EPPOC Minutes - Approved as Amended
Zoom Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 9:30-11:30 am

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- Approval of June minutes
- We were going to introduce the new CHP Commander Rich Anglesey at this meeting but because of the Gann fire he understandably needed to excuse himself
- Speaker: Our speaker was to have been Sgt. Cole Waite, Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Services Director, who was going to be speaking about evacuation planning and the resources that are available to us from OES, but he too had to understandably excuse himself because of the Gann Fire.

  We shall reschedule both of them for a future meeting.

- Monthly Reports:
  - Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Rachelle Whiting
  - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty – Martin is working on the Caltrans over-spray issue on Highway 4. CalTrans will be closing Ebbetts Pass Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug 10-12, County had to reduce budget $13 million this year but not at the cost of public safety. - 11:30 to 17:30 in the video.
  - Calaveras County Public Works – Julie Ames
  - Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – The Chief explained that the Gann fire was being managed by our local CalFire Unit in unified command with our Calaveras Sheriff's Department. He provided detailed information about how the fire is being managed. Structures have been lost. The Chief did an excellent job of explaining about the technical aspects of back-firing as a firefighting technique. 01:17 to 11:15 in video
  - EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman - $330.90 in treasury
  - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis
  - CHP–Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson, Commander Rich Anglesey
  - CalFire – Dennis Lange
  - Calaveras Office of Emergency Services – Sergeant Cole Waite
  - Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin

- CCWD –Kelly Gerkensmeyer, Jeffrey Robertson – Kelly noted that this Sept 6th marks CCWD's 80th birthday when the voters of Calaveras approved the special water district. He will be making a presentation about the birthday on Oct 11th at the Angels Camp Museum. The history of CCWD is remarkable and Kelly would be eager to provide his presentation. Please request here: https://www.ccwd.org/request-a-speaker – 20:30 to 24:30
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith – Burning in the Park will be restricted to BBQs and campfire pits - 25:00 to 27:00
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Paul & Vida – August 16th at 10am seminar on history of the Mammoth Hotel. Food Trailer open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, full schedule of programs continue including the Astronomy programs through August and are always available at: https://bigtrees.org/events/
  Bird walks continue on Thursday at 9:30am through September.
  – 27:00 to 31:30
- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand
- Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach –robust Board of Directors. Rob Houghton is the new Executive Director of ARTA. He has excellent grant writing skills.

. Open Forum: What's on your mind that is not on the agenda? Mary noted that State law does not allow dogs on pool decks along with all the ancillary facilities associated with a pool. She mentioned that e-bikes, eMotos, and go-carts can be dangerous on public roads.

Lynn Wilder noted that one of the Blue Lake Springs homeowners has created an iPhone app called "BLS Event Tracker" that tracks power outage, downed trees on our roads. Works when power is out. He is working on an Android version. We will present more about this at a subsequent meeting.

- Adjournment: 11:30 am (approximately)