

Escalon Consolidated Fire  
Protection District

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**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES  
JUNE 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 12:06 p.m. on June 13, 2024.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Directors late: Steven Gregg

Staff Present: Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Firefighter Engineer Dave Velasco, and Reserve Firefighter Samuel Medlin.

Public Present: Nanette Spitulski – Power Business Technology

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. No public comment.

**IV. MINUTES**

Minutes for the meeting on May 9, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Koops.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

**V. BILLS**

May bills in the amount of \$50,424.35 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

## VI. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Registrar of Voters Letter - Request from Two Special Districts to Move Their Elections to Even Numbered Years to Concide and Consolidate with the Statewide General Elections

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

### A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 99 calls for the month and 470 for 2024.

### B. Training

#### a. 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 1st. 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.

### C. 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.

### D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burn's Truck and 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.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

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

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 5-15-24, meeting canceled.

H. 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.

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.

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

- B. Approval of Resolution 24-2 Setting the Special Assessment Tax Rates.  
a. Approved on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Schilber.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT
- C. Preliminary Budget 2024 - 2025  
a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT
- D. Authorize Fire Chief as Voting Member for JRUG  
a. Approved on a motion by Director Gregg and a second by Director Schilber.  
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT
- E. New Copier Lease – Power Business Technology  
a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Escalon, California. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on July 11, 2024

XI. **CLOSED SESSION**

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

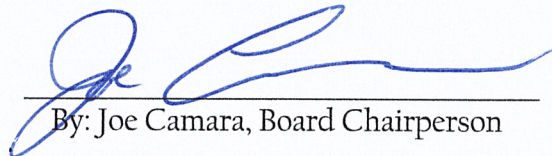
XII. **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

XIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

XIV. **ADJOURN**

XV. **CERTIFICATION**

Date: July 11, 2024

  
By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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