Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District

1749 Coley Avenue Escalon, CA 95320 Phone 209-838-7500 Fax 209-838-3926



Board of Directors

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson Jason Koops, Vice Chairperson Mikey Schilber, Secretary Zach Hogan, Director Laura Catrina, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: January 6, 2025

Board of Directors Meeting 1531 1st Street, Escalon, CA 95320 January 9, 2025, at 4 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson Jason Koops, Vice Chairperson Mickey Schilber, Secretary Zach Hogan, Director Laura Catrina, Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

This time is provided for the public to address the Board of Directors on items not on the Agenda which are within the jurisdiction of the Board and are offered for the good of the District. Public comments regarding items on the Agenda should be given at the time of the item. Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2024.

V. BILLS

Bills for the month of December in the amount of \$34,864.55.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2 x 2 Committee with City

Presented by: Rick Mello, Fire Chief and Joe Camara, Board Chairperson Requested Action / Purpose: Consider Appointment to Future Committee Attachments:

B. House Paging System - ARPA Funds

Presented by: Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Requested Action / Purpose: Utilize Surplus ARPA Funds Plus District Funds

Attachments:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Presented by: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

B. Form 700

Presented by: Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

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 lst Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is February 13, 2025.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Board Member Orientation

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: January 6, 2025

By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

DECEMBER 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 12:03 p.m. on December 12, 2024.

II. SWEAR IN LAURA CATRINA – ELECTED DIRECTOR JASON KOOPS – ELECTED DIRECTOR

III. ROLL CALL

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

Directors absent: Steven Gregg

Incoming Board present: Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Zach Hogan, Jason Koops, and Mickey Schilber.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Volunteer Firefighter Dylan Criteser, Reserve Firefighter Adam Kunkel and Reserve Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez.

Public Present: Supervisor Robert Rickman, Scott Tyrrell Chief of Staff, and Eric Patton – Firefighter Burn Institute.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Eric Patton from Firefighter Burn Institute recognized the Fill the Boot fundraiser raising over 20,000 dollars this year during October 26th and 27th.
- B. Presented Plaque to Reserve Firefighter Nathan Rodriguez.

V. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on November 14, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Koops.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. BILLS

November bills in the amount of \$69,287.58 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops. 5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications.

VIII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - December 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 75 calls for the month and 1,094 for 2024.

B. Training

a. November Drills

11-5-24	Technical Rescue Review	(13 participants)
11-13-24	Live Wildland Fire Training	(13 participants)
11-21-24	SCBA Review and Fit Testing	(19 participants)

We have 2 reserve candidates in medicals. We had one candidate drop out and we have a past reserve that will be joining back with us.

The new fire software transition is going well. We will begin personnel training in January and hope to go live on February 1st.

We had 3 fire investigations within the district. One is still under investigation, and we are working with the insurance company and Sheriff's department.

The toy drive boxes have all been placed and so far, things are going well with the toy drive.

C. Apparatus and Equipment

• Bauer completed annual SCBA fit testing.

D. Buildings and Grounds

• Nothing to report.

E. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

• Meeting 12-4-24, general business.

F. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

• Meeting 11-20-24, general business.

G. Miscellaneous

- The official total for fill-the-boot for burns was \$21,545.00.
- Escalon Fire personnel assisted with a regional first responder program competition at Escalon High School.
- The annual Christmas toy drive has begun. The giveaway will take place on December 19.
- Chief Mello attended the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Holiday Open House on December 5.
- Liberty Fire District Chief Stan Seifert has retired after fifty-eight years with the department, including fifty years as Fire Chief.
- Escalon Fire personnel took part in Christmas on Main Street held on December 7.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2 x 2 Committee with City

- a. City has been notified of 2 x 2 Committee
 - i. Pending City

B. House Paging System

a. \$23,000 has been resubmitted via email pending response.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. District Governance Model

a. The District Governance Model was declined on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

A. Supervisor Robert Rickman

- a. 120 x Brennan Project
- b. Introduction of incoming New Board
- c. Thank Chief Rick Mello for attending Open House
- d. Tracy Fire is currently building a training tower.

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A. No Closed Session.

XIV.	ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION
XV.	ADJOURN
XVI.	CERTIFICATION
D	ate: January, 2025 By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

XIII.

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Type	Date	Name	Мето	Original Amou	Paid Amo	Balance
Ord In Deposi	Ordinary Income/Expense Income Memorial Deposit	Ordinary Income/Expense Income Memorial Deposit Deposit 12/30/2024 Escalon United Methodi	MEMORIAL DEPOSIT	100.00	0 100.00	100.00
	Total Memorial Deposit	l Deposit			100.00	100.00
Sales	\mathbf{z}	iscellaneous Income 12/07/2024 Harvey, Dominic	Uniform - 1/4 ZIP	20.00	0 20.00	20.00
	Total Miscellaneous Income	eous Income			20.00	20.00
Ţ	Total Income				120.00	120.00
Bill Bill	Expense Capital Expense 12/16/2024 12/16/2024	se HATHAWAY FIRE LLC HATHAWAY FIRE LLC	CAPITAL EXPENSE CAPITAL EXPENSE	1,321.98	8 1,321.98 0 4,310.00	1,321.98
	Total Capital Expense	xpense			5,631.98	5,631.98
Bill Bill Check	Communications 12/16/2024 / 12/23/2024 J 12/24/2024 C	AT&T MOBILITY Joint Radio Users Group GoTo Communications,	MONTHLY SERVICE DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE W/EMS, MEMBER FE MONTHLY SERVICE	40.24 1,768.95 407.37	4 40.24 5 1,768.95 7 407.37	40.24 1,809.19 2,216.56
	Total Communications	ications			2,216.56	2,216.56
Credit Bill Bill	Fuel 12/10/2024 12/16/2024 12/23/2024	H & M Market Valley Pacific Petroleum Valley Pacific Petroleum	FUEL FUEL FUEL	39.00 513.37 785.65	0 39.00 7 513.37 5 785.65	39.00 552.37 1,338.02
	Total Fuel				1,338.02	1,338.02
Bill Bill	Health Insurance 12/16/2024 C 12/16/2024 P 12/23/2024 S	nce CaliforniaChoice Benefit Premier Access Sun Life Financial	JANUARY 2025 DECEMBER 2024 JANUARY 2025	13,506.09 2,034.48 151.24	9 13,506.09 8 2,034.48 4 151.24	13,506.09 15,540.57 15,691.81

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Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou	Paid Amo	Balance
	Total Health Insurance	surance			15,691.81	15,691.81
Check	Household 12/10/2024	Amazon	3 PIECES BATH MAT SET	<i>C</i> 6 <i>9C</i>	76 97	76 97
Check		Mar-Val Main Street Ma	BOARD MEETING - LUNCH	37.60	37.60	64.52
Check		Escalon Food Center	BOARD MEETING - LUNCH	53.96	53.96	118.48
Check		Mar-Val Main Street Ma	BOARD MEETING - TABLE COVER	4.08	4.08	122.56
Check		Escalon Food Center	BOARD MEETING - FOOD	7.99	7.99	130.55
Check		Mar-Val Main Street Ma	BOARD MEETING - LUNCH	72.79	72.79	203.34
Bill		Alhambra	STATION WATER	122.91	122.91	326.25
Check		Escalon Food Center		287.52	287.52	613.77
Check		Mar-Val Main Street Ma		18.78	18.78	632.55
Check	12/19/2024	Mar-Val Main Street Ma	GIFT CARDS - RESERVE TRAINING NIGHT	30.00	25.00	657.55
Check		Dollar General	4 X \$50 GIFT CARDS	22.30	22.80	018 35
Check		Dollar General		223.80	223.80	1.142.15
Check	12/19/2024	D'Boni's Pizza	TOY DRIVE - LUNCH	208.11	208.11	1,350.26
Bill		Fast Response On-Site T	RESPIRATORY SCREENING/TB TEST	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,850.26
Check		Starbucks		22.00	22.00	2,872.26
Check	12/23/2024	Starbucks	GIFT CARDS - RESERVE TRAINING NIGHT	50.00	50.00	2,922.26
	Total Household	q			2,922.26	2,922.26
Bill	Maintenance UTILITY 1-2 12/16/2024	2 McDowell and Davis Au	UTILITY SMOG INSPECTION	56.75	56.75	56.75
						0.00
	Total UTILITY 1-2	FY 1-2			56.75	56.75
	Total Maintenance	1ce			56.75	56.75
Bill	Maintenance S 12/16/2024	Maintenance Structure & Grounds 12/16/2024 Modesto Overhead Door	EYES & BRACKETS ONLY; REPLACED SAFETY EYES	583.00	583.00	583.00
	Total Maintenar	Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds			583.00	583.00
	Office Expenses	S				
Bill	12/03/2024	Warden's United States Post Office	CLEAR, LETTER, HANGING WALL FILE; 8.5X11 CARDSTOCK STAMPES	37.68	37.68	37.68
Bill	12/16/2024	Power Business Technol	COPIES BLK 234; COLOR 540	30.76	30.76	141.44
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Type	Date	Name	Мето	Original Amou	Paid Amo
Bill	12/16/2024	Toshiba Financial Services	MONTHLY COPIER LEASE	199.34	199.34
Check	12/16/2024	Auriga Technology, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE	763.44	763.44
Check	12/20/2024	Amazon	5 X COFFEE; 2 X CREAMER 50 COUNT	120.41	120.41
Check	12/20/2024	STAPLES	PRINTER INK	144.26	144.26
Check	12/23/2024	United States Post Office	STAMPS	73.00	73.00
Check	12/23/2024	Office Depot	2 X BANNERS CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP	170.22	170.22
Deposit	12/30/2024	Toshiba Financial Services	REFUND CHECK	-202.67	-202.67

340.78 1,104.22 1,224.63 1,368.89 1,441.89 1,612.11 1,409.44

Balance

1,409.44

1,409.44

Total Office Expenses

Bill	Professional Services 12/16/2024 HdL Coren & Cone	2024/25 ADMIN ESCALON CFPD SPECIAL TAX	2,742.66	2,742.66	2,742.66
	Total Professional Services			2,742.66	2,742.66
Bill	Small Tools & Equipment 12/16/2024 Life-Assist 12/16/2024 Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	2X HEARTSYNC DEFIB PADS SILICONE CLR; LED 75CT	84.73	84.73	84.73
	Total Small Tools & Equipment			153.87	153.87
Bill	Taxes & Assessments 12/16/2024 San Joaquin County Mos	MOSQUITO, VECTOR AND DISEASE CONTROL ASSESSMENT	9.93	9.93	9.93
	Total Taxes & Assessments			9.93	9.93
Bill	Training & Transportation 12/16/2024 Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	2X4X8; 2X2X8; AX CRB 9'	27.05	27.05	27.05
	Total Training & Transportation			27.05	27.05
Check Check Bill Bill Bill Bill Check	Utilites (12/02/2024 Conexwest (12/03/2024 Insect IQ, Inc 12/16/2024 PG&E 2 12/16/2024 PG&E 1 12/23/2024 Verizon Wireless 12/23/2024 OIRECTV	MONTHLY CONTAINER LEASE STATION 2 STATION 1 MONTHLY SERVICE MONTHLY SERVICE MONTHLY CONTAINER LEASE	85.12 107.69 280.70 1,217.14 120.46 184.99	85.12 107.69 280.70 1,217.14 120.46 184.99	85.12 192.81 473.51 1,690.65 1,811.11 1,996.10 2,081.22

Cash Basis		December 2024			
Type Date	Name	Мето	Original Amou	Paid Amo	Balance
Total Utilites				2,081.22	2,081.22
Total Expense				34,864.55	34,864.55
Net Ordinary Income				-34,744.55	-34,744.55 -34,744.55
Other Income/Expense Other Income					
Interest Credit Deposit 12/31/2024	Interest		786.44	786.44	786.44
Total Interest Credit				786.44	786.44
Total Other Income				786.44	786.44
Net Other Income				786.44	786.44
Net Income				-33,958.11	-33,958.11

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District
Profit & Loss Detail
December 2024

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Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through December 2024

	Jul - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Expense				
Cafeteria Plan Medical	0.00	7,200.00	-7,200.00	0.0%
Capital Expense	51,627.77	0.00	51,627.77	100.0%
Communications	19,905.92	41,000.00	-21,094.08	48.6%
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
Employee Expenses	0.00	1,030,300.00	-1,030,300.00	0.0%
Fire Prevention	2,800.92	3,500.00	-699.08	80.0%
Firefighter Safety Gear	8,859.18	17,000.00	-8,140.82	52.1%
Fuel	9,805.68	16,800.00	-6,994.32	58.4%
Health Insurance	79,826.02	145,000.00	-65,173.98	55.1%
Household	15,907.24	28,000.00	-12,092.76	56.8%
Insurance Casualty	29,883.59	27,000.00	2,883.59	110.7%
Maintenance	4,115.72	30,000.00	-25,884.28	13.7%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	3,993.20	8,000.00	-4,006.80	49.9%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,600.00	-10,600.00	0.0%
Memberships	1,585.16	2,200.00	-614.84	72.1%
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
New Equipment	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%
Office Expenses	5,714.17	10,000.00	-4,285.83	57.1%
Overtime	0.00	66,000.00	-66,000.00	0.0%
Professional Services	19,461.16	30,000.00	-10,538.84	64.9%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Retirement	50,841.60	78,000.00	-27,158.40	65.2%
Salaries	490,610.85	667,000.00	-176,389.15	73.6%
Small Tools & Equipment	3,071.39	7,000.00	-3,928.61	43.9%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	45,500.00	-45,500.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	2,240.63	2,000.00	240.63	112.0%
Special Departmental Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
Structure Improvements	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	22,000.00	-22,000.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	9.93	1,000.00	-990.07	1.0%
Training & Transportation	1,507.96	13,000.00	-11,492.04	11.6%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Utilites	20,343.37	17,000.00	3,343.37	119.7%
Workers Compensation Insurance	22,811.00	77,000.00	-54,189.00	29.6%
Total Expense	844,922.46	2,507,600.00	-1,662,677.54	33.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-844,922.46	-2,507,600.00	1,662,677.54	33.7%
Other Income/Expense Other Expense Grants				
2023 ARPA Special District COVID-19 Relie	0.00	365,241.07 465,487.18	-365,241.07 -465,487.18	0.0% 0.0%
Total Grants	0.00	830,728.25	-830,728.25	0.0%
Total Other Expense	0.00	830,728.25	-830,728.25	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	-830,728.25	830,728.25	0.0%
et Income	-844,922.46	-3,338,328.25	2,493,405.79	25.3%

Chief's Report

January 2025

Emergency Responses December 2024 Medical Aid 71 • Public Service Assist 7 • Vehicle Accidents 10 • Vegetation Fires 3 Structure Fires 1 • Vehicle Fires 0 • Other Incidents 13

1,199

Total Dec 24: 108

Total for 2023: 1,220

o Total For Month: 105

o Total for 2024:

C-Shift Monthly Report Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

December Drills

12-3-24	Salvage and FDCs	(12 participants)
12-11-24	Cancelled	(0 participants)
11-21-24	PFTs and TB Test	(18 participants)

The 2 reserve candidates have completed all their pre-hire requirements and will begin their training in January.

The new fire software transition is going well, and we are on target for February 1st.

There is no new FIU news.

The Toy Drive was completed on December 19^{th,} and it was another successful year.

Prevention

Fire Prevention: The remaining state mandated inspections were completed in December.

Crews assisted two separate residents with smoke detector battery replacement.

There was no business activity during the holiday month.

The Inspection program is entering its final quarter for Year 24/25.

Apparatus and Equipment

- New hose was purchased from Hathaway Fire, LLC for stock and E 1-1.
- Battalion pick-up went to McDowell & Davis for an oil change.
- Brush 1-1 went to Les Schwab for new tires.
- The OTS Grant has funded and new extrication tools have been ordered from L.N. Curtis & Sons.

Buildings and Grounds

• Nothing to report.

San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

• Meeting 1-1-24, canceled due to Holiday.

San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

 Meeting 12-20-24, general business and annual dispatcher appreciation lunch.

Miscellaneous

- The annual Christmas toy drive concluded December 19, with the drive-through toy distribution. 56 families and a total of 135 children benefitted from the event. Escalon Fire members were joined by Escalon Police, Escalon American Legion Post, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, Starbucks, and a few local residents to complete the day's operation.
- On January 6, Chief Mello attended the inauguration of Supervisor Robert Rickman. New Supervisors Mario Gardea, District 1, and Sonny Dhaliwal, District 3 were also sworn in.
- Escalon Fire personnel participated in an active shooter drill conducted by Ripon Fire and Police on January 6. The training took place at Ripon High School. Participating fire agencies included Ripon, Escalon, Manteca, Woodbridge, Montezuma, and Lodi.
- The annual Christmas Tree pick-up will take place on Saturday, January 11.
- Auriga Technology, our computer support and service company, has completed their annual "threat assessment summary" of our systems.
- The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant has funded, and the extrication tools have been ordered. We have ordered Hurst equipment from L.N. Curtis & Sons. The grant was hosted by French Camp Fire District, with Escalon, Ripon and Montezuma participating.

2024 CALL TYPE	TOTAL
MED AID	738
PSA (LIFT ASSIST; LOCK OUT)	103
MVA	132
VEG	38
STX	26
VEH	4
OTHER	160

TOTAL 1201

