

Escalon Consolidated Fire
Protection District

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Board of Directors

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Steven Gregg, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: March 18, 2024

Board of Directors Meeting
1531 1st Street, Escalon, CA 95320
March 21, 2024, at 12 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson
Jason Koops, Vice Chairperson
Mickey Schilber, Secretary
Zach Hogan, Director
Steven Gregg, Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is provided for the public to address the Board of Directors on items not on the Agenda which are within the jurisdiction of the Board and are offered for the good of the District. Public comments regarding items on the Agenda should be given at the time of the item. Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 8, 2024.

V. BILLS

Bills for the month of February in the amount of \$30,402.37.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Form 700

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. No New Business

X. ACCOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. located at 1531 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is April 11, 2024.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Litigation / Possible Litigation (54956.9 (d)(2) – Three items

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

I, Joe Camara, Board Chairperson for the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at the District Office, 1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, California 95320 at least 72 hours prior to the time of this Meeting.

Date: March 18, 2024

Joe Camara


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2024

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Jason Koops, Mickey Schilber, Zach Hogan, and Steven Gregg.

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, and Battalion Chief Dan Morriss.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Notice of Agenda Items

- a. send items to the Fire Chief – Director Camara.

B. Introduction

- a. Volunteer Firefighter Dylan Criteser, Reserve Firefighter Nicholas Nava, and Reserve Firefighter Robert Vierra.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on January 11, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

January bills in the amount of \$30,878.35 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Gregg.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Ayera Email – Tower Inspection

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – February 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 95 calls for the month and 95 for 2024.

B. Training

a. January Drills

1-9-2024	Advancing Fire Attack Lines	(7 participants)
1-17-2024	MCI Training (New Equipment)	(10 participants)
1-25-2024	Simulated Fire Attack	(11 participants)

We currently have 7 reserve applications that we will be reviewing and setting up interviews in the coming weeks. We are looking at offering an in-house Driver/Operator IB in April or May. The class focuses on pump operations. We will look into offering the Driver/Operator IA class as some of our new reserves get more experienced in firefighting.

C. Prevention

Public Safety Education: Our outreach to the K-6 community at our local schools occurred in October. This event coincides with Fire Prevention Week and is a huge success.

Smoke Detector Battery Replacement: Every fall crews replaces the batteries in smoke detectors for the elderly and physically disabled. This past year 22 homes were serviced through this program.

Fire Prevention: Several new projects were submitted by the City for approval. Most notably, McDonalds. Orlando's Market also captured lots of attention from the community. Both businesses have been hugely successful and bring lots of new business to town.

Fire Inspections: A new online data storage was created to store all of our Inspection data. This paperless system will save cost on printing and paper, as well as ease of retrieving data.

Fire Investigation: We now have four trained fire investigators on the roster. These four firefighters will share day to day response coverage.

Weed Abatement: Every spring presents a challenge in preparing for "fire season". As seasonal grasses begin to dry we try to identify areas of concern. This past year was especially challenging as high rainfall amounts led to a tall grasses. An early die off, spring rain led to a second growth, and a second die off led to a late cutting season. The weed abatement went deeper into the fire season but we were able to avoid any major incident that resulted in structures being destroyed. We anticipate the same pattern this spring.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burton's for repairs.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Bids for the Station 1 solar project have been received.
- New washer and dryer units (dual stackable) have been installed and are in service.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 2-7-24, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 1-17-24, meeting canceled.

H. Miscellaneous

- We have received ten Motorola APX 8500 mobile radios as part of multiple grants and other funding from San Joaquin County. Costs for the radios were approximately \$93,000.00, with no District funds expended.
- We are part of a Regional Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant for extrication equipment. The grant is being hosted by French Camp Fire and includes Escalon, Montezuma and Ripon. Our request is for three sets of e-draulic extrication tools and stabilization equipment. The total grant request is for \$403,000.00. This is a zero-match grant, so no District funds will be used.
- The Appreciation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 26 at the Escalon Azores Band Hall.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Form 700

- a. Deadline April 1, 2024

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A. Solar Bids – ARPA Funding

- a. Approved Masellis Solar on a motion by Director Hogan and second by Director Schilber.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

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Cash Basis

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District

Profit & Loss Detail

February 2024

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Communication						
Bill	02/06/2024	Joint Radio Users Group (...)	DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE W/EMS, MEMBER FEE, M...	-2,460.24	-2,460.24	-2,460.24
Deposit	02/27/2024	Ayera Technologies	JAN-DEC 2024 TOWER SPACE RENT	600.00	600.00	-1,860.24
Total Communication					-1,860.24	-1,860.24
Fire Facility Fee						
Deposit	02/06/2024	City of Escalon	OCT - DEC	700.80	700.80	700.80
Total Fire Facility Fee					700.80	700.80
Fire Recovery Fee						
Deposit	02/06/2024	Fire Recover USA, LLC	11-11-2023	500.25	500.25	500.25
Total Fire Recovery Fee					500.25	500.25
Miscellaneous Income						
Sales ...	02/10/2024	Brunetti, Giovanni	BEANIE	10.00	10.00	10.00
Sales ...	02/10/2024	Brunetti, Giovanni	LONG SLEEVE	18.00	18.00	28.00
Sales ...	02/17/2024	Nava, Nicholas Uniform P...	LONG SLEEVE	18.00	18.00	46.00
Sales ...	02/20/2024	Bohannon, Cassidy Unifor...	Camo T-Shirt	16.00	16.00	62.00
Sales ...	02/20/2024	Vieira, Robert Uniform Pu...	Camo T-Shirt	16.00	16.00	78.00
Total Miscellaneous Income					78.00	78.00
Property Tax						
Deposit	02/06/2024	County of San Joaquin	DEC 2023 BAL	29,612.22	29,612.22	29,612.22
Deposit	02/06/2024	County of San Joaquin	DEC 2023 ADV	731,210.15	731,210.15	760,822.37
Deposit	02/27/2024	County of San Joaquin	JAN 2024 BAL	4,512.22	4,512.22	765,334.59
Total Property Tax					765,334.59	765,334.59
Total Income					764,753.40	764,753.40
Expense						
Communications						
Bill	02/06/2024	GoTo Communications, Inc.	MONTHLY SERVICE	406.77	406.77	406.77
Check	02/12/2024	ARCANTENNA	ANTENNA ADAPTORS	116.24	116.24	523.01
Bill	02/20/2024	Joint Radio Users Group (...)	DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE W/EMS, MEMBER FEE, M...	2,156.45	2,156.45	2,679.46
Bill	02/20/2024	AT&T	MONTHLY SERVICE	324.30	324.30	3,003.76
Total Communications					3,003.76	3,003.76
Fuel						
Credit ...	02/12/2024	Flying J	FUEL	42.50	42.50	42.50
Bill	02/13/2024	Valley Pacific Petroleum S...	FUEL	843.85	843.85	886.35
Credit ...	02/18/2024	First National Bank of Om...	SERVICE CHARGE	1.75	1.75	888.10
Bill	02/27/2024	Valley Pacific Petroleum S...	FUEL	780.82	780.82	1,668.92
Total Fuel					1,668.92	1,668.92
Health Insurance						
Bill	02/01/2024	Sun Life Financial	FEBRUARY 2024	151.24	151.24	151.24
Bill	02/13/2024	CaliforniaChoice Benefit ...	MARCH 2024	11,809.97	11,809.97	11,961.21
Bill	02/20/2024	Premier Access	MARCH 2024	1,017.24	1,017.24	12,978.45
Bill	02/27/2024	Sun Life Financial	MARCH 2024	151.24	151.24	13,129.69
Total Health Insurance					13,129.69	13,129.69
Household						
Check	02/05/2024	County Skillets	LUNCH - RADIO MEETING	43.06	43.06	43.06
Bill	02/06/2024	Modesto Bee	PREVIOUS BAL SUBSCRIPTION	11.61	11.61	54.67
Bill	02/06/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	VELCRO	39.86	39.86	94.53
Deposit	02/12/2024	Dan Morriss	PURCHASE IN ERROR	-8.26	-8.26	86.27
Bill	02/13/2024	Hiresafe Background Foun...	7 EMPLOYEE PHYSICALS	2,122.00	2,122.00	2,208.27
Check	02/13/2024	Criteser, Dylan	RE-IMBURSEMENT- BANDAIDS FOR GLUCOMETER	5.27	5.27	2,213.54
Check	02/14/2024	1-800-FLOWERS	DEL CORSO FAMILY SYMPATHY PLANT	93.71	93.71	2,307.25
Bill	02/20/2024	Occu-Med, Ltd.	1 FIREFIGHTER SERIES	127.10	127.10	2,434.35
Bill	02/20/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	DRAIN CLOG REMOVER	21.54	21.54	2,455.89
Bill	02/20/2024	Valley P & S, Inc.	3GAL WASH&WAX; 2GAL HOT SHOT; 2GAL GLASS CARE; 1DOZE...	170.73	170.73	2,626.62
Bill	02/20/2024	Hiresafe Background Scre...	1 BACKGROUND CHECK	63.80	63.80	2,690.42
Bill	02/27/2024	Brady Industries	4X DISINFECTANT; 1CS DETERGENT; 4QRT CLEANER BOWL; 2CA...	178.95	178.95	2,869.37
Bill	02/27/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	2X ORIG PT TP	38.77	38.77	2,908.14
Bill	02/29/2024	Merlin Graphics	TSHIRT 10 L; 20XL; 20 XXL; 20XXL TALL	1,001.97	1,001.97	3,910.11
Total Household					3,910.11	3,910.11
Maintenance						
Check	02/03/2024	NLPI CARQUEST ESCA...	179 - 1/10 GALLON PROPANE	92.58	92.58	92.58

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Profit & Loss Detail

February 2024

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
Bill	02/06/2024	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	1 GAL ANITFREEZE	19.38	19.38	111.96
Bill	02/06/2024	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	3X 1 GAL ANTIFREEZE	58.15	58.15	170.11
Bill	02/06/2024	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	HOSE CLAMP	1.93	1.93	172.04
Bill	02/13/2024	Farmer's Blacksmith & We...	RENTAL ON WELDING TANK 2024	50.00	50.00	222.04
Bill	02/13/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	HOSE ADPTR	8.18	8.18	230.22
Bill	02/13/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	2X MILL FILE; 2X SPRYPNT RED	34.46	34.46	264.68
Total Maintenance					264.68	264.68
Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
Check	02/19/2024	Mainline Plumbing Inc.	REPAIR KITCHEN SINK BACKUP	295.00	295.00	295.00
Check	02/20/2024	Amazon	2X 5/8" CHANNEL BLOCK & TACKLE WINDOW BALANCE	25.42	25.42	320.42
Bill	02/27/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	DUCT TAPE; MASKING PAPER; BEST RLR	30.13	30.13	350.55
Bill	02/27/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	ORIG PT TP; 8PK C BATTERIES; 3X FILTER; AIR FILTER; FILTER AIR	67.33	67.33	417.88
Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds					417.88	417.88
Office Expenses						
Bill	02/06/2024	Warden's	1 CT-BANKERS BOX; 1 DZN BIC PENS; 2BX-CREAMER; 1PK AA BA...	299.08	299.08	299.08
Bill	02/06/2024	Warden's	1PK-CYN;MA;YW PRINTER INK	48.46	48.46	347.54
Bill	02/13/2024	Ricoh USA, Inc.	MONTHLY COPIER LEASE	202.67	202.67	550.21
Bill	02/13/2024	Ricoh USA, Inc. COPIES	807 B&W, 1878 COLOR	106.54	106.54	656.75
Check	02/20/2024	United States Post Office	STAMPS	68.00	68.00	724.75
Check	02/28/2024	Amazon	2X 1/2 BINDERS; 3XCREAMER; 5REAM PAPER; 5X COFFEE;	174.89	174.89	899.64
Total Office Expenses					899.64	899.64
Professional Services						
Bill	02/06/2024	Henderson Hatfield	GENERAL BUSINESS MATTERS	90.27	90.27	90.27
Bill	02/20/2024	Auriga Technology, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE	454.00	454.00	544.27
Bill	02/20/2024	Auriga Technology, LLC	FIREWALL COMPLETE - 25 SEATS	572.00	572.00	1,116.27
Total Professional Services					1,116.27	1,116.27
Small Tools & Equipment						
Bill	02/06/2024	Life-Assist	2X NALOXONE JET SYRINGE	94.90	94.90	94.90
Bill	02/13/2024	Life-Assist	1BX- NITRILE GLOVES MED	19.40	19.40	114.30
Bill	02/13/2024	Life-Assist	2PK EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR	535.80	535.80	650.10
Check	02/15/2024	EBAY	HANDHELD BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR	192.87	192.87	842.97
Bill	02/20/2024	Bauer Compressors	STARTUP FEE	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,592.97
Check	02/27/2024	Amazon	MONITOR METER; 50 GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS; 100 CNT BLOOD TE...	44.12	44.12	2,637.09
Total Small Tools & Equipment					2,637.09	2,637.09
Special Accounting Reports						
Bill	02/13/2024	Johnson & Associates CP...	6-30-23 COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENT	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total Special Accounting Reports					500.00	500.00
Training & Transportation						
Bill	02/06/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	FORCIBLE ENTRY TRAINING - DOOR PROP	17.22	17.22	17.22
Check	02/12/2024	Training	FINANCE & ACCOUNTING I01	150.00	150.00	167.22
Check	02/20/2024	San Joaquin EMS Agency	EMPLOYEE EMT RECERT. FEE	207.65	207.65	374.87
Total Training & Transportation					374.87	374.87
Utilities						
Bill	02/06/2024	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	120.48	120.48	120.48
Bill	02/09/2024	PG&E 1	STATION 1	1,562.57	1,562.57	1,683.05
Check	02/12/2024	Insect IQ, Inc	STATION 1	97.90	97.90	1,780.95
Check	02/12/2024	Insect IQ, Inc	STATION 2	97.90	97.90	1,878.85
Bill	02/13/2024	Alhambra	MONTHLY SERVICE	108.48	108.48	1,987.33
Bill	02/13/2024	PG&E 2	STATION 2	98.49	98.49	2,085.82
Bill	02/13/2024	Gilton Solid Waste	MONTHLY SERVICE	3.09	3.09	2,088.91
Bill	02/20/2024	DIRECTV	MONTHLY SERVICE	184.99	184.99	2,273.90
Check	02/26/2024	Conexwest	MONTHLY STORAGE CONTAINER LEASE	85.12	85.12	2,359.02
Bill	02/27/2024	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	120.44	120.44	2,479.46
Total Utilities					2,479.46	2,479.46
Total Expense					30,402.37	30,402.37
Net Ordinary Income					734,351.03	734,351.03
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						
Interest Credit						
Deposit	02/29/2024		Interest	1,112.77	1,112.77	1,112.77
Total Interest Credit					1,112.77	1,112.77

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February 2024

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					<u>1,112.77</u>	<u>1,112.77</u>
					<u>1,112.77</u>	<u>1,112.77</u>
					<u>735,463.80</u>	<u>735,463.80</u>

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2023 through February 2024

	Jul '23 - Feb 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Capital Expense	65,114.27	128,354.00	-63,239.73	50.7%
Communications	23,864.46	41,000.00	-17,135.54	58.2%
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
Employee Expenses	0.00	989,715.00	-989,715.00	0.0%
Fire Prevention	2,920.29	3,500.00	-579.71	83.4%
Firefighter Safety Gear	10,855.79	16,500.00	-5,644.21	65.8%
Fuel	14,712.86	16,200.00	-1,487.14	90.8%
Health Insurance	99,506.00	140,000.00	-40,494.00	71.1%
Household	18,839.11	28,000.00	-9,160.89	67.3%
Insurance Casualty	28,631.91	26,000.00	2,631.91	110.1%
Maintenance	18,003.83	30,000.00	-11,996.17	60.0%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	2,532.79	8,000.00	-5,467.21	31.7%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,295.00	-10,295.00	0.0%
Memberships	7,298.44	2,200.00	5,098.44	331.7%
Miscellaneous Expense	232.09	2,000.00	-1,767.91	11.6%
New Equipment	289.85	9,000.00	-8,710.15	3.2%
Office Expenses	4,923.46	10,000.00	-5,076.54	49.2%
Overtime	0.00	64,000.00	-64,000.00	0.0%
Professional Services	12,919.80	30,000.00	-17,080.20	43.1%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Retirement	74,829.92	67,200.00	7,629.92	111.4%
Salaries	584,155.72	646,000.00	-61,844.28	90.4%
Small Tools & Equipment	14,875.90	7,000.00	7,875.90	212.5%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	44,020.00	-44,020.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	13,204.14	2,000.00	11,204.14	660.2%
Special Departmental Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
Structure Improvements	288.34	7,000.00	-6,711.66	4.1%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	21,000.00	-21,000.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Training & Transportation	1,785.27	13,000.00	-11,214.73	13.7%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Utilites	21,276.79	19,000.00	2,276.79	112.0%
Workers Compensation Insurance	41,972.50	74,000.00	-32,027.50	56.7%
Total Expense	1,063,033.53	2,550,684.00	-1,487,650.47	41.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,063,033.53	-2,550,684.00	1,487,650.47	41.7%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Grants				
Special District COVID-19 Relie	24,603.32	490,090.50	-465,487.18	5.0%
Total Grants	24,603.32	490,090.50	-465,487.18	5.0%
Total Other Expense	24,603.32	490,090.50	-465,487.18	5.0%
Net Other Income	-24,603.32	-490,090.50	465,487.18	5.0%

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Accrual Basis

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2023 through February 2024

	<u>Jul '23 - Feb 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,087,636.85</u>	<u>-3,040,774.50</u>	<u>1,953,137.65</u>	<u>35.8%</u>

Chief's Report

March 2024

Emergency Responses

February 2024

- Medical Aid 63
- Public Service Assist 5
- Vehicle Accidents 6
- Vegetation Fires 0
- Structure Fires 5
- Vehicle Fires 0
- Other Incidents 22

○ Total For Month: 101

Total Feb 23: 79

○ Total for 2024: 196

Total for 2023: 177

C-Shift Monthly Report
Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

February Drills

2-6-24	Turn-out and SCBA Drills	(9 participants)
2-14-24	Vehicle Stabilization	(9 participants)
2-22-24	Ladder Training	(11 participants)

We currently have 10 reserve applicants scheduled for interviews in early March. Five of the ten are currently in the fire academy.

We received our mobile radios and will be looking to install them in late March to sync with moving our radio traffic to Command 6.

Firefighter/Engineer Burr has been working with a local vendor to supply our uniform shifts.

Our second round of portable grant money has been approved and we have ordered 5 additional radios and several charging accessories. We are currently just waiting for the equipment to be delivered.

Prevention:

Fire prevention: The 2024 business license renewal deadline is March 31st. The new round of inspections will kick off in April.

Three new projects were passed through the planning commission last week and are slated to begin construction. The commission meeting included lengthy discussion during the meeting, and while we made a presence at the meeting, no questions were directed toward the fire department.

Weed abatement will kick off in April. We will once again make every effort to minimize fire risk through prevention.

One new business has opened on Main Street: Ivy Spa, 1830 Main St.

Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burn's Truck and Trailer for a new EGR valve.

Buildings and Grounds

- The contract has been signed for the solar project. It takes three to four months to work through the permit process and an additional month for installation.

San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 3-6-24, general business.

San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 2-21-24, general business.

Miscellaneous

- We have received authorization for additional portable radios and hardware via excess funds from the regional Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant.
- The Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 26 at the Escalon Azores Band Hall.
- Every 15-Minutes took place at Escalon High School on Thursday March 14 and Friday March 15. This program continues to make an enormous impact on our high school students.
- Escalon Police Chief Gus Flores has announced his retirement effective April 4. City Manager Dominique Romo will be leaving for another job in late April or early May.

- The Lexipol policy manual project continues to move forward. Forty-seven policies have been “dropped” as of March 7.