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Protection District

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Board of Directors

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Rick Mello, Fire Chief

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
JANUARY 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 January 11, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Directors absent: Jason Koops

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on December 7, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Schilber.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

December bills in the amount of \$23,523.02 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Gregg.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No communications.

## VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – January 2024

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 108 calls for the month and 1,220 for 2023.

### B. Training

#### a. December Drills

12-6-2023                      Annual Reserve Dinner                      (13 participants)

The annual toy giveaway was held on December 19<sup>th</sup> this year. We had 41 families/110 kids sign up this year. The community came through with a large number of toys. We will be able to store the excess at Escalon PD for next year.

### C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: While December is historically a slow month with permits and construction plan submittals, we did receive one application for a new business. Austin Meats has submitted plans for a new building on Escalon Ave just north of Miller.

Mercantile inspections are continuing, and 2023 inspections conclude in March. The period of inspections runs from April to March, based on when permit fees are paid within the city.

### D. Apparatus and Equipment

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

### E. Buildings and Grounds

- We are in the process of gathering bids for the Station 1 solar project.
- The plumbing for the washer-dryer upgrade/improvement project has been completed by Mid Valley Plumbing. The new units have been ordered (dual stackable) with a tentative delivery date of one to two weeks.

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

- Meeting 1-3-24, general business.

### G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 12-20-23, general business and dispatch appreciation lunch.

### H. Miscellaneous

- The Christmas Toy Drive was a success once again. The toys were distributed on December 19. We provided toys for forty-one families, with 110 kids.
- We have been approved for additional ballistic protection via the Homeland Security Grant within San Joaquin County. The timeline to receive the equipment is unknown; however, we expect to receive four ballistic helmets and four additional vests.
- The annual Christmas Tree pickup took place on Saturday, January 6. We collected 198 trees, which are taken to Lionudakis for recycling.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. No old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

- a. Chairperson - Joe Camara  
Vice Chairperson - Jason Koops  
Secretary - Mickey Schilber  
Director - Zach Hogan  
Director - Steven Gregg
- b. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

B. Form 700

- a. Deadline April 1, 2024

C. Audit Fiscal Years 2021-2022 & 2022-2023

- a. Approved 2021-2022 Audit on a motion by Director Schilber and second by Director Hogan.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT
- b. Approved 2022-2023 Audit on a motion by Director Gregg and a second by Director Schilber.  
4-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 February 8, 2024.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

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

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: February 8, 2024

  
By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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