



**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2021**

The monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District was called to order by Director Joe Camara at 4:04 p.m. on September 9, 2021. Directors present Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber, and Mark Paulsen. Director Terry Pinheiro attended via teleconference. Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Moe Silva and Volunteer Firefighter Clay Ruddy. Kristi Anthony from Velociter Wireless was also present.

Minutes for the meeting on August 12, 2021 were approved on a motion by Director Catrina and a second by Director Paulsen.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

August bills in the amount of \$26,702.38 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Paulsen.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Radio Tower Survey – Director Paulsen
- A. Tabled to next meeting
- i. Request Director Paulsen to obtain two additional bids.
 - ii. Request Director Paulsen to find a lower priced bid.
 - iii. Request Director Paulsen to see if Velociter Wireless will complete survey through an outside engineer.
- B. Response to San Joaquin County Grand Jury 2021 Independent Special Districts: Transparency “Not Found”
- A. The response to the Grand Jury case #0220 was approved by roll call vote.
- B. Ayes: Joe Camara, Laura Catrina, Mickey Schilber, Mark Paulsen and Terry Pinheiro
- C. Nays: None
- D. Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Chief's Report – September 2021

- Status of Fire Department
 - 112 calls for the month and 754 for 2021.
- Training Division and Reserve/Volunteer Program
 - August Drills
 - 8-3-2021 National Night Out (11 participants)
 - 8-12-2021 Stimulated Structure Attack (10 Participants)
 - 8-19-2021 Driver/Operator Apparatus Inspection (7 Participants)
 - Hazmat FRO class scheduled for September 23rd and 24th. Escalon PD and Escalon Ambulance have been invited to attend.
- Prevention
 - No new business permits for the month of August. Roughly 40 business inspections were initiated in August. Barring another shutdown, we anticipate an increase in completed inspections as we have to make up for 2020. Fire Prevention is next month. We have ordered supplies for the school and plan on returning for our annual Fire Prevention presentation.
Smoke Detector Battery Exchange: October also marks the ramping up of this program. Our number of participants is way down. Efforts will be made to encourage more users of this program during the month of September.
- Apparatus and Equipment
 - WT 1-1 went to Evo for a new LED light package.
 - RI-1 went to EVO for a new LED light package.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Nothing to report.
- San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association
 - Meeting 8-4-21, general business.
- San Joaquin County Radio Users Group
 - Meeting 8-18-21, general business.
- Miscellaneous
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- Auriga Technology (our new IT company) is well into the process of converting our computer and cloud storage systems.

B. Public Comment

A. No public comment.

C. Closed Session

A. Discuss completion of Fire Chief's performance evaluation. – Director Pinheiro

a. Not Conducted

DATED: 10-14-21

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe L. Pinheiro", written over a horizontal line.

