

Escalon Consolidated Fire
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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
OCTOBER 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 October 10, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Firefighter Engineer Dave Velasco, Volunteer Firefighter Dylan Criteser, and Reserve Firefighter Roman Villalovoz

Public Present: Laura Catrina

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on August 8, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Schilber.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

August bills in the amount of \$35,052.66 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Gregg.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

September bills in the amount of \$80,455.72 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Estimated Tax Letter from Auditor

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – September 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 132 calls for the month and 805 for 2024.

B. Training

a. August Drills

8-6-24	National Night Out	(16 participants)
8-14-24	Technical Rescue (Ladder Gin)	(16 participants)
8-22-24	Fire Attack Scenario	(15 participants)

The 6 new reserves have completed their orientation training and have been approved to start riding shifts.

We have 8 reserve applications that we will be reviewing and holding interviews in September.

C. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burns Truck & Trailer for some electrical issues.
- Brush 1-1 went to Escalon Tire for a flat repair.

D. Buildings and Grounds

- Modesto Overhead Door replaced the garage door opener above Brush 1-1.
- New portable AC was installed in the gym area.
- Masellis Electric and Solar is wrapping up work on the solar project at Station 1.
- The office door project is underway.

E. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 9-4-24, general business (vacation – did not attend).

F. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 8-21-24, general business (unable to attend).

G. Miscellaneous

- Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer was held on Wednesday, September 11, at 9:11 a.m. in front of the station. Sixty-three attended, including first responders. Sheriff Pat Withrow and staff, Supervisor Robert Rickman, representatives of Assemblyman Heath Flora, and representatives of Escalon P.D. and the city of Escalon were among those in attendance.

VIII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – October 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 97 calls for the month and 902 for 2024.

B. Training

a. September Drills

9-3-24	Ladder Training	(12 participants)
9-11-24	EMS Patient Packaging/Review Ambulance	(17 participants)
9-19-24	Reserve Program Meeting	(16 participants)

Interviews are set up for 9 applicants for October 14th.

The new CAD for the engine arrived and will be placed in service in early October.

Two of our fire investigators (Burr, Christensen) assisted Montezuma Fire with a fire investigation through the county FIU.

The San Joaquin Sheriff's approached Engineer Burr about assisting with the firework taskforce next year and about getting the FIU personnel additional training.

We are trying to squeeze in Fill the Boot before the end of the year. The dates as of this report are October 26th and 27th.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: This week is Fire Prevention week. Crews will be visiting Dent and Van Allen Elementary schools to educate the students on fire safety.

No new businesses have opened this past month. Several businesses have had a change of ownership.

Smoke Detector Battery Replacement Program: Crews will begin visiting residents later this month. As a reminder, We reach out to the elderly and physically disabled to assist in changing batteries in their respective smoke detectors at no charge.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burton's for door adjustment.
- E 1-2 went to Burn's Truck & Trailer for a coolant leak.
- Annual ladder testing was completed.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- The solar system was completed by Masellis Electric & Solar. The system is up and running.
- The office door project was completed by Black Dog Construction.

- New Battery was installed on Station 1 generator.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 10-2-24, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 9-18-24, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- The solar system is up and running. We should be able to see the benefits on our next P.G. and E. bill.
- Chief Mello attend the San Joaquin Hazard Mitigation introductory meeting hosted by San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services (OES).
- Fill-the-boot for the Firefighters Burn Foundation will be held on October 26 and 27.
- Chief Mello attended the Fire Shows West Conference in Reno September 23-26.
- I will be meeting with instructors from Escalon High's First Responder program on Tuesday, October 22.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on San Joaquin Hazard Mitigation Plan

- a. Fire Chief Rick Mello reported we will continue to support and partner with San Joaquin County as they continue to partner with us.

B. ARPA Re-Imbursement Application – Chairperson Signature

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

XI. 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 November 14, 2024.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

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

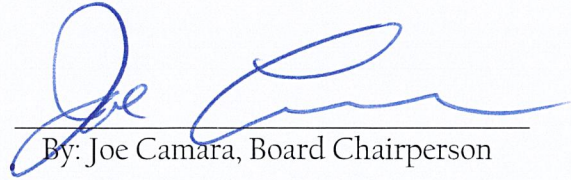
XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

XV. ADJOURN

XVI. CERTIFICATION

Date: November 14, 2024


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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