

**MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES OF ESCALON CEMETERY DISTRICT
28320 E. River Road, Escalon, CA 95320**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

11:00 A.M.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Board President, Terri Rocha
Board Treasurer, Lynn Hogue
Board Secretary, John Bedell

District Manager, Laura Alcantor
Office Assistant, Annmarie Freeseha

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes:

Approval of minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on June 10, 2026, and Special Board Actions from July and August 2026. No meeting was held in July 2026.

B. Financial Statements:

Presented by: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: June 2026 – Final reports will be published during the last week of August 2026 and will not be available until September 2026 Board Meeting.

Attachments: None

C. Warrants for Bills, Invoices and Required Payments:

Presented by: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: List of bills, invoices, and other payments the district is required to make and the source of the account from which the payment will be made.

Attachments: June and July 2026 Warrant Logs

VI. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Burials:

June 2026	7	Calendar (YTD)	41	June 2026	7	Calendar (YTD)	41
Resident	3	Resident	24	Casket	2	Casket	24
Non-Resident	4	Non-Resident	17	Cremation	5	Cremation	17
Fiscal (YTD)	76	Fiscal (YTD)	76	Other (Monthly)		Other Fiscal (YTD)	
Resident	41	Casket	40	Pre-Needs	1	Pre-Needs	33
Non-Resident	35	Cremation	36	Vases	4	Vases	29

July 2026	5	Calendar (YTD)	46	July 2026	5	Calendar (YTD)	46
Resident	3	Resident	27	Casket	3	Casket	27
Non-Resident	2	Non-Resident	19	Cremation	2	Cremation	19
Fiscal (YTD)	5	Fiscal (YTD)	5	Other (Monthly)		Other (F-YTD)	
Resident	3	Casket	3	Pre-Needs	16	Pre-Needs	16
Non-Resident	2	Cremation	2	Vases	4	Vases	4

B. Bank Accounts:

Presented by: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Discussion, activity, and balance of bank accounts at Oak Valley Community Bank.

Attachments: June & July 2026 Statements

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. All American Veterans Voice

Presenting: Duke Cooper, All American Veterans Voices

Requested Action/Purpose: Headstones for Veterans

Summary: Duke Cooper, President of All American Veterans Voice, will present information regarding a fundraiser to provide headstones for veterans at Burwood Cemetery. His organization intends to purchase the headstones and cover installation costs. The District would contact families to obtain permission before any placement.

Attachments: None

B. Non-Qualified Burial Policy

Presenting: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Review and approval of Non- Qualified burial request

Summary: Consideration and Approval of Board Policy Regarding Delegation of Authority for Immediate-Need Burials.

Attachments: None

C. Emergency Irrigation System Repair – Old Gardens

Presenting: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Report of emergency operational action taken between meetings.

Summary: In early July 2026, the District experienced a failure in the main irrigation system serving the Old Gardens. Contractors confirmed a break in the underground line beneath the pump requiring emergency repair. Because the July regular meeting was not held, each Board member was contacted individually and approved the emergency repair and use of the Capital Outlay Fund. No trustee-to-trustee communication occurred. Repairs began on July 8, 2026.

Attachments: None

D. Non-Qualified Burial Exception

Presenting: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Board review and direction regarding a non-qualified pre-need casket burial request.

Summary: An unqualified pre-need casket burial request has been submitted by an individual who performs occasional work at Burwood Cemetery.

Attachments: None

E. Cemetery Informational Brochure

Presenting: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Discussion and possible direction regarding the use of an informational brochure for families about permanent placement options for cremated remains.

Summary: The District Manager will present sample brochures for Board review and request direction on whether the District may use these materials as part of its public informational resources.

Attachments: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. California CLASS Investment

Presented by: Rick Wood, Chief Finance & Operations Officer, California Special Districts Association

Requested Action/Purpose: Moving forward with essential preparations and policies for investing monies that are currently with the county. Policies are ready for review and approval.

Attachments: None

B. South Property Washout

Presenting: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Discussion of corrective action options. Bidding process underway

Summary: Tabled pending possible irrigation issue completed.

Attachments: Proposed bids have been reviewed.

C. Irrigation Issue – Future Gardens 17-26

Presenting: Laura Alcantor, District Manager

Requested Action/Purpose: Discussion of corrective action to the existing irrigation system.

Attachments: None

Previous Action: Spoke with Gary, territory manager of Heritage Landscape, on June 4th. He is arranging a Rain Bird Specialist to visit the cemetery for guidance.

Updated Information: Gary and Hunter's Sales Manager visited Burwood Cemetery to evaluate the irrigation system. Based on testing, they recommend transitioning to a wireless irrigation setup for improved reliability. The owner-operator of Swift Lawn and Garden is preparing a formal bid for installation costs. Burwood Cemetery to purchase all required materials directly through Heritage Landscape at wholesale pricing, and Swift Lawn and Garden to provide installation services only.

IX. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY TRUSTEES

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. at the Cemetery Office located at 28320 E. River Road, Escalon, CA 95320. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for September 9, 2026.

XII. ADJOURN

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CERTIFICATION

I, Laura Alcantor, District Manager for the Escalon Cemetery District, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted at the Cemetery Office, 28320 E. River Road, Escalon, California at least 72 hours prior to the time of this Meeting.

Date: August 7, 2026

Laura Alcantor, District Manager

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