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Board of Directors

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
MAY 2023

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 4:05 p.m. on May 11, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen, Reserve Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez, Reserve Firefighter Aaron Weimer, and Steven Gregg.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on April 19, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

April bills in the amount of \$54,742.42 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Koops.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications.

## VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - May 2023

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 96 calls for the month and 384 for 2023.

### B. Prevention

Weed Abatement is underway. If you see any problematic areas please advise Chief Morriss so he can address the property owners. In the past, residents have asked what takes so long to enforce the weed abatements statutes. It should be noted that it takes approximately 60 days to enforce any non-compliant properties. A property owner is afforded two written warnings before any action can take place.

The Lumberyard Warehouse saw three new businesses open this past month. An auto detailer for classic cars, a construction company, and a graphic t-shirt studio.

Orlando's Market grand opening is delayed and is awaiting county approval for the installation of a fueling station.

Mc Donald's has been approved and plans submitted. Construction is set to begin in July and should take four months.

Mercantile Inspections are underway, and we are implementing the new web-based date entry program. This will be a paperless system that will benefit us in cataloging, record keeping, and data retrieval.

### C. Apparatus and Equipment

- The new MSA SCBA's have arrived with an in-service date sometime in May.
- The Bauer compressor/fill station shipped from the factory and should be ready for service later in May.

### D. Buildings and Grounds

- The upstairs bathroom project (phase 1) is complete. Phase 2 is underway.

### E. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 5-3-23, general business (unable to attend).

### F. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 4-19-23, meeting canceled due to lack of a agenda items.

### H. Miscellaneous

- The Appreciation Dinner was held on Friday, April 28. Forty-six people attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Years of service awards were given as follows: Five (5) years: Fabricio Gallo; ten (10) years: Jennifer Cannon, Joe Camara; Fifteen (15) years: Rick Mello (2021), Joe Pelot (2022); Twenty (20) years: Cassady Bohannon (2022), Ryan Burr, Dave Velasco (2021); Twenty-five years (25): Moe Silva (2021); Thirty (30) years: Mickey Schilber (2020). The 2022 CIF Division 4-AA Football Champion Escalon Cougars were honored with the Distinguished Service Award.

  - a. Fill-the-Boot for Burns will be held on May 20 and 21. The annual event typically raises over \$20,000.00 for the Firefighters Burn Institute.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint New Director

a. Steven Gregg was appointed as Director on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.

3-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

b. Swear in June

c. New Director Orientation scheduled June 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

B. Fire Recovery USA Resolution 23-2

a. Approved by roll call vote, motioned by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.

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 8, 2023.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Litigation / Possible Litigation (54956.9 (d)(2) – One item

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. No reportable action taken during the closing session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: June 8, 2023

  
By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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