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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
NOVEMBER 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 3:59 p.m. on November 14, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

Public Present: Laura Catrina, Paul Rivera, and Tyler Lucas.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Vice President Paul Rivera from Oakdale Fire Protection District presented district board a letter to 'Request to Initiate Negotiations for Contractual Fire Services or Change of Organization Before the Stanislaus County or San Joaquin County LAFCO'.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on October 10, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

October bills in the amount of \$29,821.96 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Gregg and a second by Director Koops.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Vice President Paul Rivera from Oakdale Fire Protection District presented district board a letter to 'Request to Initiate Negotiations for Contractual Fire Services or Change of Organization Before the Stanislaus County or San Joaquin County LAFCO'.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – November 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 117 calls for the month and 1,019 for 2024.

B. Training

a. October Drills

10-1-24	Confined Space Rescue	(13 participants)
10-9-24	Heavy Rescue Drill	(12 participants)
10-17-24	Drafting and Portable Tank Operations	(11 participants)

We have 3 reserve candidates in backgrounds and medicals. We hope to have them ready to go by the first of the year.

With the national fire reporting changing from NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) to NERIS (National Emergency Response Information System) our current software does not meet the standards. We have been forced to change vendors from Emergency Reporting to ESO.

No new business from the FIU.

We held Fill the Boot on October 26th and 27th and brought in around \$21,000 for the Burn Foundation.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: Our annual Smoke Detector program has launched, and residents are being visited this month.

No new developments have been submitted to the City and there hasn't been a Planning Commission meeting in six months.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- Annual pump testing was completed by Burton's Fire.
- Two new batteries were installed on Brush 1-1.
- Siren on E 1-1 was sent in, repaired and reinstalled.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 11-6-24, general business (unable to attend).

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 10-16-24, general business (hosted at EFD).

H. Miscellaneous

- Fill-the-Boot for Burns was held October 26 and 27. Over \$21,000.00 was raised for the Firefighters Burn Institute.
- On November 1, Escalon Fire personnel attended "Coffee with a Cop" at McDonald's.
- Escalon Fire took part in the Veteran's Day parade on November 11.
- The annual Christmas toy drive will begin on November 18, with distribution of the collection boxes. The giveaway will take place on December 19.
- Thank you to outgoing Director Steve Gregg for his service to the District.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report on Meeting with Escalon High School First Responder Instructor.

- a. Fire Chief, Rick Mello met with High School Fire Responder Instructor, Seth Davis to discuss a future program.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2 x 2 Committee with City

- a. Chairperson Joe Camara appointed himself and Vice Chairperson Jason Koops. to the 2 x 2 committee.

B. House Paging System

- a. Approved utilizing the remaining ARPA fund for re-imbursement and not to exceed \$30,000.00 from Capital Expenses for the House Paging System project on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-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 1st Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on December 12, 2024.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. No Closed Session.

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: December 12, 2024


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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