditor to try and resolve the issue. There was a tort claim filed against the JPA by an individual who claims her car was backed into by medic 48. Claim was denied. Response times are in compliance.

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

No report

#### **E. Budget and Finance (Courtial/Edwards)**

No report

**10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

- Letter from City of Placerville Chief of Police, George Nielsen
- Letter from El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board of Directors
- Engine Statistics

**11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Lacher reported on the every 15 minutes program that will be held at Ponderosa High School April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The district received a grant from Assistance to Firefighters, in the amount of \$700,000 to be used towards the replacement of SCBA's, 7 generators and an electronic training program. Medic 26 has been repaired and will be back in service next week. Chief Lacher was contacted by a reporter from the Mountain Democratic who was making a public records request for the districts salary and benefit information. There will be a three part article coming out in the Mountain Democrat . Chief Lacher also reported on the SA7 224 rights. The County has petitioned the State EMSA to receive 224 rights within El Dorado County with exclusive operating rights under a public utility model. The County wide fire consolidation interest is dissolving. Agency are discussing with SA7 to increase the \$25.00 ambulance service fee to help supplement the agencies. Rescue Fire Department and Diamond Springs/El Dorado are having discussion about Diamond Springs subsidizing their Fire Chief while they make a transition to merger.

**12. BOARD COMMENTS:**

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

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, April 21, 2011,  
2850 Fair Lane Court, Building C, Placerville, CA 95667

**14. ADJOURNMENT: 4:44 P.M.**

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