

Escalon Consolidated Fire  
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Board of Directors

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Rick Mello, Fire Chief

ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
MAY 2022

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Laura Catrina at 4:02 p.m. on May 12, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present Laura Catrina, Terry Pinheiro, Mickey Schilber, Joe Camara and Mark Paulsen.

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Firefighter Engineer Dave Velasco, Reserve Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez, Volunteer Firefighter Alonzo Teixeira, Battalion Chief Moe Silva, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen, Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon, Kim Bohannon, Kyndall Bohannon, Zach Hogan, Billy Mekelburg, and Stacy Henderson.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Employee of the District, Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon, addressed the Board for the purpose of responding to an internal investigation against the Employee. The Board listened to Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon's statements. No action was taken.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on March 10, 2022, were approved on a motion by Director Pinheiro and a second by Director Schilber.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

Minutes for the meeting on April 14, 2022, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Pinheiro.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

April bills in the amount of \$68,130.05 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Camara and a second by Director Paulsen.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No communications

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - MAY 2022

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 71 calls for the month and 336 for 2022.

B. Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

a. April Drills

- 4-5-2022 Wildland Progressive Hose Lays (10 participants)
- 4-13-2022 Wildland Mobile Attack (9 Participants)
- 4-21-2022 Water Rescue Review (12 Participants)
- 4-23-2022 Boat Training/Water Rescue (8hrs) (12 Participants)

- b. We are down to two of our last recruit group. We have three potential recruits in medical evaluations currently.
- c. Fill the Boot for Burns preparations are complete. It is being headed up by Kaden Christensen and Mark Bennett this year and are doing a great job.
- d. We have three applications that we will be reviewing and bringing in for interviews.
- e. We are looking at doing an in-house Driver/Operator 1A in the coming months.

C. Prevention

- a. Fire Prevention: Weed abatement has been effective. 75% of the first notices met compliance. Seven second notices have been issued. Communication with the property owners has been effective at helping to address some concerns.
- b. Business inspections have started. This is our first year since COVID where we can inspect all businesses in the district without any limitations.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- a. E 1-4 got four new drive tires at Escalon Tire.
- b. E 1-1 went to Burns Truck & Trailer for maintenance on brakes and for oil leak repair.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- a. Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 5-4-22, general business. (unable to attend due to Academy Graduation).

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 4-20-22, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- a. After a two-year shutdown, Fill the Boot for Burns returns on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update from the Policy Manual Committee

- a. Policy Manual Committee working on itemized list for Board to review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preliminary Budget 2022 – 2023

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Paulsen.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Review of Retention of District Legal Counsel

Presented by: Terry Pinheiro, Director

Requested Action / Purpose: Government Code Section 54957(b) based upon public employee / independent contractor review of retention of district legal counsel.

Attachments:

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- A. On a motion by Director Paulsen and a second by Director Pinheiro, Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon's request to speak to the five Board members with no one else present during a closed session meeting has been approved.

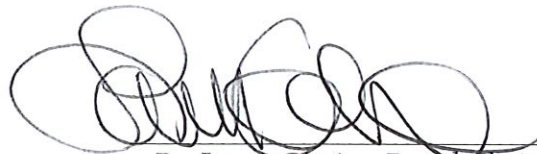
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

- a. Motion denied due to violation of Brown Act Section 54954.5.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: June 9, 2022

  
By: Laura Catrina, Board Chairperson

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