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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
OCTOBER 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 12:03 p.m. on October 13, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Laura Catrina, Joe Camara, and Billy Mekelburg.  
Directors absent: Mickey Schilber

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Reserve Firefighter Kaden Christensen, Volunteer Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez, Jason Koops, and Steven Gregg.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on September 8, 2022, were approved on a motion by Director Camara and a second by Director Mekelburg.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

September bills in the amount of \$31,315.02 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Camara and a second by Director Mekelburg.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No communications.

## VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2022

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 99 calls for the month and 857 for 2022.

### B. Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

#### a. September Drills

9-6-2022	EMT Skills Review	(12 participants)
9-14-2022	Structure Fire Attack Lines	(7 participants)
9-22-2022	EMS Advance Skills Review	(7 participants)

- b. Our two recruits were hired full-time at other departments and resigned their positions.
- c. We are looking at doing an in-house Driver/Operator 1A in the coming months.

### C. Prevention

Fire prevention report. We have approved plans for Almond Grove to add five additional units. They will be located where the current RV storage area is on the southeast corner. We have a tentative approval on a new apartment complex at the corner of Jackson and Elizabeth. We have approved a sign variance for the new market on the corner of Jackson and Elizabeth,

This week we are making presentations to the elementary schools for fire safety. We have approved transfer of ownership to a business in the 1700 block of Main Street. We were approached by the county regarding the fuel storage of an above ground tank located on Arthur Road. The containment wall has been increased in height to secure any leaking fuel in the event of emergency. We are in approval of the new containment wall.

### D. Apparatus and Equipment

- a. E 1-1 went to Burn's for a check engine light.
- b. Annual SCBA flow tests were completed by L.N. Curtis and Sons.
- c. Annual Hurst extrication tools were serviced by L.N. Curtis and Sons.
- d. E 1-2 battery master switch, front bumper and Federal Q siren were repaired in-house.
- e. E 1-1 went to Mc Coy for two front tires.

### E. Buildings and Grounds

- a. Nothing to report.

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

- a. Meeting 10-5-22, general business.

### G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 9-21-22, meeting canceled.

### H. Miscellaneous

- a. Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer was held on Friday, September 9, at 9:11 a.m. Thirty-four people attended, including Escalon Fire and Escalon P.D. personnel. Assemblyman Heath Flora, District 3 Supervisor Tom Patti, and District 5 Supervisor Robert Rickman were in attendance and offered comments.
- b. Chief Mello attended Fire Shows West Conference and Expo in Reno September 27 - 29.

- c. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) hosted by Linden-Peters Fire District has been awarded. We are part of the grant with a total of nine agencies. We will receive eighteen (18) portable radios with an equipment cost of \$175,159.08 and \$13,574.83 in taxes. Our cost share will be \$17,157.63.
- d. We are still in the running for our own SCBA grant via the AFG as well. The award deadline was extended until the end of October, with over \$90 million in funds remaining.
- e. We expect to receive the ten mobile radios via the Homeland Security Grant from the San Joaquin County as well. This grant comes with zero cost share.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Terry Pinheiro Resignation – Protocol to fill the seat in the next 60 days

- a. Reviewed protocol to fill the vacant seat
- b. Submit memo or letter to Fire Chief Rick Mello
- c. Post vacancy notice October 17<sup>th</sup> and set deadline to November 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. – approved on a motion by Director Mekelburg and a second by Director Camara.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

B. Nomination / Election to Fill Vice Chair Vacancy

- a. Vice Chairperson Joe Camara – approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Mekelburg.  
2-AYES 0-NAYES 1-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 November 10, 2022.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

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

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

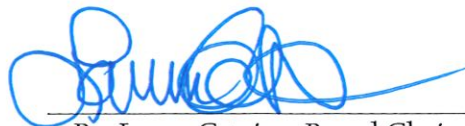
XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. No reportable action taken during the closing session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: November 10, 2022



By: Laura Catrina, Board Chairperson

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