



ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
JULY 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 12:06 p.m. on July 13, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Joe Camara, Jason Koops, Mickey Schilber, and Steven Gregg.

Directors absent: Zach Hogan

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on June 8, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Schilber.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

June bills in the amount of \$402,802.56 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. Chief Mello – Discussion regarding committee w/ City Council.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - July 2023

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 91 calls for the month and 584 for 2023.

B. Training

a. June Drills

6-6-2023	EMS Skills	(7 participants)
6-14-2023	Drafting	(7 participants)
6-22-2023	Technical Rescue Review	(7 participants)

Out of the 5 reserves we hired we have 1 remaining.

We have 7 new reserves that have completed their background and medical evaluations. We are in the process of getting them outfitted and starting their training orientation.

We sponsored an in-house Driver/Operator IA class. We had 5 of our reserves and 3 outside personnel successfully passed the class.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: The plans have been submitted for the new McDonalds. We have reviewed and approved the plans.

Fire Inspections have begun using Emergency reporting for submitting and tracking. There has been a learning curve with the program, but things are progressing. The new digital format with streamline tracking and reporting in the future.

We have set up a table at the Farmers market for public relations. The feedback was positive, and the Brush was a big hit. We will continue to participate, as this is a great way to reach out to the community.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- The Bauer Compressor was delivered on June 20 and is in-service.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 7-5-23, meeting rescheduled to 7-19.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 6-21-23, meeting canceled.

H. Miscellaneous

- We have submitted reimbursement request to San Joaquin County for ARPA funds expended for the new SCBA's and Compressor/Fill Station.
- Starbucks hosted "coffee with a cop and firefighter" on Friday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The event was well attended, and the Sheriff's Department had a huge presence, including Sheriff Withrow himself.
- On June 20, District personnel and directors attended the funeral service for retired Escalon Fire Chief Gary Augusto. Chief Augusto served the Escalon Fire District for forty-years, including the last eleven as the paid fire chief.
- On Monday, July 3, 2023, at 3:24 p.m., Escalon Fire responded to a vegetation fire around the McHenry Recreation Area. The fire, which was in part of the same area as a 120-acre fire eight years ago, was contained to twenty acres on the San Joaquin side and one acre on the Stanislaus side. Twenty-three pieces of apparatus, equipment, and aircraft responded, with thirty-eight personnel. In addition to Escalon Fire

personnel, assistance was provided by: Ripon Fire District, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District, Modesto Fire, Lathrop-Manteca Fire District, French Camp/Mountain House Fire, Manteca Fire, Waterloo/Morada Fire, Stockton Fire, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department Air 101, Cal Fire Tuolumne Calaveras Unit Copter 205 and Battalion Chief, Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, Stanislaus Parks/Army Corp of Engineers, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Stanislaus CERT, as well as resources assigned on the Stanislaus side. Escalon Sportsmen's Club, Del Rio Vista Gardens, Morrill Industries, and the Smith Family also contributed.

- There was one confirmed firework related incident to date. On Saturday, July 1 at approximately 9:15 p.m. we responded to a vegetation fire on River Road between Van Allen and Carrolton. The incident, caused by safe and sane fireworks (which are illegal outside the city limits) burned two acres of dry vegetation, two vehicles, a refuse pile and several trees, while threatening a residence. Assistance came from Ripon, Colleeville, Farmington and Modesto Fire and the Sheriff's Department responded to take a report. Miraculously, there were no other known fireworks related incidents as illegal fireworks activity throughout the district was high.
- The Lexipol project continues to progress. Twenty-six policies remain to be completed out of a total of 177. Eight of the remaining policies are being reviewed by legal counsel.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Budget 2023 – 2024

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

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 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on August 10, 2023.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. No closed session.

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. No reportable action taken during the closing session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: July 14, 2023



By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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