EPPOC Draft Minutes
Zoom Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 9:30-11:30 am

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- Approval of September minutes – September minutes approved.
- Introducing our new CHP Commander: Commander Rich Anglesey provided a wonderful introduction to his serving as our CHP Calaveras Commander. He lived in Folsom but over the decades he and his family vacationed in Calaveras and he has fond memories of our wonderful community. He is now honored to be our CHP Commander. I *highly* recommend watching the video of his presentation, so you get to know him and his goals and aspirations for CHP in Calaveras going forward. 00:00:45 to 00:13:10 in the video.
- Speaker: Sgt. Cole Waite of the Sheriff's Department's Office of Emergency Services provided a step-by-step review of items that we should be checking off our list to be prepared in the event of an evacuation or power outage. What I like about Sgt. Cole is his clear and direct approach. This segment also includes a discussion of joining the local GRMS radio group to be able to communicate with others when the power is out and there is no internet connectivity. Ken Sanders explained about the local GRMS radio group called Ebbetts Safety Radio Network (ERSN.net) that has formed so that when the power, internet, and cell service are out the citizens belonging to this group can still communicate with each other. There are currently about 100 members.
  Also included is a comment by Sheriff Whiting with information about volunteering with the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department.
  Finally, Lynn Wilder mentioned that a resident of Blue Lake Springs has created an app called BLS Event Tracker for Android and iPhone that users can report issues.
  I *strongly* recommend you watch Sgt. Waite's presentation as he takes us through the list. 00:13:20 to 00:47:10.
- Monthly Reports:
  - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis

- EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman – EPPOC treasury has $213.90.
- Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Rachelle Whiting – 00:47:30 to 00:54:19, questions were asked about having Fish and Game at the EPPOC meetings, question about shooting wildlife in our neighborhoods, use of e-bikes by officers. Sheriff's department has recently purchased four new e-bikes.
- Calaveras Office of Emergency Services – Sergeant Cole Waite
- District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty
- Calaveras County Public Works – Julie Ames
- Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – 00:54:24 to 01:08:30, Chief talked about Winterwise event Oct 24 at Independence Hall where Sheriff Dept OES, EPFD, PG&E, CCWD, Supervisor Huberty, Public Works, will be represented. (see attachment to email), Countywide Firewise will be Oct 17th at Ironstone. (See attachment). We are still in fire season so be careful. New fire engine will be arriving soon. EPFD has hired a new fire inspector for vacant lots as Joan Lark has retired. He has a law enforcement background. The Chief answered questions about tree safety, the Vial of Life program,
- CHP–Commander Rich Anglesey, Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson
- CalFire – Dennis Lange
- Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin
- CCWD –Kelly Gerkensmeyer, Jeffrey Robertson – 01:08:20 to 01:12:43, Kelly explained that CCWD filed the application for the North Fork Hydro-electric project. This is an application to renew the current fifty-year license. In October will be doing a large concrete pour for the secondary wastewater treatment plant in Arnold. Will be replacing the water tank above White Pines Lake. CCWD will be moving to monthly billing.
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith – 01:16:40 to 01:30:51, Oak Hollow Campground closed. Heather gave a wonderful update on all the activities happening in the Park, including talking in detail about the Prescribed Burns.
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Paul Prescott, Debbie McGee – 01:12:50 to 01:16:34, Paul reported that many schools will be coming up in October to participate in the school program called "Buses to Big Trees" introducing children to the Park. New program instituted where Giant Sequoia seedlings that have sprouted since Prescribed Burning has been instituted are being counted.
- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand

- Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach – 01:30:56 to 01:35:10 = Steve talked about e-Bikes on the Stanislaus National Forest which as motorized vehicles have been outlawed on non-motorized trails. However the Forest is considering updating this policy. Mary mentioned the Roadless rule which is being considered on a national basis, and this is a new consideration that will need to be considered. But for now, the Stanislaus National Forest is considering whether to allow certain classes of e-Bikes on non-motorized trails and a decision may be forthcoming soon.

- Open Forum: What's on your mind that is not on the agenda?
  Jeff Robertson introduced himself as our District 3 CCWD Board member. He mentioned that the Sawmill Water Tank during Snowmagenden was down to a few thousand gallons to supply all of Arnold and Jeff was really impressed with CCWD employees in their selfless commitment to supplying water to our citizenry in the way they work with NCPA (Northern California Power Agency) to keep water and water pressure during prolonged power outages and weather.
  Mary noted that the August EPPOC minutes were updated regarding dogs in HOA common spaces. She also spoke about bio-mass plants. Jeff commented that CCWD has been considering a bio-mass plant at the sewage treatment plant in Arnold/Avery. We have had several presentations in the past about bio-mass. Balcony Solar Panels have been approved by the legislature. Also, Davis Sterling Law has been updated regarding reserve studies and required funding based on them.

- Adjournment: 11:11 am