

Escalon Consolidated Fire  
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  
JULY 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 4:06 p.m. on July 10, 2025.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: Jason Koops

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, and Administrative Assistant Katy House

Public Present: Geraldo Rodriguez

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No Public Comment

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on June 12, 2025, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Catrina.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

June bills in the amount of \$112,339.73 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Schilber.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications.

## VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – July 2025

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 78 calls for the month and 530 for 2025.

### B. Training

#### a. June Drills

|         |                             |                   |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 6-3-25  | Cross lay Pulls and Loads   | (11 participants) |
| 6-11-25 | X-collar and Splinting      | (8 participants)  |
| 6-19-25 | Rescue 42 and Airbag Review | (9 participants)  |

The 2 new reserves and started their orientation training.

As of July 1st dispatch has transitioned all radio traffic to digital(P25) channels. All radios have been programmed and tested.

We have 3 of our fire investigators that are participating with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's firework taskforce

### C. Prevention

Weed Abatement: The weed abatement project was completed prior to July 4. Sixty-eight notices were sent out, and sixty were completed by the property owner. The remaining eight were sent to the County Fire Warden's office for force cleaning.

Business Inspections: A new inspection book for each shift is being built. There has been a list of eight inspections for each shift for the month of July. Working on getting all current business into the ESO system.

There has been a preliminary review for a business in the existing "red barn" on Highway 120.

### D. Apparatus and Equipment

- Engine 1-1 was towed to Burns Truck & Trailer for a fuel system problem.
- Engine 1-3 was not starting and was repaired by WB Auto Tech LLC.

### E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

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

- Meeting 7-2-25, general business.

### G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 6-18-25, general business.

#### H. Miscellaneous

- There were two known fireworks-related incidents between June 28 and July 6. One was a vegetation fire, and the second was a burned garbage can reported after the fact. Escalon P.D. and Escalon Fire personnel confiscated one to three pounds of illegal fireworks. Illegal firework activity in the city was higher than last year, but less than the years prior to that.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. No Old Business

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Final Budget 2025-2026

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and seconded by Director Catrina  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on August 14, 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

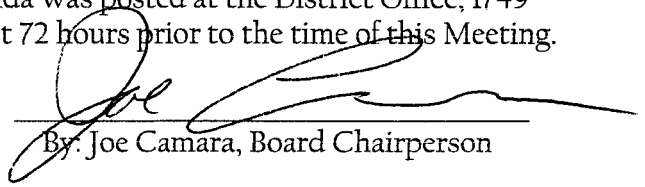
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

#### 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: August 14, 2025



By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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