

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

Link to May Zoom Meeting:

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- We approved the minutes of April meeting.

- The May speaker: Our May speaker was Jason Waite, the Administrative Lieutenant and Public Information Office in the Sheriff's Department. Lt. Waite gave a wonderful introduction to his role in the Department and an explanation of the operational functioning of the Sheriff's Department. He invited us to call him directly at his desk phone 209-754-6786 if we if we have something of concern that we would like him to bring to his attention. Or email him at jwaite@calaverascounty.gov. We may also call the Sheriff's Dept general number, push the number one for dispatch. (209) 754-6500 which goes to the same dispatch as 911. (Emergencies should always go to 911.) In any case, whether we call or email him or call dispatch, it's important to voice our concerns because doing so enters them in the system.
Lt. Waite also highly recommends that we attend the upcoming Community Hazard Mitigation Workshop on May 19th at the Government Center in San Andreas. (See attached flyer.)
I strongly recommend that you watch the video of the meeting with Lt. Waite's entire presentation as it is rich with useful information from 01:55 to 19:16.

- 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 an all-day prior commitment. He submitted this written report: “First off, I would be covering the same territory as you. Great Firewise Meeting, Great ERSN meeting and push the importance of getting on the

Net. Get ready for the Fair, new museum exhibit at the Angels hotel - the bar where MT first heard the story of the jumping frog. Things going on at the County - Budget is super tight this year - we will be making some cuts - lots of people upset the Archives will be a part of that discussion but nothing is set until June. I will of course do everything possible to keep the archives going. The pass is open today. I think that's it in a nutshell...."

- Calaveras County Public Works – Monica Remus –
- Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – 24:10 to 31:20. Once again, an excellent report from the Chief: reminder that permit burning started May 1st new fire stations near entrance to Forest Meadows will be completed in several years, job posting for a new fire inspector replacing Joan Lark who is retiring after years of dedicated service. Hat's off to Joan for her incredible 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. – Martha thanked everyone to participated in Firewise this year! Huge success. Thanks Fire Fighters Assoc for doing the BBQ and everyone who participated. Mark calendars for May 1st, 2027, for next Firewise Event. Library report: Book sale at Library on Memorial Day weekend Saturday and Sunday 9am-4-m. Taking book donations through May 20th. (for both reports 35:00 to 37:15)
- CCWD –Kelly Gerkenmeyer, Jeffrey Robertson – Kelly reported that the CCWD crew worked around the clock during and after the storm. CCWD worked really closely with Public Works. Public Works was extremely helpful to CCWD during the storm. Kelly's report is from 52:00 to 54:30.
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Paul Prescott, Debbie McGee – 38:00 to 43:00) Paul reported that full summer programs begin June 15 through August 16th including tours of North and South Groves, the Campfires, the Junior Rangers, etc. They will have a preview of the summer programs on Memorial Day Weekend. Still clearing the South Grove trail from the February storm but it should be ready by June 15th. Campgrounds should be fully open by May 15th, and the North Grove guided hikes are still happening

now on Saturdays at 11:30am. The Parkway is open but the bridge over the North Fork is still limited to one lane traffic. When CalTrans does replace the bridge and there is not date for that, of course Beaver Creek picnic area and access to the South Grove will be absent for that summer.

- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand
- Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach mentioned that the 2nd annual Run the Rim will be on May 31st and that it now includes an ultra-distance, at 50k in addition to shorter distances. Go to arnoldrimtrail.org to sign up. Steve mentioned that he has stepped down after fifteen years as ARTA Chair to become Chair Emeritus and that the new ARTA Chair Greg Novacek is a super replacement who will upgrade the position substantially. (44:00 to 53:00)

- Open Forum: What’s on your mind that is not on the agenda? Laura mentioned that Red Cross will be doing smoke alarm installations at the two motor-home parks in Angels Camp on May 23rd. Also doing one in Doug Flat in Murphys. Also, the Diggins on June 6th.

Becky Mich with American Red Cross thanked Laura and Martha and Debbie Beck for their volunteering activities. Rebecca also wanted to thank local Red Cross team for developing a micro-grant for the purchase of medical supplies for the local fire department. Martha mentioned there is a Red Cross blood drive on May 27th at the Moose. (49:30 to 51:00)

- Adjournment: at 10:45am