

Escalon Consolidated Fire  
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Board of Directors

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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
MARCH 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 Terry Pinheiro at 4:02 p.m. on March 10, 2022.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, and Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen.  
Public present Stacy Henderson, Billy Mekelburg, and Jason Koops.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Billy Mekelburg introduced himself as a local business owner observing this months Board meeting.

**IV. MINUTES**

Minutes for the meeting on February 10, 2022, were approved on a motion by Director Paulsen and a second by Director Camara.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 2-ABSENT

**V. BILLS**

February bills in the amount of \$46,792.59 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Camara and a second by Director Paulsen.  
3-AYES 0-NAYES 2-ABSENT

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. No communications

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

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 76 calls for the month and 180 for 2022.

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

- a. February Drills
  - 2-1-2022 Hose Loads and Hose Pulls (11 participants)
  - 2-9-2022 EMS Review (X-collar and Vitals (12 Participants)
  - 2-17-2022 Extrication Equipment Review (6 Participants)
- b. The probationary training has begun for our new reserves/volunteers, and we are hoping to have them ready to ride shifts by April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The Fire Investigation series will begin in May.  
We are in the process of getting things together for Fill the Boots for Burns on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### C. Prevention

- a. There were 4 new business applications submitted for the month of February. The Smoke Shop on Jackson Ave is a change of ownership and not a new business. A new Mexican style bakery is open at the Plaza, Debby's Gourmet will be opening in March at the corner of Stanislaus and Hwy 120, and Trailer Park'd Coffee will be establishing a mobile coffee service adjacent to Heritage Church.  
Almond Grove Mobile Estates began construction of a new automated gate without the proper permits or any consultation with Escalon Fire. As it was brought to our attention, we immediately sought out information into the project. Housing and Community Development (HCD), which oversees Mobile Home Parks, was notified, and sent an investigator to inspect the construction site. The project was shut down until the owner, Harmony Communities, obtains the proper permits.  
Hula's fire protection system was red tagged by Nor Cal Fire and is currently being updated. We are working directly with Nor Cal and Hula's to bring them up to code.

### D. Apparatus and Equipment

- a. E 1-1 went to Burton's for compartment door issues and water leaks.
- b. R 1-1 went to Hi-Te3ch for compartment door issues.

### E. Buildings and Grounds

- a. Flooring work in downstairs office area of Station 1 has been completed.

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

- a. Meeting 3-2-22, general business.

### G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 2-16-22, general business.

### H. Miscellaneous

- a. Escalon Fire personnel participated in the Every 15-Minutes program at Escalon High School on March 3 and 4. The accident scene took place on March 3, followed by the assembly/funeral portion on March 4.



VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on new Policies & Procedures

- a. A copy of the policy manual has been given to Policy Manual Committee to review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Extending Seasonal Firefighter Program

- a. Approved on a motion made by Director Pinheiro and seconded by Director Paulsen.

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 March 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Presented by:

Requested Action / Purpose: Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) based upon significant exposure to litigation: 1 potential case.

Attachments:

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- A. No reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: April 12, 2022



By: Laura Catrina, Board Chairperson

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