

**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

**June 11, 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, Dave Schwenger, Mitch Roath and Barry Burns

Members Absent: None

Other present: Chief Curtis Lawrence, Assistant Chief Rebecca Schwenger and Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsman and seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

4. Board Member Communication

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Approve Minutes of May 14, 2026 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 2 (Commissioner Schwenger and Commissioner Roath)

7. Approve Payment of June 11, 2026 Claims

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwenger and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the June 11, 2026 claims.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

8. Review Financial Report Including:

A. Claims Paid on May 15, 2026

The financial report and claims paid on May 15, 2026 were reviewed by the Board.

9. Review and Approve FY 2026-27 Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwenger and seconded by Commissioner Burns, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget, with total financial sources of \$1,388,206 and to fund the increase to the General Reserve with local property tax revenue.

10. Review and Approve County of Yolo's Department of Finance's Special Districts and Other Agencies Authorization Form for FY 2026-27

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwenger and seconded by Commissioner Hulsman to approve the County of Yolo's Department of Finance's Special Districts and Other Agencies Authorization Form for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

11. Authorize the Fire Chief to Execute the 2027 OTS Grant Agreement (EM27002) Upon Final Grant Approval and to Make All Purchases Necessary to Implement and Satisfy the Grant Award

A motion was made by Commissioner Roath, and seconded by Commissioner Schwenger, to authorize the Fire Chief to execute the 2027 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Agreement (EM27002) upon final grant approval and to make all purchases necessary to implement and satisfy the requirements of the grant award. The motion also authorized Chair Lucero to serve as the Authorizing Official for the grant and Commissioner Burns to serve as the Fiscal Official.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

12. Fire District's Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

There were no updates to report.

13. Yolo County Fire Safe Council

A. Updates

Commissioner Hulsman reported that the following items were discussed at the most recent Fire Safe Council meeting:

- AB 2037, a proposed grant program designed to assist seniors with the cost of wildfire mitigation activities on their properties.
- The possibility that Capay Valley Vision and New Season may establish a cooling center.
- The contractor hired to replace signs along Highways 16 and 128 did not possess the required contractor's license.

B. Yolo Prescribed Burn Association

There were no updates.

14. Staff Reports

A. Office Report – Chief Lawrence reported that:

- a. Commissioner Schwenger still needs to complete the required Ethics Training.
- b. The District received the fourth-quarter sustainability income payment, which will be reflected as a deposit in June 2026.
- c. The District received an additional Public Records Act (PRA) request regarding insurance coverage.

B. Building & Maintenance Report

- a. Pump testing for all apparatus is scheduled to take place next Wednesday.
- b. Engine 219 has been returned to service following the completion of all repairs.

C. Chief's Report – Chief Lawrence reported the following:

- a. An update on the Insurance Services Office (ISO) review currently being conducted for the District.

- b. An update on District training, noting that the paid staff and volunteers are highly engaged and that the quality of recent training courses has improved.
- c. The District is currently participating in a pre-position task force due to the current red-flag warnings. Related costs will be reimbursed by OES.
- d. The District has responded to 219 calls to date.

15. Convene to Closed Session - Potential Litigation (§ 54956.9)

A. 1 Claim Received Against the District

Chair Lucero convened the meeting to Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

16. Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Lucero reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:40 p.m. Chair Lucero reported that, during Closed Session, the Board took action by unanimous vote to reject the claim filed against the District.

17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns and seconded by Commissioner Roath to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

Printed Name

Title

Monica Burns, Secretary to the Board