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ESCALON CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
AUGUST 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 4:03 p.m. on August 8, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Directors absent: Steven Gregg

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

IV. MINUTES

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

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

V. BILLS

July bills in the amount of \$75,232.46 were approved to be paid on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Koops.

4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-ABSENT

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. No Communications.

VII. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – August 2024

A. Status of Fire Department

a. 101 calls for the month and 673 for 2024.

B. Training

a. July Drills

7-2-24	Heat Related Illnesses	(8 participants)
7-10-24	Hazmat FRO Refresher	(15 participants)
7-18-24	Hose loads and lays	(14 participants)

We have 6 new reserves online and have begun their orientation training. We are hoping to have them ready to start shifts by mid to late August.

We sent 4 personnel to the FI-210 (Wildland Fire Investigation) class in Clements. The 4 personnel will be able to apply for their Fire Investigator task books now.

We have five reserve applications that we will be reviewing and holding interviews in August.

The new reserves and the on-duty crew set up Brush 1-1 at Park Fete and let the kids spray water at targets and then provided a water fog off the front monitor for the kids to cool off in.

C. Prevention

Fire Prevention and Public Education: Crews took part in the Boys and Girls Club summer camp at Van Allen. Roughly kids participating in fire education, a tour of our equipment and we finish with turning our hoses on them and cooling them off in the sweltering heat.

Crews set up a table at the Farmers Market. Participation was low, likely due to the heat.

New business and expansion of a current business: Construction has begun on Weldway Industries, Brennan and Hwy 120.

An application for expansion at the Lionudakis property is under review. We have asked the City to require a fire pump and water storage dedicated to fire protection. The current system in place is for mixed use, domestic and industrial, and would not provide adequate water for firefighting purposes. There has been no follow-up to our request.

D. Apparatus and Equipment

- E 1-1 went to Burns Truck & Trailer for some electrical issues.
- E 1-2 went to McDowell and Davis for air conditioner work.

E. Buildings and Grounds

- Modesto Overhead Door Came out and repaired the center rear bay door.

F. San Joaquin County Fire Chief's Association

- Meeting 8-7-24, general business.

G. San Joaquin County Radio Users Group

- Meeting 7-17-24, general business.

H. Miscellaneous

- Chief Mello attended the Senior Mr. and Mrs. Escalon luncheon on Tuesday, July 23. The honorees are our very own Honorary Members, Glenn and Terri Van Ruler.
- Our annual 9-11 Community Moment of Silence and Prayer will be on Wednesday, September 11, at 9: 11 a.m. in front of the station.
- Crews provided water activities for the kids during the afternoon of Park Fete.
- We took part in Escalon Police Department's National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, August 6.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. No Old Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Audit – Engagement Letter 2023 - 2024

- a. Approved on a motion by Director Schilber and a second by Director Hogan.
4-AYES 0-NAYES 1-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 September 12, 2024.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. No Closed Session.


XII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

XIV. ADJOURN

XV. CERTIFICATION

Date: October 10, 2024



By: Joe Camara, Board Chairperson

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