



February 19, 2026

**TO:** Emergency Services Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 2 – 02/19/2026 Emergency Services Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

**President**  
Matthew D. Fourcroy

**Vice President**  
Charles L. Cesena

**Directors**  
Tom Cross  
Richard Hubbard  
Christine M. Womack

**General Manager**  
Ron Munds

**District Accountant**  
Robert Stilts, CPA

**Unit Chief**  
John Owens

**Battalion Chief**  
Joshua Lorenzo

**DESCRIPTION**

Attached are the minutes of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting held November 20, 2025 for your review and approval.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that the Emergency Services Advisory Committee adopt the following Motion:

***Motion: I move that the Emergency Services Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the ESAC meeting held November 20, 2025.***

Attachment  
11/20/25 Emergency Services Advisory Committee Minutes

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**Los Osos Community Services District**  
**DRAFT - Minutes of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p><b>1. Call to Order Flag Salute Roll Call</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Womack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call:            Craig Baltimore, Committee Member – Absent            Gee Barger, Committee Member - Present            Bob Neumann, Committee Member – Present            Gary Orback, Committee Member – Present            Thomas Tengdin, Committee Member – Absent            Vice Chairperson Tom Cross – Present – on-line            Chairperson Christine Womack – Present</p> <p>Staff:            Ron Munds, General Manager            Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager            Joshua Lorenzo – Battalion Chief</p>	
<p><b>2. Approve ESAC Minutes of August 21, 2025</b></p>	<p>Chairperson Womack presented the minutes for approval.</p> <p>Committee Member Orback cited a correction needed in the minutes of the previous meeting (held on August 21, 2025)</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p><b>Committee Member Neumann made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2025 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Orback and passed with unanimous consent.</b></p>	<p><b>Action – Filed Approved Minutes</b></p>
<p><b>5. Fire Department Quarterly Statistics</b></p>	<p>Battalion Chief Lorenzo introduced himself to the Committee and provided a report for September to November 2025.</p> <p>Public Comment – Deborah Howe inquired about burning in Monarch Grove.</p> <p>Battalion Chief Lorenzo said that it would be cleaned and restored, with no burning.</p> <p>General Manager Munds thanked Battalion Chief Lorenzo and Krys Rodriguez, Staff Service Analyst (SSA).</p> <p>Committee Member Neumann commented on the Fire Safe Council, including the need of a new leader to replace Jose Torres.</p> <p>Committee Member Orback commented on Jose Torres's efforts to mow the field behind Vista Court.</p>	<p><b>Action – None</b></p>
<p><b>3. Review of Fund 301 Financial Reports for the Period Ending September 30, 2025</b></p>	<p>General Manager Munds presented, commenting on the unanticipated expenses and plans to reinvigorate the Reserve program, including the purchase of new PPE.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	<p><b>Action – None</b></p>
<p><b>4. General Manager Report</b></p>	<p>General Manager Munds presented comments on the Los Osos Emergency Operation Plan, the South Bay Community Center Backup Generation Project update, and the Fund 301 fire budget deficit options update.</p> <p>Richard Margetson commented on the South Bay Community Center Backup Generation Project</p> <p>Committee Member Orback inquired about the savings if the District contracts directly with CalFire.</p>	<p><b>Action – None</b></p>

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	<p>General Manager Munds commented on the overhead costs the County charges.</p> <p>Committee Member Neuman inquired about the model Pismo Beach uses for its operations.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that Pismo Beach operates under a direct contract with CalFire, differences include Los Osos having Advanced Life Support (ALS) and is looking to move to 4-0 staffing.</p> <p>Public Comment – Deborah Howe commented on obtaining help from Supervisor Gibson and Blake Fixler for funding the Community Center Backup Generation Project and on exploring options for discounts or elimination of permit fees.</p> <p>Marcie Begleiter, representing Estero Bay CERT, provided an update on recent training, communication connections and equipment needs, and inquired about the approval of their \$3500 request made to the CSD.</p> <p>Richard Margetson commented on the community's desire to maintain current levels of service, and on the previous waving of permit fees.</p> <p>Jeff Edwards commented on the Special Fire Tax and the April 2023 assessment of Station 15, noting its condition, deficiencies, and the need for an upgrade.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that, regarding the CERT program, a written request for funds is needed. Capital reserves and grants will be used to pay for upgrades to the fire station, and the Special Fire Tax will be for operations.</p> <p>Committee Member Neumann commented that PG&amp;E should be contacted to put the wires underground.</p>	
<b>6. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda</b>	Public Comment – None	<b>Action – None</b>
<b>7. Schedule Next ESAC Meeting</b>	The next Emergency Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.	
<b>8. Closing Comments by ESAC Committee Members</b>	Chairperson Womack thanked the Committee for its service this year and the community members for attending.	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.	