



**SGPF Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2023
Empire Mine Docent Room
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

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Meeting ID: 833 5705 3094
Passcode: 788766

Board Members Present: Rhea Williamson, Robert Coats, Syd Brown, Hank Weston, William Silva (arrived 2:08pm).

Board Members Absent: Jesse Locks, Steve Sanchez

Others: Paige Haller (via phone), Rob Griffith (Sierra District Superintendent), Alex Neeb, Steve Ruble

Rhea called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

1) **Review agenda**—additions: Agenda accepted without substantive additions. Moved by Hank, seconded by Robert, motion to accept the agenda passed unanimously.

2) **Review and approval of minutes:** Motion to accept the August 17, 2023 SGPF minutes: moved by Robert, seconded by Hank. Motion passed unanimously.

3) **CAL Report**

Paige is leaving our district to manage the Dos Rios Ranch State Park, the newest state park in the system. Alex will be our CAL, for now. Rob introduced himself and described his background with the CCC and USFS. Those in the room introduced themselves. District is hiring an Interpreter III, which will be a new core level position to supervise all interpretive staff.

Malakoff projects: General store has been “de-pested” and the back porch repairs are imminent by the end of September/early October. The visitor center will be staffed every day through Sept. Campground open through October and ‘til it snows. Arch survey is planned for Malakoff.

Cannabis \$ from HQ will be used for a comprehensive cultural resources survey for South Yuba River State Park next year.

4) **Committee Reports**

a) **Finance:** Robert circulated finance reports in advance of the meeting. There were no questions.

b) **Governance:** No updates.

c) **Sales Center:** Syd reported on sales centers. Robert reported about the Quickbooks support ending in early October. Robert has coordinated the transition with Big Hairy Dog and Payment Collect.

d) **Events**

1. SGPF/State Parks Events

- Bridgeport Dinner—October 7—reminder to buy your tickets and invite your friends.

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- Holidays in the Park–December 2: No updates. This is a park-managed event. Jean will be lead on this.
2. Community Events
- SYRCL River Clean Up–September 23 (Hank suggests having Bridgeport Harvest dinner flyers at the cleanup event.)
- e) **Communications:** A Walk In ThePark-Syd continues to record episodes broadcast and archived on KVMR (89.5 FM). Jesse has worked with the Yuba River Safety Cohort in coordinated social media messaging and is working on a SGPF newsletter.
- 5) **Old Business:**
- Volunteer appreciation event planning is underway by Jean.
 - North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center is wondering about receiving County grant \$ from SGPF in lieu of equivalent \$ for the County-funded kiosk to be installed at the schoolhouse. Rhea and Jesse will follow up on this.
- 6) **New Business:** Robert: requests State Parks submit SGPF funding requests by the October board meeting which will be October 19 at 9am.
Moved by Robert, seconded by Hank to adjourn at 3:15pm. Passed unanimously.

2023 Board Meeting Schedule
Third Thursday of the Month at 9am**

October 19
November 16
December 14

Committees

Sales Center (Robert, Syd, Rhea and Jesse) Meeting day and time to be set by committee

Governance and Finance (Robert and Jesse) Second Tuesday of every month at 3pm

Events (Steve and Jesse) First Friday at 1pm

Communications (Syd and Jesse) First Wednesday at 10am

Fundraising (Jesse, Rhea, Hank, and Robert) First Monday at 2pm

**Starting October 19 the Board Meeting time will change to 9-11am. Same location.

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