



**ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
OCTOBER 2023**

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 4:01 p.m. on October 12, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Others present Fire Chief Rick Mello, Administrative Assistant Katy House, and Battalion Chief Moe Silva.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on September 14, 2023, were approved on a motion by Director Hogan and a second by Director Gregg.
5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

September bills in the amount of \$33,143.05 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. No communications.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - October 2023

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 93 calls for the month and 902 for 2023.

B. Training

a. September Drills

9-5-2023	Hotel Pack Deployment	(11 participants)
9-13-2023	Technical Rescue Training	(11 participants)
9-21-2023	EMS Skills Review	(9 participants)

We are in the process of interviewing new applicants at this time.

C. Prevention

This week is Fire Prevention week. We will be visiting Dent and Van Allen schools for our annual fire safety presentation.

Business Inspections are progressing. The new on-line database entry has its challenges with the poor reception through Verizon. We are working our way through it.

New businesses. Don Rafa's Tacos at the Qwik Mart on Jackson Ave. is now open. The Depot (old true Value location) is open. They offer home furnishings, overstock items, and various items.

Three businesses have relocated, Olivia Dawn Candles have moved to 2235 Jackson Ave. Mi Taco Union de Tula Jail has moved from Orlando's parking lot to 2407 Jackson and Hair by Sara is now located at 1710 Main St.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- Nothing to report.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- The roof project is scheduled to begin this month. Upon completion, we will move forward with the solar project provided via ARPA funds.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- a. Meeting 10-4-23, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- a. Meeting 9-20-23, general business (unable to attend due to Reno Conference).

H. Miscellaneous

- Chief Mello attended the Fire Shows West conference in Reno September 18-21.
- FRMS (formerly FASIS) now provides an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at no charge to our personnel. These programs typically are provided, if available at an expense to the employee.
- We are currently providing flu vaccines via Escalon Community Health Center for those personnel wishing to receive one.
- VFIS has adjusted their program to provide coverage for structures.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. No new business.

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 November 9, 2023.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. Employee Contracts (Section 54957)
Title: Fire Chief

XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A. Employee Contracts (Section 54957) – Title: Fire Chief
a. Fire Chief Rick Mello and the Board of Directors signed a 5-year contract for the position of Fire Chief.

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: December 14, 2023


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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