

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
ESPARTO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
PO BOX 366, 16960 YOLO AVE, ESPARTO, CA**

**MEETING LOCATION: ESPARTO COMMUNITY HALL, 17020 YOLO AVE, ESPARTO, CA 95627**

**APRIL 9, 2026  
MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Rudy Lucero.

**2. Roll Call**

Members present: Rudy Lucero, John Hulsman, Barry Burns, Dave Schwenger and Mitch Roath  
Other present: Chief Curtis Lawrence and Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Chief Lawrence requested that Item 14.A, Closed Session – Potential Litigation (§ 54956.9), be removed from the agenda and that an emergency personnel issue be added as Item 14.B, Closed Session – Personnel (§ 54957). A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsman and seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the agenda as amended.

**Ayes: 5   Noes: 0   Absent: 0**

**4. Board Member Communication**

None

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Approve Minutes of March 12, 2026 Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsman and seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the March 12, 2026 minutes.

**Ayes: 3 (Commissioners Lucero, Hulsman, and Burns)      Noes: 0      Absent: 0**

**Abstain: 2 (Commissioners Schwenger and Roath)**

**7. Approve Payment of April 9, 2026 Claims**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Schwenger to approve the April 9, 2026 claims.

**Ayes: 5   Noes: 0   Absent: 0**

**8. Review Financial Report Including:**

A. Claims Paid on March 16, 2026

The financial report and claims paid on March 16, 2026 were reviewed by the Board.

**9. Review and Approve Board Policies:**

- A. 1055 – Personal Information – Format and Protection
- B. 3005 – Esparto Community Hall Rental and Use

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwenger and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve Board Policy 1055 and Board Policy 3005

**Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0**

**10. Fire District’s Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee**

There were no updates to report.

**11. Yolo County Fire Safe Council**

- A. Updates

Commissioner Hulsman reported on the Fire Safe Council meeting.

- B. Yolo Prescribed Burn Association

There were no updates to report.

**12. Staff Reports**

- A. Office Report – Chief Lawrence reported that:

- a. Commissioners Lucero, Hulsman, and Schwenger still need to complete Ethics Training.
- b. Commissioners Burns and Schwenger still need to complete Sexual Harassment Training.
- c. All new Community Hall documents, including the use application, rules and rates, and frequently asked questions, have been posted to the website. Any non-standard use of the hall must be approved by the Fire Chief.

- B. Building & Maintenance Report – Chief Lawrence reported that:

- a. All annual vehicle service has been completed.
- b. He is working on scheduling pump testing.
- c. Repairs to Water Tender 19 are estimated to cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000.
- d. Squad 19’s oil leak and minor fuel leak have not been repaired. A decision is still needed on whether to invest in future repairs or declare the vehicle surplus.
- e. Utility 19 is receiving new batteries and all new tires.

- C. Chief’s Report – Chief Lawrence reported:

- a. The Yolo County Civil Grand Jury released its Esparto Fireworks Explosion report and he recommended that all Commissioners review it. No formal action is required based on the findings.
- b. He provided an update on the Chief Officer classes he is taking.
- c. He provided an update on the Volunteer’s Safety and Training Committee’s efforts. The volunteers approved the purchase of rope rescue gear, which will require training.
- d. He will be extending an employment offer to fill the vacant position and anticipates the new employee will begin in May.
- e. He is continuing to research training opportunities for staff related to electric vehicles (EVs) and battery banks.

- f. He provided an update on the Gibson Solar Project. The County recently approved the approximately 40-acre project.

**13. Convene to Closed Session**

A. Potential Litigation (§ 54956.9)

This item was removed from the agenda.

B. Personnel (§ 54957)

This emergency item was added to the agenda.

Chair Lucero convened the meeting to Closed Session at 6:27 p.m.

**14. Reconvene to Open Session**

Chair Lucero reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:39 p.m. and reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

**15. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Schwenger to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**Ayes: 5   Noes: 0   Absent: 0**

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Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board