

**Los Osos Community Services District
Minutes of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order Flag Salute Roll Call	<p>Chairperson Womack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call: Craig Baltimore, Committee Member – Present Gee Barger, Committee Member - Absent Bob Neumann, Committee Member – Present – Arrived remotely via AB 2449 with no objections at 5:30 p.m. Gary Orback, Committee Member – Present Thomas Tengdin, Committee Member – Absent Vice Chairperson Tom Cross – Absent Chairperson Christine Womack – Present</p> <p>Staff: Ron Munds, General Manager Joshua Lorenzo – Battalion Chief</p>	
2. Approve ESAC Minutes of November 20, 2025	<p>Chairperson Womack presented the minutes for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Orback made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Baltimore and passed with unanimous consent.</p>	Action – Filed Approved Minutes
3. Fire Department Update	<p>Munds reported 290 emergency calls between December 1, 2025, and February 9, 2026, including 103 consecutive calls, 212 medical aids, and three surf rescues, as well as special programs and projects. He also inquired about 14 of the 17 false fire alarms. In addition, 20 out of 26 reserve applicants passed the physical ability test, and 11 were selected to begin training on February 21. Fire Captain Paramedic Pearl has transitioned to the Training Bureau, and Fire Captain Paramedic Hanada will take over. Fire Apparatus Engineer–Paramedic Jared Hart has accepted a Fire Captain–Paramedic promotion at Station 72.</p> <p>Battalion Chief Lorenzo responded that the false alarm designation is determined at the command center. He also spoke about the firefighters from Station 15 who responded to a call on Christmas Day in 2024 and revived a prematurely born baby. One year later, they met with the family.</p> <p>Committee Member Baltimore inquired about surf rescue reimbursements, the 4-0 staffing - at Station 15, and if Morro Bay is still being considered as a partner for staffing the fire station.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that there is a trade-off with the state, but no reimbursement. We are also working on the partnership contracting and other costs needed to calculate the fire tax increase for the 4-0 staffing model, while awaiting a proposal from Morro Bay.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	Action – None
4. Los Osos Emergency Operations Plan	<p>General Manager Munds provided background and updates since the August 2025 meeting and discussed sections 1-7 of the plan, and the new addendums.</p> <p>Chairperson Womack inquired about the Tsunami map.</p> <p>Committee Member Neumann noted that the Los Osos tsunami map will be integrated into the upcoming revisions of state and county tsunami maps.</p> <p>General Manager Munds continued with the financial impacts of the Los Osos Emergency Operations Plan.</p>	Action – The Committee recommended to the Board that the Board adopt the Los Osos Emergency Operations Plan as presented.

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	<p>Committee Member Neuman commented on the Los Osos plan being a condensed version of the County Plan, keeping it a live document, adding job-action sheets, and keeping emergency supplies to a minimum.</p> <p>Committee Baltimore inquired about coordination with Diablo Canyon for earthquake emergencies.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that the County EOC would be activated to handle earthquake emergencies.</p> <p>Public Comment – Richard Margetson commented on discussing what food to stock at the Community Center.</p> <p>Committee Member Baltimore made a motion to recommend to the Board that the Board adopt the Los Osos Emergency Operations Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Orback and passed with unanimous consent.</p>	
5. Fund 301 FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Review	<p>General Manager Munds presented the mid-year adjustments, reserve allocations, and unassigned cash moved to the Capital Outlay Reserve.</p> <p>Committee Member Orback inquired about the fire tax increase being placed on the November ballot.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented on what needs to be factored in, including a decision on the CalFire contract, and it will be at least a couple of years out.</p> <p>Public Comment – Jeff Edwards commented on the April 2023 assessment of Station 15, noting its condition, deficiencies, and the use of the Reserves.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that there will have to be a comprehensive review of the cost when we are ready to move forward.</p> <p>Committee Member Baltimore commented on the increased cost of a new building and inquired about a temporary building.</p> <p>Division Chief Brant commented that firefighters' housing is the primary issue.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented on the current location being logistically favorable and the plans being comprehensive.</p> <p>Division Chief Brant noted that housing for the firefighters was found during construction of the Pismo Beach fire station.</p>	Action – None
6. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda	<p>Public Comment – Richard Margetson inquired about moving the fire station to Sunnyside and shared a Christmas story about a toy drive.</p>	
7. Schedule Next ESAC Meeting	<p>The next Emergency Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.</p>	
8. Closing Comments by ESAC Committee Members	<p>Chairperson Womack thanked Committee Member Newmann for his work on the Emergency Operations Plan.</p>	
9. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.</p>	