

EPPOC Draft Minutes, version 2  
(Zoom link was broken in version 1)  
Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 9:30-11:30 am

Zoom meeting:

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- . Introductions
- . Approval of September 2025 minutes
- . **October meeting speaker: Eric Holt, Director of Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services.**

Eric provided a superb overview of the OES, Office of Emergency Service. I highly recommend you watch this section of the video from 00:06:25 to 00:42:06.

  - If you haven't already signed up for the emergency notifications from the County using the Everbridge link, please go to this website and sign up:  
<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736729028#/login>
  - It is worth visiting the OES website to learn all about their service:  
<https://oes.calaverasgov.us>
  - Eric, Sheriff Whiting, and others recommend that we download the smartphone fire app called Watch Duty. It is a non-profit that provides prompt up-to-date information about current fires. You pick the California Counties that you want to be notified when a fire starts and all the follow-up about that fire.  
<https://www.watchduty.org>
- Reports:
  - EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman \$375.10, Laura recommended EPPOC donate \$100 to the Firewise Calaveras County Event November 1, 2025. Approved, check goes to Resource Conservation District who are underwriting the event.
  - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis
  - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty – Martin talked about the divider in Murphys and follow-up with CalTrans and the cold case task force. Watch from 00:44:45 to 00:51:18  
Sheriff Whiting suggested visiting the website to purchase tickets for the fund raiser on November 8<sup>th</sup>:  
<https://www.calaverascoldcase.org>
  - Calaveras County Public Works – Monica Remus – 00:51:10 to 00:52:53. Monica said that Public Works is working to assist in resolving the issues created by the median in Murphys. Monica is looking for plow drivers from the local district. Monica reminds us to clean out our driveway culverts. County is responsible for the culverts along the roads.
  - Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – Rodney filled in for Chief Mike. The Fire District is getting ready for winter weather. 00:56:00 to 00:57:40.
  - CHP–Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson, Commander Tim McCollister
  - Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Whiting reported that she spoke with Sons in Retirement in September. We are fully staffed in dispatch. Three recruits in the police academy. If

children are treat-or-treating to wear visible clothing, reflective or glow sticks. 01:02:20 to 01:06:10.

- CalFire – Dennis Lange
- Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin – Paula will be the new Tuesday Wed Thurs position. Interviewing for Fri/Sat person. 01:06:25 to 01:08:00.
- Debriefing on the Be Fire Wise Preparedness Event – Martha Rubin – November 1, 2025, there is going to be an incredible event at the Fair Grounds about fire safety. HOAs who are Firewise Communities are invited to attend and present how they became Firewise. Martha is inviting County Supervisors. The Resource Conservation District is the host and fiscal underwriter. CalFire will be there. EPFD will attend. Home hardening vendors will attend. Lots more: please watch the video from 00:01:15 to 00:06:00. This is an excellent event that needs more publicity! We should all attend.
- CCWD – Kelly Gerkenmeyer, Jeffrey Robertson
- County Office of Emergency Services – Bajit Singh and Eric Holt
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- FOAM Friends of the Arnold Meadow – Colleen Dienger – Martin reports that he is working with a private individual who may purchase the meadow directly and create a park.
- FOCAS – Kim deArrillaga & Christine Albertine
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith – Heather reported that staff is winterizing campgrounds for the winter. Heather covered the prescribed burns that are scheduled including the maps. 01:08:06 to
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Paul Prescott – Paul reported the Visitors Center goes on winter hours 10-4 and the only guided hike is the North Grove hike in the winter Saturday 11:30am. 01:15:10 to 01:16:30.
- Calaveras Council of Governments – no current representative
- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand
- Arnold Rim Trail Association – Steve Lauterbach. – ARTA is applying for a Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant to build 10 miles of new trail, 7 miles of trail that need some rerouting, and 3 miles to be decommissioned.

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

– Vida Kenk talked about the Independence Hall Quilters group. One hundred members meet at 10 am at Independence Hall each Monday. There was a fund raiser over the weekend of Oct 17/19 to raise money to pay the rent for Independence Hall, give money to Hazel Fischer teachers, work with Child Protective Services. I apologize for distributing these minutes after the event occurred.

– Mary recommended a free app named Flight Radar 24 that shows air traffic around fires.

– Martha mentioned the passing of Dave Gallagher who was President of Meadowmont HOA. He also served on the Board of White Pines Lake. He also was the EPPOC Representative for Meadowmont for many years. Sweet person, he shall be missed.

– Vida noted the passage of Bunny Firebaugh who donated more than 6,000 hours of volunteer time at the State Park.

– Sonja Keller reminded us about Ambulance insurance. If you wish to learn more about ambulance insurance, please visit the minutes of the November 2024 meeting. It includes the link to watch Sonya's presentation if you wish:

<https://eppoc.org/EPPOC%20Minutes%20November%202024.pdf>