

Escalon Consolidated Fire
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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2025**

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 12:04 p.m. on September 11, 2025.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Jason Koops, Mickey Schilber, Zach Hogan, and Laura Catrina

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Battalion Chief Moe Silva, Firefighter Dylan Criteser, Volunteer Firefighter Mark Bennett, Volunteer Firefighter Giovanni Brunetti, and Reserve Firefighter Johnathan Boudreaux.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on August 14, 2025, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

August bills in the amount of \$30,766.29 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Catrina.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – September 2025

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 105 calls for the month and 738 for 2025.

B. Training

a. August Drills

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| 8-5-25 | National Night Out | (10 participants) |
| 8-13-25 | EMS Medical Assessment | (9 participants) |
| 8-21-25 | Hazmat Refresher | (11 participants) |

We have 4 new reserves that will be starting their orientation training in September.

We are currently working with Escalon Police on a fire investigation involving illegal fireworks. Investigator Burr met with the Assistant District Attorney to review the incident.

We interviewed 4 reserve candidates and will be looking our staffing needs for the future.

C. Prevention

Three building permits were submitted for review. The tractor dealership at the Red Barn has been tentatively approved, subject to several conditions.

Working on fire extinguisher training for Hogan Manufacturing to be held this month.

One structure fire in August was investigated and deemed accidental.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- Engine 1-1 went to Burton's Fire for repairs on the foam system, A/C, and front-end alignment.
- Brush 1-1 is currently out of service, waiting for the replacement wheels. E 1-3 was put in service in its place.
- New tires were installed on E 1-1 at Escalon Tire.
- WB Auto checked an air leak and A/C check on E 1-1.
- E 1-2 went to Hi-Tech for an air leak and other small repairs.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Direct Appliance repaired one of the clothes dryers under warranty.
- Haskin Mechanical made repairs to the A/C cover over the dorm area.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs' Association

- Meeting 9-3-25, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 8-20-25, general business (meeting held in Escalon).

H. Miscellaneous

- Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer was held earlier this morning in front of the station. Details next month.
- Plans are underway for Fill-the-Boot for Burns to be held on October 25 and 26. Firefighter Dylan Criteser is heading up this year's event.
- There was money left over from the 2021 FEMA portable radio grant. It was approved to extend the available balance of the grant monies. FEMA has now requested we act on the funding. Our available balance is \$47,016.55, and we have requested approximately \$47,600.00 for the purchase of fire hose, appliances, fittings, nozzles, and extrication equipment. The most our match should be is \$4,702.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. No Old Business

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. located at 1531 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on October 9, 2025.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Appointment (Section 54957) Hiring Process

- a. Title: Battalion Chief

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

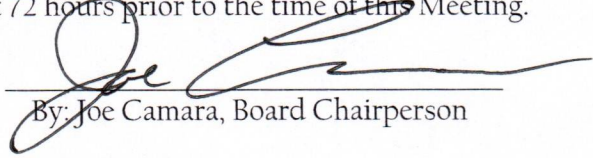
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

I, Joe Camara, Board Chairperson for the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at the District Office, 1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, California 95320 at least 72 hours prior to the time of this Meeting.

Date: October 16, 2025


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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