EPPOC Approved Minutes
Zoom Meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 9:30-11:30 am

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- August minutes approved as amended
- Speaker: CCWD's Kelly Gerkensmeyer shared the incredible history of CCWD through a PowerPoint and video which celebrated its 80th birthday on September 6th. I cannot do justice by trying to summarize all the remarkable content including the key players who made CCWD possible and then protected its water from others who tried to take it. Please watch Kelly's segment 00:02:02 to 00:32:42. Calaveras County residents voted 97% in favor of creating CCWD in 1946.
- Monthly Reports:
  - Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Rachelle Whiting provided an incredibly well organized and inclusive summary of all the activities in the Sheriff's Department. She also answered a question about e-Bikes. Highly recommended from 00:32:53 to 00:42:23.
  - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty – Martin was out of town and sent the report that is appended to the bottom of these minutes.
  - Calaveras County Public Works – Julie Ames
  - Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – As always, Chief Mike provided a crisp wonderful presentation of the activities of EPFD including that there is a new fire prevention officer named Jim McQuin (sp?) who is taking over for Joan Lark who will be retiring on September 16th. 00:43:11 to 00:48:50.
  - EPPOC Treasurer's Report – Laura Baughman - $173.90
  - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis
  - CHP–Resident Deputy Joshua Wilkenson, Commander Tim McCollister
  - CalFire – Dennis Lange
  - Calaveras Office of Emergency Services – Sergeant Cole Waite
  - Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin – 00:49:10 to 00:51:48. Firewise and Winterwise are coming up in October (see the flyers attached to the email).

- CCWD –Kelly Gerkensmeyer, Jeffrey Robertson
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith – 00:50:05 to 00:56:08. EV chargers are going to be installed near the North Grove parking area plus other activities at the Park.
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Vida provided the report 00:56:15 to 01:07:40. Excellent presentation on history of Jack Knight Hall plus discussion of activities at the Park. All the Campgrounds are open into the Fall. Bruce will continue bird walks at 9:30 am on Thursday at least through September. Meet at the Visitor's center.
- Great Arnold Business Association – Karen Strand
- Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach – Forest Service has major project enhancing the fuel break around Arnold for fire safety. Arnold Rim Trail Association will work closely to re-establish the Arnold Rim Trail where it is part of the project. Rob Houghton is the new Executive Director of the Arnold Rim Trail Association. This is a wonderful addition to ARTA. Mary asked if this would create new roads, the answer is that this is being done to reduce the brush that has overgrown the fuel break since it was created. 01:07:45 to 01:15:00

- Open Forum: What's on your mind that is not on the agenda? Mary had a correction of the August minutes. At that meeting she explained that dogs are not allowed on the pool deck or ancillary facilities, but the minutes mentioned only that dogs are not allowed in the pool. The minutes have been corrected and will be distributed in the email with this draft of the September minutes.
  (*Please keep it to 4 minutes! Much appreciated)*

Adjournment: 11:30 am (approximately)

Martin Huberty's written report: The BOS meeting on Sept. 8th is all about the final county budget. Anyone interested please attend.
I have received a plethora of calls regarding Fire money as well as funding for our libraries.
We did put an emergency ordinance against data centers.
Winter is coming and it looks like a doozy - I am working with Public Works to make sure we're ready.
On that note - I am looking for Extra Hire Plow Drivers in our District to sign up - It makes a big difference when drivers are local.
Caltrans will be working for the next five years on the Ebbetts Pass Highway in Alpine County. This will entail full highway closures from time to time. It's best to check Calrtrans Quickmap or call 1 800/427-7623.