

**Escalon Consolidated Fire
Protection District**

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Board of Directors

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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
OCTOBER 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 4:00 p.m. on October 16, 2025.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: Zach Hogan

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello and Battalion Chief Moe Silva.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on September 11, 2025 were approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Schilber.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

August bills in the amount of \$113,931.93 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Gratitude Email from Fire Chief Kevin Wise 2025-2026 Estimated Property Tax Revenues.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – October 2025

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 82 calls for the month and 820 for 2025.

B. Training

a. September Drills

9-2-25	Reserve Meeting	(13 participants)
9-10-25	Vehicle Extrication	(11 participants)
9-18-25	Search of Fire Buildings	(8 participants)

We are waiting for the 4 new reserve candidates to finish up dept. paperwork, and the plan is to get them riding shifts and train while working shifts.

Our Reserve staff have been stepping up and are essential in our navigating the new shift assignments.

C. Prevention

On September 15, we provided fire extinguisher training for Hogan MFG. We did a total of four presentations.

Attended the planning commission meeting on September 9, where a three-lot subdivision of Catherine Way, Red Barn Equipment, and a new recycling center were discussed. All appear to be on their way to approval. Attended a pre-development meeting with the city regarding the new Poor Example art gallery. They will be completely renovating the old Sipma Insurance building. It will be considered R1, and there will be a residential unit at the rear.

Two new businesses were inspected, the UPS Store and El Cap Café.

The new business inspection manual is coming along and should be completed by November. The new inspections will start January 1.

No fire investigations for the month of September.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- New batteries were installed on WT 1-2.
- Chainsaw on E 1-1 was repaired by All Repair LLC.
- Annual ladder testing was completed by Aerial Inspection.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs' Association

- Meeting 10-1-25, general business (did not attend due to conference).

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 9-20-25, general business (on vacation).

H. Miscellaneous

- Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer was held on Thursday, September 11, at 9:11 a.m. in front of the station. Seventy-four attended, including first responders. Sheriff Pay Withrow and staff, representatives of Supervisor Robert Rickman and Assemblyman Heath Flora, as well as representatives of Escalon P.D., Escalon Community Ambulance, and the city of Escalon were among those in attendance.
- Fill-the-Boot for Burns is to be held on October 25 and 26. Firefighter Dylan Criteser is heading-up this year's event.
- Chief Mello attended the Fire Shows West Conference in Reno September 29 – October 2.

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 November 13, 2025.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

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

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

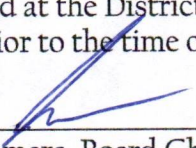
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

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: December 11, 2025


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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