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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
APRIL 2022

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Laura Catrina at 4:02 p.m. on April 14, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL

Directors present Laura Catrina, Terry Pinheiro, Mickey Schilber, and Joe Camara.  
Directors absent Mark Paulsen.

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Battalion Chief Moe Silva, Battalion Chief Joe Pelot, Firefighter Engineer Cassidy Bohannon, Firefighter Engineer Ryan Burr, Reserve Firefighter Louis Roach, and Volunteer Firefighter Kaden Christensen.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

No quorum to approve. Minutes for the meeting on February 10, 2022, moved to next month Board meeting.

V. BILLS

March bills in the amount of \$26,051.88 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Pinheiro and a second by Director Schilber.  
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No communications

## VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - APRIL 2022

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 85 calls for the month and 265 for 2022.

### B. Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program

- a. March Drills
  - 3-1-2022 SCBA Review (14 participants)
  - 3-9-2022 EMS Review (EMS Bag Inventory) (8 Participants)
  - 3-17-2022 Technical Rescue (High Angle) (14 Participants)
- b. The probationary training has been completed for our three new Reserve/Volunteers. They have been approved to start working shifts. (We are still waiting on turnouts for two of them. Supply lines are very slow.)
- c. The Fire Investigation series will begin in May.
- d. Fill the Boot for Burns has been scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first time since COVID that we have been able to get back to this program.
- e. We have three potential candidates in backgrounds to become reserve/volunteers. They are currently finishing up the Modesto Fire Academy.

### C. Prevention

- a. Weed Abatement: March was spent identifying properties that will require weed abatement. 24 "Notice to Destroy Weeds" were issued on March 30, 2022, to county property owners and 16 addresses were forwarded to the City for enforcement. This is the first of the three required steps to force abatement.
- b. Follow up will begin on April 17<sup>th</sup> and a second notice will be distributed to non-compliant owners.
- c. Permits. Two businesses applied for business licenses due to a change in ownership.
- d. Two applicants applied for variances to building plans. Neither offered any additional fire risk and were granted variances for the Fire Department.

### D. Apparatus and Equipment

- a. Bay door in front of E 1-2 repaired by Modesto Overhead Door.
- b. Air Exchanged serviced and made a repair to the Plymovent System.
- c. E 1-2 went to Hi-Tech for a water leak.
- d. WT 1-1 front bumper valve repaired in house and went to Hi-Tech for a sticky relief valve.
- e. E 1-1 new front tire installed at Escalon Tire.
- f. Chief 1-1 Expedition went to Tom Hillier Ford for service.
- g. Replaced belt and fan on generator at Station 1 (in house) due to a rat problem.

### E. Buildings and Grounds

- a. Washing machine was repaired by warranty company.

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

- a. Meeting 4-6-22, general business.

### G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 3-16-22, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- a. Fill the Boot for Burns returns after a two-year shutdown due to COVID. The dates for this year's event are May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, E 1-4 responded to assist West Stanislaus County with a large vegetation fire at Shiloh and Grayson Roads.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update from the Policy Manual Committee

- a. Policy Manual Committee pending review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize purchase of body armor via Covid-19 Relief Funds

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on May 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Presented by:

Requested Action / Purpose: Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) based upon significant exposure to litigation: 1 case.

Attachments:

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

- A. No reportable action taken during closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: May 12, 2022



By: Laura Catrina, Board Chairperson

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