

## EPPOC Minutes

1. **Eric Davis**, President, called meeting to order 0930 am. March Minutes were approved.
2. **Jill Holstein**, Treasurer, reported 3 HOAs having not paid dues. \$317.51 is in Savings.
3. **Bertha Underhill**, CCWD #3, reported that a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been approved by County Water Supervisors.
4. **Joel Metzger**, CCWD- Customer Service, provided several announcements that can be reviewed on the CCWD website as well as [www.Pinetree.net](http://www.Pinetree.net) :
  - a. Reach 1, New replacement of the main water line from Avery to Forest Meadows, will begin next year.
  - b. Capital Improvement funds are designated on each bill and the funds are kept in a separate account and do not go into the CCWD General Fund.
5. **Tim Mueterties**, COG, reported that the Mileage Tax of the State was cancelled in favor of a 12-cents per gallon Gas Tax with additional increases of DMV fees. These are intended for Road Repair which is badly needed throughout the state.
6. **Tom Sullivan**, Fire Department, said the danger of Chimney Fires is great this time of season and should be maintained and cleaned of the winter soot accumulation.
7. **Steve Lauterbach** provided a written report on the Arnold Rim Trail. Here is the summary: "Organized activities begin in May with a guided sunset/full moon hike, our regular third Saturday of the month volunteer trail building day, and guided nature hikes. Visit [www.arnoldrimtrail.org](http://www.arnoldrimtrail.org) and sign up for our informational emails. That's the best way to learn specifics about our activities. We only send one email per month, we never share our email list, and you may always unsubscribe."
8. **Pete Padelford**, VIP BLS, provided updated information about Dead Tree removal and Pine Needle disposal:
  - a. The **Annual FIREWISE Meeting** coordinated by Doug Nunes is set for MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am to NOON at Independence Hall in Arnold. Many guest speakers on key topics will provide residents with information along with "Solution Booths" on several topics. A poster covers all the events, speakers and Solution topics. A Picnic will follow.
  - b. **Fire Inspections**: PRC-241 will be fully enforced this year following VIP and Cal-Fire inspections of all personal property and empty lots. Inspections will begin after Memorial Day. The 30-foot clearances for sure will continue to be enforced.
  - c. **Pine Needles/Slash**: A Curtain-Burner will be used in BLS to test the feasibility of providing processing areas in HOAs at \$10 per cubic yard. There exists many variables in this learning curve to be fixed by trials. Few options other than this are available. Professional lot cleaners have ability to dump at Millers in Avery

and with BLS owners being present or providing a letter to the cleaner can dump at this private BLS facility – dumping days are Fridays thru Sundays.

9. **Mike Oliveira**, District 3 Supervisor, was the primary Speaker. Key issues:
  - a. **Marijuana**: Measure B to ban commercial growing was removed from the coming ballot. An out-of-County State Judge declared Measure B to be invalid due to wording. Consequently, it is up to the County Supervisors to draft a Permanent Ordinance to supersede the Urgent Ordinance of last year or to draft and approve a PERMANENT COMMERCIAL BAN ORDINANCE. Three Supervisors are supporting the Permanent Ban Ordinance with accommodation for the State Prop 64 requirements for personal grow and using of Marijuana. The challenge will be to provide law enforcement funding to enforce and maintain such a Permanent Ban. Discussion about a special district tax/fee being passed for say \$150 per improved parcel in the county (approximately 21,000) to be applied only to public safety needs (would not go into the County General Fund).
  - b. **County Roads**: Conditions are disastrous and worsening with more storms in the future. \$5.7M is the estimated damage so far and FEMA and State funding is being pursued for 94% of this cost. Roads, Bridges, Culverts and other infrastructure make up the cost along with road damage due to heavy trucks working the tee mortality and Butte Fire cleanup. Public Works continues to be responsive to patching and filling pot holes. A temporary bridge has been approved by the County for the Blagen Road outage and is awaiting FEMA and different agencies approval for payment of the bridge and site installation.
  - c. **Solid Waste**: An impending State Mandate by 2020 requires that landfills will no longer receive Green Waste Organic Materials. Each new solid waste cell costs about \$2-3M to establish.
  - d. **Future**: Some Districts and Communities in the County are suffering from past establish of the creation of “Planned Development” zoned areas with processes, high costs and long procedural lead times in regard to improving and establishing vital and vibrant successful commercial business areas in our communities. These “PD” processes and costs have limited growth and improvements and public safety needs as well as mobility, parking and pathing infrastructure in communities such as Arnold. Submissions to remove “PD” in the county and specifically in Arnold and Mokelumne Hill are under consideration. Proposals for managing commercial, safety, and recreation facilities growth in these two communities have been proposed by local citizen committees.