

# Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors

Joe Camara, Board Chairperson  
Jason Koops, Vice Chairperson  
Mikey Schilber, Secretary  
Zach Hogan, Director  
Steven Gregg, Director

Rick Mello, Fire Chief

Post Date: June 10, 2024

Board of Directors Meeting  
1749 Coley Ave., Escalon, CA 95320  
June 13, 2024, at 12 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  
Steven Gregg, 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 May 9, 2024.

#### V. BILLS

Bills for the month of May in the amount of \$50,424.35.

#### VI. COMMUNICATIONS

#### VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. No Old Business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution 24-1 Adopting Prop 4 Expenditure Limitations for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments

B. Approval of Resolution 24-2 Setting the Special Assessment Tax Rates.

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments

C. Preliminary Budget 2024 - 2025

Presented by: Fire Chief Rick Mello and Director Hogan

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments:

D. Authorize Fire Chief as Voting Member for JRUG

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

Requested Action / Purpose:

Attachments

E. New Copier Lease – Power Business Technology

Presented by: Fire Chief, Rick Mello

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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is July 11, 2024.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

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

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

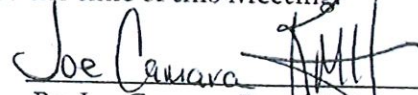
The Board President, Fire Chief or District Counsel will notify the public regarding any reportable action taken during closed session.

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: June 10, 2024

  
By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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## ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES MAY 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 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2024.

### II. ROLL CALL

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

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

Public Present: Anthony Aguirre

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Anthony Aguirre – Presented “in essence” an incident that occurred resulting in the loss of his wallet. Mr. Aguirre stated that he had passed by a solo vehicle accident resulting in Mr. Aguirre placing an injured person in his personal vehicle whilst calling 911 for help. Upon arrival, Escalon Fire and Escalon Community Ambulance assisted the patient from Mr. Aguirre’s personal vehicle. During this time, Mr. Aguirre stated he had noticed someone was in his vehicle, turning the vehicle off. (At this time Mr. Aguirre passes around photos of what his vehicle interior looks like after returning home from the incident.) Mr. Aguirre stated this incident has been investigated by Escalon Fire internally by Mr. Buckwalter. An employee of Escalon Fire initially took the wallet and handed it to the personnel of Escalon Community Ambulance for patient packaging. Mr. Aguirre stated when the employee realized the wallet was not the patient’s wallet, the employee then went to Escalon Community Ambulance to retrieve the wallet from the staff of Escalon Community Ambulance but was rejected and the ambulance drove off. Mr. Aguirre stated he wants accountability – the wallet is not at the hospital or at Escalon Fire Department. Mr. Aguirre states Fire Chief Rick Mello has been very

cooperative and has produced the right contacts to Mr. Aguirre for people he should reach out to.

- B. Director Camara – Thanked Mr. Aguirre for his public comment and re-iterated bylaws regarding the Boards comments and replies to public comments.

#### IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on April 11, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

#### V. BILLS

April bills in the amount of \$65,186.35 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Gregg.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

#### VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. VFIS – Insurance Provider – Review Driver Training

#### VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT –April 2024

- A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 83 calls for the month and 371 for 2024.

- B. Training

- a. April Drills

4-2-24	Progressive Hoselays	(11 participants)
4-10-24	Master Streams	(12 participants)
4-18-24	Mobile Fire Attack	(9 participants)
4-22-24*	Wildland (Live Fire)	(9 participants)

\* Unscheduled special training

The four candidates will be graduating from the academy in the first part of May and then we will get them scheduled for their medical exams. We have two new applicants that we will be interviewing.

The mobile radios have been installed and we have transitioned over to Command 6.

- C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: Weed survey initial inspection is complete. 30 First Warning letters were mailed. Several lots within the City were sent to the City for enforcement.

The A shift participated in Career Day at Dent Elementary. A fire safety demonstration was given to 60 students, as well as a tour of our equipment.



Farmer's Market season has kicked off and we were able to staff an informational booth at the April kick off market.

New business: Family treasure 2241 Jackson Ave. and Friendly Towing 1644 McHenry.

We have begun discussions with the Army Corp. of Engineers to address repairs to the boat ramp at McHenry Rec. This ramp is vital to water operations and is in need of repairs. Currently, we are unable to launch for this location, which delays our rescue efforts.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burn's Truck and Trailer for new brakes and service.
- The boat went to Paradise Point Engine and Boat Repair for service.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 5-1-24, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 4-17-24, general business and new election of vice president.

H. Miscellaneous

- The Appreciation Dinner was held Friday, April 26 at the Escalon Azores Band Hall. Fifty-five guests attended.
- The Lexipol policy manual project continues to move forward. Eighty policies have been "dropped" as of today.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Alternative Funding from San Joaquin County – Letter from Board to Supervisors

- a. Approved Alternative Funding letter read by Chief Mello from District Fire Board to San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, on a motion by Direction Schilber and a second by Director Koops.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

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Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>						
Sales ...	05/25/2024	Medlin, Samuel	Uniform - Long Sleeve	18.00	18.00	18.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>						
				18.00	18.00	18.00
<b>Property Tax</b>						
Deposit	05/03/2024	County of San Joaquin	APR 2024 ADV	654,840.32	654,840.32	654,840.32
Deposit	05/28/2024	County of San Joaquin	APR 2024 BAL	14,174.11	14,174.11	669,014.43
<b>Total Property Tax</b>						
				669,014.43	669,014.43	669,014.43
<b>Total Income</b>						
				669,032.43	669,032.43	669,032.43
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Communications</b>						
Bill	05/02/2024	GoTo Communications, ...	MONTHLY SERVICE	405.87	405.87	405.87
Bill	05/20/2024	AT&T	MONTHLY SERVICE	386.61	386.61	792.48
Bill	05/29/2024	Joint Radio Users Group...	DISPATCH FEE W/OEMS, DISPATCH FEE W/EMS, MEMBER FE...	1,892.90	1,892.90	2,685.38
<b>Total Communications</b>						
				2,685.38	2,685.38	2,685.38
<b>Fuel</b>						
Bill	05/02/2024	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	799.34	799.34	799.34
Credit...	05/02/2024	Flying J	FUEL	59.00	59.00	858.34
Bill	05/09/2024	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	1,133.61	1,133.61	1,991.95
Bill	05/28/2024	Valley Pacific Petroleum...	FUEL	802.77	802.77	2,794.72
<b>Total Fuel</b>						
				2,794.72	2,794.72	2,794.72
<b>Health Insurance</b>						
Bill	05/02/2024	Sun Life Financial	MAY 2024	151.24	151.24	151.24
Bill	05/09/2024	CaliforniaChoice Benefit...	JUNE 2024	11,809.97	11,809.97	11,961.21
Bill	05/28/2024	Sun Life Financial	JUNE 2024	151.24	151.24	12,112.45
<b>Total Health Insurance</b>						
				12,112.45	12,112.45	12,112.45
<b>Household</b>						
Bill	05/02/2024	Hiresafe Background Sc...	4X EMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS	252.15	252.15	252.15



11:23 AM Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
06/10/24 Profit & Loss Detail  
Cash Basis May 2024

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Bill	05/02/2024	Brady Industries	1CS CANLINER; 6X DEODORIZER; 3X FRESHENER	87.01	87.01	339.16
Check	05/08/2024	Amazon	3X BOX OF 100 DISPOSABLE NITRILE GLOVES	50.66	50.66	389.82
Bill	05/09/2024	Brady Industries	1 CS TISS BATH; 1CS TW ROLL; 3X DISPENSER	428.39	428.39	818.21
Bill	05/09/2024	Baker Print Co	35X UNIFORM TSHIRT; 20X 2XL TALL; 2 CHIEF POLOS	933.45	933.45	1,751.66
Bill	05/20/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	ICE MAKER FILTER; SHWR TUB&TILE CLNR; 3 PK SCOURPAD	68.50	68.50	1,820.16
Check	05/23/2024	1-800-FLOWERS	BC SILVA GET WELL FLOWERS	156.22	156.22	1,976.38
Check	05/25/2024	Mar-Val Main Street Ma...	TRAINING - LUNCH	121.43	121.43	2,097.81
Bill	05/28/2024	Robert L. Buchwalter	INVESTIGATION	2,475.00	2,475.00	4,572.81
Bill	05/28/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	PWR STRIP OUTLET	10.33	10.33	4,583.14
Total Household						
Maintenance						
BOAT 1-1						
Bill	05/09/2024	Paradise Point Engine &...	BOAT 1-1 FULL SERVICE	1,505.62	1,505.62	1,505.62
Total BOAT 1-1						
E 1-1						
Bill	05/09/2024	Burns Truck & Trailer	E 1-1 FULL SERVICE AND INSPECTION	2,077.65	2,077.65	2,077.65
Bill	05/20/2024	Burns Truck & Trailer	E 1-1 RESEAL ROCKER HOUSING & VALVE COVER; REPLACE...	2,471.61	2,471.61	4,549.26
Bill	05/28/2024	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	E 1-1 HOSE CLAMPS	3.87	3.87	4,553.13
Total E 1-1						
Maintenance - Other						
Bill	05/02/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	DUR BATT ALKLN 1PK	6.45	6.45	6.45
Bill	05/02/2024	Escalon Tire Supply	1X 255/70R-22.5	30.00	30.00	36.45
Bill	05/02/2024	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	500PC WIRETIE; TAPE; CONDUIT	31.75	31.75	68.20
Bill	05/20/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	9X FASTENERS	6.69	6.69	74.89
Total Maintenance - Other						
Total Maintenance						
Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
Check	05/08/2024	Amazon	2 PKS GARAGE DOOR HINGES	10.76	10.76	10.76
Bill	05/09/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	SCREWS FOR PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER	3.87	3.87	14.63

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amou...	Paid Amo...	Balance
Total Maintenance Structure & Grounds						
Miscellaneous Expense						
Bill	05/09/2024	Baker Print Co	SPECIALTY UNIFORM - 4X GALLS JACKET; 3X 511 1/4 ZIP; 4X ...	1,274.00	1,274.00	1,274.00
Total Miscellaneous Expense						
New Equipment						
Check	05/17/2024	SCUBA.COM	WATER RESCUE - 8 X FOAM VEST RED GREY	648.14	648.14	648.14
Total New Equipment						
Office Expenses						
Bill	05/02/2024	Warden's	2X COFFEE CREMER; 1CS SANITIZER; 2X 4PK TISSUE; 3PK DL...	197.12	197.12	197.12
Check	05/06/2024	STAPLES	1CS COFFEE CUPS; 4PK INK; 10PK WHT OUT; 500CRT LIDS; A...	339.26	339.26	536.38
Bill	05/09/2024	Ricoh USA, Inc. COPIES	839 B&W; 1072 COLOR	63.90	63.90	600.28
Bill	05/20/2024	Ricoh USA, Inc.	MONTHLY COPIER LEASE	202.67	202.67	802.95
Total Office Expenses						
Professional Services						
Bill	05/09/2024	Auriga Technology, LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE	480.00	480.00	480.00
Bill	05/28/2024	Auriga Technology, LLC	ANNUAL RENEWAL MICROSOFT 365	2,550.00	2,550.00	3,030.00
Total Professional Services						
Special Departmental Expenses						
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	20 LINENS	200.00	200.00	200.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	60 NAPKINS	45.00	45.00	245.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	60 PLATES	33.00	33.00	278.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	SILVERWEAR, KNIFE AND FORK	42.00	42.00	320.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	WINE GOBLETS	30.00	30.00	350.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	OPEN BAR	910.00	910.00	1,260.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	HALL RENTAL FEE	400.00	400.00	1,660.00
Bill	05/20/2024	Azores Band Hall	FOOD, HORS D'OEUVRES, DESSERT, COFFEE	2,450.00	2,450.00	4,110.00
Total Special Departmental Expenses						
Training & Transportation						
Bill	05/20/2024	Strand Ace Hardware Inc.	6X- 2X2X12	10.38	10.38	10.38



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Check	05/20/2024	Brunetti, Giovanni	EMT CERTIFICATION RE-IMBURSEMENT FEE	104.00	104.00	114.38
Check	05/28/2024	Mello, Rick	EMT RECERT RE-IMBURSEMENT	250.00	250.00	364.38
Total Training & Transportation						364.38
Utilities						
Bill	05/02/2024	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	120.44	120.44	120.44
Bill	05/09/2024	Gilton Solid Waste	MONTHLY SERVICE	126.77	126.77	247.21
Bill	05/09/2024	City of Escalon	MONTHLY SERVICE	209.25	209.25	456.46
Bill	05/20/2024	DIRECTV	MONTHLY SERVICE	184.99	184.99	641.45
Bill	05/20/2024	PG&E 2	STATION 2	141.54	141.54	782.99
Bill	05/20/2024	PG&E 1	STATION 1	1,315.20	1,315.20	2,098.19
Check	05/20/2024	Conexwest	MONTHLY STORAGE CONTAINER LEASE	85.12	85.12	2,183.31
Bill	05/28/2024	Verizon Wireless	MONTHLY SERVICE	174.61	174.61	2,357.92
Total Utilities						2,357.92
Workers Compensation Insurance						
Bill	05/28/2024	FRMS	2022-2023 PAYROLL ADJUSTMENT	9,513.00	9,513.00	9,513.00
Total Workers Compensation Insurance						9,513.00
Total Expense						50,424.35
Net Ordinary Income						618,608.08
Net Income						618,608.08



11:22 AM  
06/10/24  
Accrual Basis

Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
July 2023 through May 2024

	Jul '23 - May 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	67,996.10	128,354.00	-60,357.90	53.0%
Communications	30,423.40	41,000.00	-10,576.60	74.2%
Contingencies	0.00	70,000.00	-70,000.00	0.0%
Employee Expenses	0.00	989,715.00	-989,715.00	0.0%
Fire Prevention	2,920.29	3,500.00	-579.71	83.4%
Firefighter Safety Gear	14,103.01	16,500.00	-2,396.99	85.5%
Fuel	19,343.03	16,200.00	3,143.03	119.4%
Health Insurance	135,389.63	140,000.00	-4,610.37	96.7%
Household	26,634.52	28,000.00	-1,365.48	95.1%
Insurance Casualty	28,631.91	26,000.00	2,631.91	110.1%
Maintenance	18,405.28	30,000.00	-11,594.72	61.4%
Maintenance Structure & Grounds	4,406.44	8,000.00	-3,593.56	55.1%
Medi-Care	0.00	10,295.00	-10,295.00	0.0%
Memberships	7,298.44	2,200.00	5,098.44	331.7%
Miscellaneous Expense	1,613.88	2,000.00	-386.12	80.7%
New Equipment	937.99	9,000.00	-8,062.01	10.4%
Office Expenses	7,474.83	10,000.00	-2,525.17	74.7%
Overtime	0.00	64,000.00	-64,000.00	0.0%
Professional Services	16,885.04	30,000.00	-13,114.96	56.3%
Publications and Legal Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Retirement	101,878.40	67,200.00	34,678.40	151.6%
Salaries	774,196.79	646,000.00	128,196.79	119.8%
Small Tools & Equipment	15,845.65	7,000.00	8,845.65	226.4%
Social Security (FICA)	0.00	44,020.00	-44,020.00	0.0%
Special Accounting Reports	13,204.14	2,000.00	11,204.14	660.2%
Special Departmental Expenses	6,612.94	6,000.00	612.94	110.2%
Structure Improvements	288.34	7,000.00	-6,711.66	4.1%
Tax Administration Charges	0.00	21,000.00	-21,000.00	0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Training & Transportation	2,154.66	13,000.00	-10,845.34	16.6%
Unemployment Comp EDD	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Utilities	26,623.73	19,000.00	7,623.73	140.1%
Workers Compensation Insurance	93,458.00	74,000.00	19,458.00	126.3%
Total Expense	1,416,726.44	2,550,684.00	-1,133,957.56	55.5%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,416,726.44	-2,550,684.00	1,133,957.56	55.5%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Grants				
2023 ARPA	-365,241.07			
Special District COVID-19 Relie	24,603.32	490,090.50	-465,487.18	5.0%
Total Grants	-340,637.75	490,090.50	-830,728.25	-69.5%
Total Other Expense	-340,637.75	490,090.50	-830,728.25	-69.5%
Net Other Income	340,637.75	-490,090.50	830,728.25	-69.5%
Net Income	-1,076,088.69	-3,040,774.50	1,964,685.81	35.4%



**SAN JOAQUIN**  
—COUNTY—  
*Greatness grows here.*

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**Registrar of Voters**

Olivia Hale, Registrar of Voters

Eric Diaz, Assistant Registrar of Voters

June 3, 2024

**Via U.S. Mail and Email**

Re: Request from Two Special Districts to Move Their Elections to Even Numbered Years to Coincide and Consolidate with the Statewide General Elections

To Whom It May Concern:

As required by Section 10404(c) of the Elections Code, our office is notifying you on behalf of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors ("Board") that two special districts, the New Jerusalem Drainage District and the Linden-Peters Fire Protection District ("Districts"), have submitted resolutions to the Board via the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters ("ROV") to change the regularly scheduled elections for their governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years to coincide and consolidate with the statewide general elections. Pursuant to the Districts' resolutions, their respective November 2025 elections will be moved to November 2026 and the November 2027 elections to November 2028, thereby extending the terms of office of all current directors for said Districts accordingly. Copies of the Districts' resolutions are available for review in the ROV's Office.

Pursuant to Section 10404(c) of the Elections Code, the ROV on behalf of the Board hereby requests your input regarding the effect of consolidating the Districts' elections. Please note, while requested, your input is not mandatory. The Board will be considering the Districts' resolutions and the proposed consolidations at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 18, 2024. Any written input must be received by close of business on Friday, June 7, 2024, and submitted to the ROV at 44 North San Joaquin Street, Ste. 350, Stockton, CA 95202. Alternatively, input may be provided in person by attending the June 18, 2024, Board meeting, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. Persons wishing to address the Board in writing may submit their public comments by completing the online Public Comment Form at <https://sigov.link/public-comment>. Written public comments will not be read during the Public Comment period but will be made part of the official record on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Sincerely,

*Olivia Hale*

Olivia Hale

San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters

# Chief's Report

## June 2024

### Emergency Responses

### May 2024

- Medical Aid 64
- Public Service Assist 8
- Vehicle Accidents 11
- Vegetation Fires 2
- Structure Fires 2
- Vehicle Fires 1
- Other Incidents 11

- Total For Month: 99      Total May 23: 109
- Total for 2024: 470      Total for 2023: 493



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

**May Drills**

5-7-24	Review and Demo Extrication Tools	(11 participants)
5-15-24	Fire Shelter Deployment	(9 participants)
5-23-24	Water Rescue (Classroom)	(11 participants)
5-25-24*	Boat and Water Rescue Training	(11 participants)
5-30-24*	Firework Safety Training	(6 participants)

\* Unscheduled special training

We now have 7 candidates that are at different steps of the hiring process (background and medical). We are hoping to have everyone ready to go by July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will put on a mini academy before they are approved to ride shifts. This will be a nice addition with the busy part of the year upon us.

We have transitioned from the 24-hour program to the seasonal program. We have 8 reserves that signed seasonal contracts to participate in the seasonal program.

We sponsored a Firework safety class put on by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's department. Escalon Police sent personnel and we had personnel from several other fire and law enforcement agencies.

## **Prevention:**

Fire Prevention.

Five second grade classes from Dent Elementary made their annual visit to the fire station. We were one of several stops the children make at the end of every school year.

Weed Abatement is going well. Notices are being sent and compliance has been good. Complaints are being handled as they come in.

New businesses are filling vacant spaces. Family Treasures on Jackson is open, Glacier Psychological Services is open in the Mar-Val center, and Caliber Collision is taking over at Escalon Body and Fender.

## **Apparatus and Equipment**

- E 1-1 went to Burn's Truck & Trailer for an oil leak repair.
- E 1-3 went to Burn's Truck & Trailer for an air leak problem and a fuel gauge problem.
- Annual service was completed on the Bauer Compressor by Bauer of Livermore.
- E 1-1 and WT 1-1 suffered minor damage to light lenses and gauges in support of a structure fire at a large nut processing facility in Ripon. Several feet of hose were also damaged. Ripon is working with the facilities insurance company to repair the damages and replace the hose.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

- Nothing to report.

## **San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association**

- Meeting 6-5-24, general business and annual luncheon (did not attend – on vacation).

## **San Joaquin County Radio Users Group**

- Meeting 5-15-24, meeting canceled.

## **Miscellaneous**

- The Lexipol policy manual project continues to move forward. 110 policies have been “dropped” as of today.
- On Tuesday, May 14, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved special funding for the fire districts in the county.
- On May 23, Chief Mello met with Interim City Manager Jaylen French and Police Chief Anthony Hardgraves to discuss issues affecting the city, police department and fire district. We anticipate meeting every other month.
- On Sunday, June 2 at 9:44 p.m. Escalon Fire responded automatic aid with Ripon for a structure fire at a large nut processing facility in the 17000 block of French Camp Road. Because of the nature of the combustibles the fire is still smoldering. On June 4, Escalon personnel provided “fire watch” assistance for Ripon at the scene of the incident.



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BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESCALON  
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF SAN JOAQUIN  
COUNTY

Resolution No. 24-1

RESOLUTION ADOPTING EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS  
FOR 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS Government Code Section 7910 requires this District by resolution to establish its appropriations limit for the following fiscal year under California Constitution, Article XIII B: and

WHEREAS the proposed appropriations limit for the 2024-2025 year with its supporting documentation has been available to the public for inspection for at least 15 days at the Fire District's Fire Station, located at 1749 Coley Avenue, Escalon, California.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriations limit for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$3,887,718.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 13th day of June 2024 following vote of the Board of Directors, to wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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Joe Camara  
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESCALON  
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF SAN JOAQUIN  
COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 24-2**

**RESOLUTION TO SET THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATES**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District set the Special Assessment rates at their meeting on June 13, 2024. Those rates are as follows:

Category A.	Residential Dwelling:	0.05000000 sq. ft.
Category B.	Commercial Residential:	0.05000000 sq. ft.
Category C.	Agriculture:	0.03000000 sq. ft.
Category D.	Dairies/Excluding Loafing Barns:	0.03000000 sq. ft.
Category E.	Commercial:	0.05000000 sq. ft.
Category F.	Industry:	0.05000000 sq. ft.
Category G.	Vacant Residential Lots:	\$12.00 per parcel
Category H.	Vacant Commercial Lots:	\$35.00 per acre unit
Category I.	Vacant Industrial Lots:	\$50.00 per parcel
Category J.	Gas Wells:	\$25.00 per parcel
Category K.	Waste Lands:	\$10.00 per parcel
Category L.	State Board of Equalization:	\$10.00 per acre unit
Category M.	Mobile Home Residential Lots:	\$15.00 per year

A special rate for chicken and/or poultry ranches has been established as 0.005896 per square foot.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 13th day of June 2024 by the following votes of the Board of Directors, to wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

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Joe Camara  
Escalon Consolidated Fire Protection District  
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CHIEF DEPUTIES  
Randipa Gauba-Accounting  
Janice McCutcheon, CPA-Internal Audit  
Lori Rolleri-Payroll  
Stanley Lawrence-Property Tax

May 2, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors - Fire Protection / Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Jeffery M. Woltkamp, Auditor-Controller 

SUBJECT: Proposition 4 - Government Spending Limit Calculation for FY 2024-2025

Attached is the 2024-2025 Proposition 4 Appropriation Limit proposed for your district.

The factors used in computing the Limit are provided by the State Department of Finance.

If you agree with our computation, we recommend that you adopt a resolution to establish your FY 2024-2025 appropriation limit before the end of the current fiscal year, and forward a copy of the resolution to us.

If your district has a higher percentage change in non-residential assessed valuation from fiscal year 2022-2023 to fiscal year 2023-2024 than the percentage change of CPCPI (3.62%), we can adjust the computation upon receiving the supporting documentation. If you have a special population growth study performed by the State Department of Finance for 2024-2025, please forward a copy to us so we may update the Spending Limit computation.

Should you have any questions regarding the spending limit, please contact Tammy Lagorio at our office at 209-953-1184.

JMW: tl

Enclosures

Posted: May 6, 2024



Posted May 16, 2024

Calculation of Budget Limit		
Fire District Name:	ESCALON	
Budget Limit to Be Established For Fiscal Year:		2024-2025
Budget Limit - Current Year		\$ 3,744,784
Percentage Change in Per Capita Personal Income [CPCPI]	X	103.62%
		3,880,345
Population Change Factor	X	100.19%
Budget Limit For the Coming Year		\$ 3,887,718

Escalon Fire District  
Preliminary Budget 2024-2025

Salaries Combined	\$ 667,000.00
Overtime	\$ 66,000.00
Retirement	\$ 78,000.00
Social Security/EDD/M-Care	\$ 67,100.00
Health/Dental/Vision	\$ 145,000.00
Cafeteria Plan Medical	\$ 7,200.00
Office Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Communications	\$ 41,000.00
Memberships	\$ 2,200.00
Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00
Fuel	\$ 16,800.00
Training	\$ 13,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 30,000.00
Special Accounting Reports	\$ 2,000.00
Auditor Direct Assessment	\$
Tax Administration Charges	\$ 22,000.00
Publications and Legal Notices	\$ 500.00
Special Departmental Expense	\$ 6,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 3,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Firefighter Safety Gear	\$ 17,000.00
Dept. Expense (Household)	\$ 28,000.00
Utilities	\$ 17,000.00
Maintenance Structure and Grounds	\$ 8,000.00
Small Tools and Equipment	\$ 7,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 77,000.00
Insurance Casualty	\$ 27,000.00
Taxes and Assessments	\$ 1,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$
Structure Improvements	\$ 7,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 9,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,407,300.00
Contingencies	\$ 70,000.00
Total Budget	\$ 1,477,300.00

Escalon Fire District  
Projected Revenue 2024-2025

- Property Tax: \$ 1,427,796.03
- Fire Facility Fees: \$ 30,000.00
- Service Fees/Misc.: \$ 10,000.00
- County Special Funding: \$ 14,472.00
- Total Revenue: \$ 1,482,226.03