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August 20, 2026

TO: Emergency Services Advisory Committee

FROM: Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 2 – 08/20/2026 Emergency Services Advisory Committee Meeting**
Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

DESCRIPTION

Attached are the minutes of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting held May 21, 2026, 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 May 21, 2026.

Attachment
05/21/2026 Emergency Services Advisory Committee Minutes

Los Osos Community Services District
DRAFT - Minutes of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION Vote	FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order **Flag Salute** **Roll Call**	Chairperson Womack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call: Craig Baltimore, Committee Member – Present Bob Neumann, Committee Member – Present Gary Orback, Committee Member – Present Thomas Tengdin, Committee Member – Present Vice Chairperson Tom Cross – Present Chairperson Christine Womack – Present Staff: Greg Kwolek, General Manager Ron Munds, Interim General Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager	
2. Approve ESAC Minutes of February 19, 2026	Chairperson Womack presented the minutes for approval. Public Comment – None **Committee Member Neuman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Tengdin and passed with unanimous consent.**	**Action – Filed Approved Minutes**
3. Fire Department Update	Interim General Manager Munds provided updates on emergency activities, fire department updates, and special programs and projects for Station 15 from March 1 to May 13. Public Comment – None	**Action – None**
4. Review of Board Approved ESAC Work Plan for 2026	Interim General Manager Munds presented the recommendations for the ESAC 2026 Work Plan. Public Comment – None	**Action – None**
5. Cal Fire Contract	Interim General Manager Munds presented and commented on the proposals from Cal Fire (direct contract) and the City of Morro Bay, including the 3-person versus 4-person models, the Cal Fire interim proposal, and next steps. Committee Member Tengdin commented on dispatch cost. Committee Member Orback inquired about the dispatchers' work location. Interim General Manager Munds responded that the new dispatch center is in Templeton. Committee Member Baltimore inquired about whether the 3.5% escalation is a fixed rate or a projection, the Morro Bay relationship and future projections, and whether uptrends will be kept at the top level for a potential special fire tax increase. Interim General Manager Munds commented that the expected increase will be fixed and will be closer to 5%; the relationship with Morro Bay would be like the CalFire relationship; and the fire tax increase will support future growth and maintenance. Committee Member Neuman voiced his support for those involved in the contract and commented that Morro Bay Fire is excellent, but that CalFire has the necessary resources; commented on the County's fire call volume; Los Osos demographics; ambulance service; and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD).	**Action – None**

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	The committee discussed mutual aid from CalFire vs Morro Bay. Public Comment – Richard Margetson commented on what CalFire brings, changing the .6% to 60%, and on annual escalation in the contract. Gary Katayama inquired about the difference in contract pricing between the old and new contracts. Interim General Manager Munds commented on cost escalation. Committee Member Baltimore commented on the 3.5% escalation.	
6. Fund 301 FY 2026-27 Budget Review	Interim General Manager Munds presented Fund 301 Fiscal Year 2026-27 Draft Budget commenting on major requests and summary. Committee Member Baltimore inquired about mechanisms to increase tax beyond CPI. Interim General Manager Munds responded that a Prop 218 vote would be required. Committee Member Orback commented that a 2/3rd majority is required for the fire tax. Public Comment – Vice Chairperson Cross noted that the budget had adjusted from a negative operating budget to positive. Richard Margetson inquired about the General Contingency Reserves, the Public Facility Fees, and commented on the Fire Mitigation Fund. **Committee Member Neumann made a motion to recommend to the Board that the Board adopt the Fund 301 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Orback and passed with unanimous consent.**	**Action – The Committee recommended to the Board that the Board adopt the Fund 301 budget as presented t.**
7. Update on Station 15 Remodel/New Construction Costs Estimates	Interim General Manager Munds presented and commented on the Station 15 assessment report by Omni Design and options for considering updates to the Station 15 building. Committee Neumann voiced support for option 2, and for the location, inquired about the life cycle of a new building and the placement of power lines in front of the station versus underground. Committee Member Baltimore commented that the standard lifespan of a new building is 40 to 50 years with minimal care, but it could be extended with proper maintenance. General Manager Kwolek commented that moving the powerline underground in front of the Station would require forming an underground district. The County may have credits, which makes it worth investigating. Committee Member Tengdin commented on the use of energy-efficient equipment. Committee Member Baltimore commented on his experience with PGE concerning underground power lines in 2001, power line hazards, and looking at seismic standards for hospitals. Committee Member Orback commented on a new fire station and inquired whether the footprint of the current lot would be adequate for a new station and where the station be relocated if the District goes with option 2, and commented on the impact of high fuel costs	**Action – None**

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	Interim General Manager Munds stated that the current site is optimal; most sites have no space, except for down Palisades. There is potential for demolition or reconstruction, and part of option 2 is to expand to the north side and build storage. CalFire officials noted that temporary accommodations can be arranged. Committee Member Neumann commented that typically a new station can get a grant or a low-interest rate loan. Interim General Manager Munds commented that there is not much grant funding currently but is researching it. Public Comment – Jeff Edwards commented on building new being a better decision than modernizing; the items missing from the update; recruiting and retaining firefighters needs to be considered; phasing is more costly and disruptive; building new in 18 months; contracting methodology; engineering process; turnkey project, and life cycle costs; the District should obtain a second and third opinion; figure $1000 per square foot for new construction; and include costs such as staffing in fire tax increases. Richard Margetson commented that option 2 has already increased in cost and inquired whether a decision is needed this fiscal year. He noted the need for ample information to present to the community and that a remodel could be financed with the reserves and unassigned cash. Interim General Manager Munds commented that it is an important move for the District to make a decision this year towards whichever project we decide on as cost escalation is also important to consider. Committee Member Neumann inquired if OMNI has fire station experience. Interim General Manager Munds responded that OMNI handled the Paso Robles fire station and other projects, which was one of the reasons we chose them for the assessment. Committee Baltimore commented on the priority of this, the need to figure out anchoring of architectural items.	
8. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda	Public Comment – None	
9. Schedule Next ESAC Meeting	The next Emergency Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.	
10. Closing Comments by ESAC Committee Members	Committee Member Baltimore welcomed General Manager Kwolek. Chairperson Womack thanked the Committee and the Public.	
11. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.	