

EPPOC May Draft Minutes
Zoom Meeting Wednesday, May 6th, 9:30-11:30 am

Link to June Zoom Meeting:

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- We approved the minutes of May meeting.
- The June speaker: Our May speaker was Sergeant Cole Waite, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services in the Sheriff's Department.

Sgt. Waite gave a robust introduction to his role in the Sheriff's Department supporting by an excellent PowerPoint. The Office of Emergency Services was recently brought back to the Sheriff's Department and he is overseeing OES. He is also on Search and Rescue. OES has two staff, Sgt. Waite and Emergency Service Analyst Haylee Mossa. His talk covered all the functions of OES including QR codes and URLs for services that we citizens can utilize (at 9:44 in the video). In the question-and-answer session he explained the intricacies of how OES plays a cornerstone role working with local and state agencies like Ebbetts Pass Fire District and CalFire to coordinate services during an emergency.

I highly recommend that you watch the video of the meeting with Sgt. Waite's excellent presentation and the question-and-answer period from 00:02:28 to 00:29:45 in the video.

- Monthly Reports:
 - Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Rachelle Whiting – (video from 19:16 to 23:55). The Sheriff answered a question about AT&T no longer supporting land lines.
 - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty –Martin could not attend since he had a prior commitment. He sent his report to Eric and that is to contact Martin directly whenever one of us has issues. Martin prefers not to use social media for communications; instead, please email him directly mhuberty@co.calaveras.ca.us
If there are issues with PG&E projects for example, please let him know.

Martha also mentioned that Maarten is working to get information sheets to the realtors, real estate management companies, that they can leave at the rental units, including the Airbnb's about evacuations and other issues that we face in the county.

- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Paul Prescott, 00:51:00 to 00:59:20. Vida reported that the campgrounds are open and reservations can be booked online:

<https://www.parks.ca.gov/737>

She reviewed the activities listed in the CBT report attached to this email.

You may also review activities at:

<https://bigtrees.org/events/>

Vida provided an excellent summary of all park activities.

Marjorie asked an excellent question about when the minutes would be available, since she pointed out that some June Park activities are coming up soon. As Secretary, I apologize for not sending the minutes sooner. I wish I had completed them before June 14, when I suffered a fall that caused a concussion and multiple fractures, led to a 17-day hospitalization, and began a long convalescence in San Francisco. Since the accident, using the computer has been very difficult, but I am now well enough to create and send the minutes. I apologize for this delay and for the many previous times I have been tardy.

- Calaveras County Public Works – Julie Ames – 00:41:13 00:46:30 to Julie introduced yourself, she is taking over for Monica Remus. She asked Public Works lead Jen Herndon to speak who explained that they are going to be two public safety pedestrian projects in Murphys this summer. PG&E will continue its projects in the Arnold area and if there are any traffic delays longer than 15 minutes, please let Julie at Public work know by calling the Public Works or filing the reports online. Mary Boblet asked that Xfinity and AT&T be asked if they could return and the metal pieces that are still on the ground from repairs done after the February storm.
- Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – 00:32:10 to 00:41:00 Once again, an excellent report from the Chief: Eric Davis mentioned that on NextDoor someone who is new to the area asked about supporting our local firefighters and the response was overwhelmingly supportive of Chief Johnson and Ebbetts Pass Fire District. The chief expressed his appreciation and noted how honored they are to serve our community. Joan Lark is stepping down as fire prevention officer and the district is looking for a replacement. Hat's off to Joan for her years of service.
- EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman Treasury has \$333.90 and the \$200 check to the Firewise Event has not cleared, so we will have \$133.90 in treasury.

- EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis
 - CHP–Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson, Commander Tim McCollister
 - CalFire –
 - Calaveras Office of Emergency Services –
 - Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch & Firewise event– Martha Rubin. – 00:47:30 00:50:30 to Martha thanked everyone for buying books at the recent sale, they are now preparing for the Labor Day book sale and taking book donations. Children and adult reading programs and book club and other programs are happening at the library - please check the attachments to the email. For Fire Wise they are working on tallying a county wide count of all the fire Wise communities in Calaveras County.
 - CCWD –Kelly Gerkenmeyer, Jeffrey Robertson – Martha said that CCWD will be celebrating their 80th birthday.
 - Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
 - CalWaste – Jillian Goss
 - California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith
 - Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand
 - Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve
- Open Forum: What's on your mind that is not on the agenda? Mary brought up the fact that pets are not allowed at HOA pools. Eric confirmed that this is also an OSHA rule.
 - Adjournment: at 10:40am