

**MAY 14, 2008**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**DIAMOND SPRINGS / EL DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**PLACE: DIAMOND SPRINGS FIRE STATION**  
**501 MAIN STREET**  
**DIAMOND SPRINGS, CA 95667**

Board of Directors' Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson, Jackye Phillips.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Bud Baker; Bill Flynn; Asst. Chief Erik Peterson; Acting Battalion Chief John Wiegel; Chief Todd Cunningham, and Jackye Phillips.

**ABSENT:** Robert Larsen  
**Robert Larsen present at 7:15 PM**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Flag salute lead by Robert Thatcher.

**ADOPT AGENDA:**

Changes made as follows: **Old Business #4** to be moved to **Time Sensitive Matters #2**,  
**Open Forum** to include agenda items and/or waste connections issue.

Motion made by Bud Baker to accept the agenda as corrected Motion seconded by Bill Flynn.

**OPEN FORUM: For public testimony**

Chris Gaither spoke regarding the MRF issue, stating he represented most of the public present. They are opposed to the proposed site for the MURF facility stating the following concerns: access for fire and safety vehicles including law enforcement; would create traffic problems on Missouri Flat Rd; danger from the possibilities of recycling of household products, etc., can be volatile; could require evacuation of the surrounding area due to hazardous waste materials. He further stated that access is very limited and the area they want to move to is inappropriate. He stated they are requesting that the fire district be their spokesman, placing conditions on the facility if

they have to be located on the proposed site. They have 2500 to 3000 signatures on petitions opposing this site. George Amo questioned the right away and if it is a county road. Leonard Stroud stated he has been involved in the process with this project and the Board of Supervisors. He stated the county owns 250 acres at Union Mine Rd, the old dump site. The committee has requested that the county not sign the agreement. Bids were waived and the process stipend. He stated El Dorado Hills has already signed the agreement. It is felt that the site should be on private property and run by the county. The MRF is getting the land free. As this is an extremely profitable business, why are they getting the land free? Mr. Stroud further stated that there are 5 school surrounding the proposed site and only one way in and out. 800 vehicles will be going in and out per day. The old dump site is sufficient for use. They will be subjecting the public to the toxicities released into the air. Richard Crouch inquired as to where the withdrawal distance is in case of fire, etc. Penny Demarko stated the public was told it would only affect a couple of body shops. She stated children and citizens are more than just body shops. Donna Aguiar, a business owner in Diamond Springs agreed with the communities feelings stating the projected traffic of trucks in a year and a half will be approximately 1500 per day. 80% of the trucks come from the Ponderosa Road area. John Saba, Jr., stated prevailing winds blow over Gold Country and the schools, if a fire, could be very bad for them. The Ceres fire was compared. Ernie Nicolls suggested another site as Wetzel Oviat Mill which is no longer in use. Donna Fulmore stated this will also create more traffic congestion to the new mall. Jim Hilliker stated the citizens views have not been taken into consideration. The elite make all the decisions although it is the citizens who pay the taxes, etc. Michael Mueller stated the plans currently show only 1 scale house drawn; the current site has 2. Chief Cunningham responded by stating it is not the departments responsibility to make comments on land use but the District is starting to do this. He stated the District has made comments on the EIR report, including safety, etc, financial impact, potential of removing the MURF off the tax rolls which would be detrimental to the District and the community. This impacts the entire Western Slope with the exception of the Georgetown area. Concerns regarding the site, site design, etc., will be addressed. He further stated the Union Mine Rd site has been brought up (the old dump site); Latrobe is also a great place for the MRF. The District is not the approving authority. He advised the public to address their issues with the Planning and the Board of Supervisors, be vocal and loud, stating this is not yet a done deal. Robert Larsen stated that messages can be left for the District by email, phone, etc.

Aileen Nicolls stated that Wetzel Oviat has zoning problems, is currently leased to Veerkamp.

Open Forum Closed

**TIME SENSITIVE MATTERS:**

1. **APPROPRIATION LIMITS: Public hearing.** Setting the 2008/2009 Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit pursuant to Government Code Section 7910.
2. **STRATEGIC PLANNING BRIEFING:** Tom Forster conducted a presentation reviewing the preliminary report and the Board's role in the future of the planning process. He requested the Board review the draft minutes from the planning meeting, for comments and to share those comments with Chief Cunningham. He explained they are not yet ready to be shared with the public or published. He explained the sections stating the next step is to gain feedback and adopt the General Plan at the June meeting which will kick off the 3 year process. He will get with Chief Cunningham and Asst. Chief Peterson regarding the sections. There will be videos made for employee orientation, etc. Feedback to be directed thru Chief Cunningham and Asst. Chief Peterson by the end of May, early June. The document will be updated once a year. No one yet designated to "Vision Destination", that will take awhile. Copies will be distributed to volunteers and employees for comments. The highest priority goals are listed on the 1<sup>st</sup> page.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Document from our attorney to be heard under **Chief's Report**.
2. Chief's salary survey (information only) included in the Board packets.

**DISTRICT BILLS:**

District bills for the amount of \$35,523.36 were read. Discussion held on the following item:

Amerigas – new contract

Turnout Fee - \$10,000.00 budgeted, not full fee due to being corrected ledger for auditing

Kaiser Medial Group – Chief Cunningham stated he is very impressed with them, provides a 1 month bill, they know fire service inside and out

US Bank Corp - \$691.00 hose beds, fenders rusting out, had them rehinged

ALSCO – linen service for May. Dropped for station 46 and 49 and purchased own linens due to the high cost for linen service. Could purchase a really nice washer/dryer for that price. Motion made by Bud Baker to pay the District bills as presented. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn./CARRIED

Break 8:10 to 8:12 PM

### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. **CALL VOLUME:** 181 calls, down a little bit. Fire season will be bad.
2. **DEVELOPMENT FEES:** Fees are flat. The county may not be reporting appropriately.
3. **MEDICAL COST SUMMARY (INSURANCE):** Summary read, not a substantial savings for us. \$33,000.00 savings potential. This would get us back into the HMO which Marshall and Folsom hospitals will accept.
4. **COST RECOVERY:** Letters sent out on cost recovery and have received some cost recovery back. Received objection from Escaton, they will only generate \$5000.00 in venue per year unlike Gold Country. Have not heard from Gold Country yet.
5. **LAFCO:** Ethics Training Workshop discussed. Information item only.
6. **PERSONNEL/VOLUNTEERS:** Mr, Combs is in pre-employment process and due on board in June. Everything is on track.

### **ACTING BATTALION CHIEF JOHN WIEGEL:**

1. **FIRE RESCUES:** Had a couple of fire rescues, the last one a home. Red flag warning. Spring exercise starting.
2. **FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC TEST:** Test to be given to establish a list, there are currently no openings.
3. **TRAINING:** A house in El Dorado has been secured for training purposes.

### **ASST. CHIEF ERIK PETERSON'S REPORT:**

1. **FIRE PREVENTION:** Pump testing has been completed. Hydrants currently being tested. Sleepy Hollow is increasing communications. Truck 49 pump test done, pumps OK. Had ladder testing done. Truck replacement program touched on by Chief Cunningham in reference with MRF, will fall under CFD.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the April 09, 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting read. Will add Closed Session: Authorizing Administration to move forward with preliminary negotiations. Motion made by Bud Baker to approve the minutes with corrections as stated. Motion seconded by Robert Larsen./CARRIED

Minutes of the April 23, 2008 Special Board of Directors' Meeting read. Motion made by Bill Flynn to approve the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Robert Larsen./Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. **JPA AMBULANCE CONTRACT – DISPATCHING SERVICES:** Variance Report in, in the hole in Class 40 due to a couple of injuries; are lean in Class 30. There is a committee meeting tomorrow with the CAO and Health Department regarding the JPA Budget 2009/2010. El Dorado Hills backed out regarding the extra medic unit. Issues to be addresses regarding move-ups, etc. All data complete regarding 2006/2007 response time standards. Discussed medic units, etc. Erik Peterson and John Wiegel working on the JPA committees and development of medic unit move-ups. Fuel costs are thru the roof along with maintenance, etc.
- 2. **POLICY 405a (Draft):** To be heard in June.
- 3. **ADDENDA TO PERSONNEL POLICY ARTICLE 4:** Chief Cunningham requested adoption of Policy Article 4 Guideline for Conversion of Paid Time Off (PTO). Motion made by Ed Cunha to adopt Article 4 as read. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn. Roll call vote as follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Unanimous

- 5. **ENGINEER JOB DESCRIPTION:** To be brought to the June meeting for adoption.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2008/2009 APPROPRIATION LIMITS:** Public Hearing closed, no public comments made 8:45 PM.

Motion made by Robert Larsen to approve the 2008/2009 Appropriation Limits at \$3,516,304.86. Motion seconded by Bill Flynn. Roll call vote at follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Unanimous

2. **PRELIMINARY BUDGETS:** Class 30 is on track, plus or minus 1%. April posting had 3 pay periods. Major expenditures coming up to be discussed later in the meeting. Chief Cunningham stated he is preparing a very conservative budget, will try and be more accurate through the new process of budget preparation. Will be able to get very precise information. Forecast for the State and Federal Government is very bleak for the upcoming year. Property tax reassessment discussed regarding the Angora Fire and foreclosures. The Assessor can do several things regarding assessment for the year due to decreased values, may spread on a weighted average for the county. This will not be good for the District. Tax rolls will decrease, not increase. Discussion held regarding acquiring a small amount of debt, i.e., GASB Actuarial on Retiree benefits, may fund this; purchase of property the District can borrow against or sell in the future should the need arise. Chief Cunningham suggest withdrawing from the county investment pool, and looking into a LAIF, Chief Cunningham felt this is not a good idea. Finishing projects discussed, everyone has been very conservative. He discussed priority goals. Will adopt a final budget as late as possible so we know what the State will do. Chief Cunningham explained Gatsby 45 bill. Actuarials needed for funding liabilities, i.e. Retiree Health care; retirements, etc. Rates increasing rapidly. Investment pools discussed, i.e., PERS, etc. Orange County invested in a LAIF and went bankrupt. El Dorado County income from taxes base will probably decrease this year and next.

Break 9:09 – 9:10PM

3. **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:** Discussion held on disposal of radios, pagers, etc. Motion made by Bud Baker to approve the surplus property disposal of a Motorola Maratrac radio or components; Motorola Maxtrac 300 control head; Motorola GP300 radio or components; and a Motorola Minitor II radio or components. Motion seconded by Robert Larsen. Roll call vote as follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Unanimous

4. **MOBILE COMPUTER PROJECT:** Staff requests the Directors to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for "Participation and Cost Sharing: to fund the Districts share of the Mobile Computer/Mapping Project, is a budgeted impact to the 07/08 fiscal year of approximately \$18,000.00. ½ of the \$18,000.00 will come from Development Fees Development Fees have not yet been transferred; \$34,000.00 plus or minus is the JPA's share to enter into the MOU for the mobile data system. Motion made by Robert Larsen to approve the MOU for Participation and Cost Sharing: to fund the Districts share of the Mobile Computer/Mapping Project. Motion seconded by Bud Baker. Roll call vote as follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
Ed Cunha	Aye
Robert Larsen	Aye
Bill Flynn	Aye
Jackye Phillips	Aye

Unanimous

5. **TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT FEES:** Staff requests the Directors authorize the transfer of \$17,000.00 in Development Fees into the general revenue in support of the budgeted purchase of a staff vehicle (6040 \$15,000.00) and for the completion of the facility upgrade at Station 46 (6020 \$2,000. 0) as authorized in Fiscal 2007/08. This is the vehicle which previous belongs to John Nicolls, recently purchased by the District. Motion made by Bud Baker to approve the MOU for Participation and Cost Sharing: to fund the Districts share of the Mobile Computer/Mapping Project. Motion seconded by Robert

Larsen. Roll call vote as follows:

Bud Baker	Aye
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Ed Cunha           Aye  
Robert Larsen     Aye  
Bill Flynn         Aye  
Jackye Phillips    Aye

Unanimous

**NEW PURCHASES:**

Extractor washer unit at the cost of \$8,019.00 all inclusive. This is a 40 lb. machine and removes contaminants from turnouts. Will be bolted down into the floor and uses special soap.

**EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER INPUT:**

Discussion held regarding SWAT and related issues to the Sheriff's Office. Those involved in the program feel it is a worth while program; has left the Sheriff's office with only one paramedic. This was due to a large bill from the Sheriff's Office and it was felt that we were funding the Sheriff's Office for the paramedic program and the issue of safety issues brought up. Chief Cunningham stated that he is still waiting for dialog from the Sheriff's Office regarding his statements to them. He state that Andy Wishart returned his call and was unaware of any letter sent to the Sheriff's Office. Chief Cunningham resent the letter to him also and has not heard anything back from anyone with the Sheriff's Office yet. He stated the program needs to be a two-way street; has made repeated efforts with no response. Discussion held regarding medical operations with tactical units and services provided. Chief Cunningham stated the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and District is not equitable, they are not putting any efforts into even communication with the District. The Sheriff's Office does not support the Fire District with the exception of the officers on patrol. He has invalidated the MOU with the Sheriff's Office.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Falconer  
Board Secretary