

EPPOC Meeting Minutes, Draft
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, 9:30-11:30 am

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- February 7th, 2023, minutes approved.

- Speaker for March: Martha Rubin discussed the upcoming Wildfire Community Awareness Event at Independence Hall on May 4th. She reviewed the agenda which includes the fire agencies, the Calaveras Office of Emergency Services about evacuation plans, a presentation on fire resistant plants, and CalWaste will provide lunch. All the agencies will be invited to have a table including the lot clearers, Red Cross, the fire agencies, and others to provide literature and answer questions. A big thank you to Martha for doing all the organizational planning for this event. Laura moved that EPPOC donate \$200 to this event. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Laura said that the event will be asking each HOA to donate \$100 also.

- Reports:
 - EPPOC Chairperson's Report – Eric Davis – reported that EPPOC has moved boundaries to coincide with revised Calaveras District 3 Supervisorial boundary.
 - District 3 Board of Supervisors – Martin Huberty – no report
 - Calaveras County Public Works – Monica Remus – Monica said that the recent storm presented no problems for the snow removal crew, and there was broad consensus that the snow removal was going well this year. She also explained that Public Works is coordinating with the utility agencies on scheduling work that will be done this year that involves roads.
 - Ebbetts Pass Fire District – Chief Mike Johnson – The Chief pointed out that any HOA that is Fire Wise accredited needs to have an annual meeting. This upcoming May 4th Wildfire Community Awareness Event at Independence Hall will check that box for those HOAs.
 - CalFire – Dennis Lange asked that we be mindful of burning our piles, that the end of burning window comes up on us quickly. The first set of CalFire fight fighters come on board on April 15th.
 - Sheriff's Department & CHP – Joshua Wilkinson (CHP) – no report.

- CCWD –Kelly Richards reported for CCWD – CCWD crews are conducting routine hydrant flushing activities. Six redwood tanks are being replaced with steel tanks using a FEMA grant. Working on a FEMA funded project to update the disinfection/purification methodology of the water. Kelly is happy to report that this is leading to improvement in water quality, and that his FEMA project will continue. The Arnold Wastewater updating project has been put on hold because it may be possible to obtain outside grant for this. Michael Minkler is working on a project to reduce fuels in the Dowds Landing region. CCWD is rolling out upgrades to the customer service portal so that customers can obtain more granular data on their water usage and alert updates. The meter system can detect possible leaks and limits. We can log into our CCWD accounts and make sure that we have allowed push notifications for these alerts.
- County Office of Emergency Services – Bajit Singh – no report.
- Calaveras Public Health – Evita Olson is developing a pilot community project for seniors to ensure engagement and prevent isolation. She had her first meeting in San Andreas and was pleased with the feedback. These pilot project meetings will continue through the Spring. There are also wellness programs for children. Condoms are also available at no charge for Calaveras County residents:
<https://bit.ly/3vsCOPU>
 There is also free vending machine at the Healthy Department office in San Andreas with Narcan, condoms, and other health items.
 These and other programs may be explored on the “Health Educations Programs” and Programs and Services” pulldown menus at the CCPH website:
<https://publichealth.calaverasgov.us>
- CalWaste – Jillian Goss
- Friends of the Calaveras Library, Arnold Branch – Martha Rubin – no report this month.
- California Big Trees State Park – Heather Reith – no report.
- Calaveras Big Trees Association – Vida Kenk -Lilly Orovat (sp?) has been promoted to Interpreter 2 position. A field trip to University of the Pacific to view John Muir owned memorabilia, a book club discussion of John Muir’s activities and writings, a CBTA booth at St. Patrick’s Day parade in Murphys, new docent training all happened before I am publishing these minutes. Shame on me. This is exactly why I need to post these minutes in a timely fashion. Apologies to Vida.
 Potluck brunch on April 13th to welcome new docents.
 Earthday Weekend April 20th activities are being planned.
 John Muir Laws will be conducting a workshop with limited attendance.

Contact Sue Hoffman for details.

Snack Shack will return in May. Bear proof containers will be installed at the snack shack for the compostable papers so that the trails are not littered attracting bears.

- Calaveras Council of Governments – no current representative
 - Great Arnold Business Association – Linda Sapien – no report.
 - Arnold Rim Trail Association– Steve Lauterbach – The 2024 updated Arnold Rim Trail map is now available for download on the Avenza app. Details to follow.
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- Eric introduced Jeff Muscatine from Fieldstone Owners Association in Murphys- Jeff introduced himself. He is the President of the Fieldstone Owners Association in Murphys. Fieldstone is behind the truck scale on Highway 4. Twenty years old, 46 units all in duplexes. Pleasant community, self-managed. Since the reach of EPPOC has expanded to include Murphys because of the re-drawing of the District 3 Calaveras County Supervisorial lines, Jeff is considering whether his HOA might join. He appreciates that this forum is available, and of course he would need ask his Board whether they wished to join EPPOC.
 - Open Forum: What's on your mind that is not on the agenda? (*Try to keep it to 4 minutes.*)
 - Adjournment: 11:30 am (approximately)

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lauterbach
EPPOC Secretary