

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, 9:30-11:30 am

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- . Introductions
- . Approval of March 2024, minutes
- . Speaker this month: Deon Stein, attorney specializing in Davis Sterling HOA law, gave a tour de force presentation about Davis Sterling law. He went through each of the statute numbers of the law and explained in practical layperson's language how that section applies to our Davis Sterling HOAs in EPPOC. It is not possible for me to summarize the details that does justice to Deon. Deon's presentation if from 00:01:20 to 00:58:20 for the presentation itself and 00:58:20 to 01:12:49 for the Q&A. I know a fifty-seven-minute presentation may seem long, but Deon is a superb distiller of content, so there is no wasted time. Justs gems.

I highly recommend that *all* the Board of Directors and Managers in our wonderful EPPOC community who belong to HOAs governed by Davis Sterling law watch this video. You will not be disappointed!

- Reports:
 - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis – Eric requested that \$200 be provided to Martha Ruben to support her upcoming May 3rd Fire Safe meeting at Independence Hall.
 - EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman \$375.10 in the treasury after \$200 donation.
 - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty
 - Calaveras County Public Works – Monica Remus
 - Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – Searching for selection of site for future location of Fire Station #3. Ebbetts Pass Community price for ambulance service PHI \$55/year and CalStar Reach \$79/year. Vote in July for Gann limit authorization of the legislation was passed in 2020 to support Ebbetts Pass Fire District. This is not request for more money, just a requirement that previous spending authorization be revisited. Martha Ruben talked about the upcoming Fire Wise program at Independence Hall on May 3rd and all the organizations who will be there talking about public safety.
 - CHP–Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson, Commander Tim McCollister
 - Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Whiting reported that there was practice for active shooter incidents with multiple agencies. OES did community wildfire protection plan kickoff meeting last week. Staffing at the Sheriff's Office is going well because of raises that were effectuated last year.
 - CalFire – Dennis Lange – Two engines staffed in Arnold and Skull Creek engine will remain in Arnold until snow allows access to Skull Creek. CalFire is doing fuels projects in the area.

- CCWD –Kelly Gerkenmeyer, Michael Minkler, Bertha Underhill – Kelly reminded us that there will be an open position on the CCWD Board with Bertha’s moving out of District 3. Go to the CCWD website to learn more about applying for the job.
- County Office of Emergency Services – Bajit Singh
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- FOAM Friends of the Arnold Meadow – Colleen Dienger
- FOCAS – Kim deArrillaga & Christine Albertine
- Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin reported that book fair will be Memorial Day Weekend from 9 to 4 and that in anticipation Martha welcomes all book donations.
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith – Main Road open by May 1st. Group cabin closed for remodel. Dump station open by May 1st.
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Vida Kenk – Vida covered the programs that go into the summer. The Climate Stewards program starts May 26th, open to the public after docent’s signup. Read 6 hours of material before start of program. Covering climate science and public outreach. There will be guided hikes to the South Grove. Bruce’s bird walks start May 27th. Daily summer interpretive programs start in June. Astronomy nights start May 8th. Also, Night Skies by Doc Nancy start in June. 94th birthday of Calaveras Big Trees State Park this summer. A brochure has been developed to be given to short term renters and real estate offices. Julia Costello will be talking about archeology in the Park May 3 in the afternoon. Wild Things program in early June. The food trailer will be back the end of May. Improved shade for the picnic tables.
- Calaveras Council of Governments – no current representative
- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand
- Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach – Steve recommended that folks go to arnoldrimtrail.org and download avenza maps app and the Arnold Rim Trail map so you know where you are in real time all the time. Also, go to the events page on the website and on the lower right folks can download the entire 2025 schedule including guided nature hikes, guided sunset hikes to Cougar Rock and other activities.

. Open Forum: What’s on your mind that is not on the agenda?

Marcie Powers reported that OES Director recently had wildfire planning meeting for Calaveras County. The Director will be creating a public comment document for citizens to provide feedback. There is going to be a one-day event on May 31st from noon to five to talk about what everyone can do to help prevent a catastrophic wildfire. Talk about home hardening and fuels reduction. Home hardening is important to learn about. There will be films, presentations, and panel discussions. There will be giveaways of items and services to support fire safety. Event will be held at Bret Harte Theater. More information to follow including how to sign up.

. Adjournment: 11:30 am (approximately)