



ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
JULY 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 4:02 p.m. on July 11, 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, Battalion Chief Dan Morriss, Firefighter Engineer Dave Velasco, and Reserve Firefighter Samuel Medlin.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting on June 13, 2024, were approved on a motion by Director Koops and a second by Director Hogan.

5-AYES 0-NAYES 0-ABSENT

V. BILLS

June bills in the amount of \$22,594.74 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 – July 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

- a. 102 calls for the month and 572 for 2024.

B. Training

a. June Drills

6-4-24	Wildland (hand tools and mop up)	(11 participants)
6-12-24	Turnout Drills	(6 participants)
6-20-24	Hose and Ladder Evolutions	(9 participants)

The 7 new candidates have received their PPE and will begin their training in July.

We had 3 of our Fire Investigators (Burr, Christensen and Rodriguez) as part of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's fireworks task force. They played a part in the arrest of two individuals with the intent to sell illegal fireworks.

We have joined the county FIU.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention: The department is working with the city on several projects that are in development stages. Our input has been well received. We have met with City officials twice in June and several site visits and meetings are forthcoming.

Business inspections are ongoing. A new behavioral health clinic has opened in the MarVal shopping center.

We are continuing to utilize the Farmers Market as an outreach site, to educate the community on fire safety, and to recruit new reserves.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- New propeller for Boat 1-1 installed in-house.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Nothing to report.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 7-3-24, lack of quorum.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 6-19-24, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- The Lexipol policy manual project continues to move forward. 120 policies have been "dropped" as of today.

- There were no fireworks related incidents in District and illegal firework activity seemed to be down this year. Escalon Fire did respond to a tree on fire in Riverbank for Stanislaus Consolidated.
- We have tentatively been awarded the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant applied for back in January. The regional grant was applied for in the amount of \$ 403,350.68. OTS is awarding \$ 165,000.00, which is \$ 41,250.00 per agency. The grant was hosted by French Camp Fire District, and included French Camp, Ripon, Montezuma, and Escalon.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Budget 2024-2025

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

B. Financial Audit – Engage Letter 2022 - 2023

- a. Approved 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 August 8, 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: August 8, 2024


By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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