

Geyserville Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

Northern Sonoma Fire District Headquarters
Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order.

President Ceci Muela called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Old Business.

- a. River Rock Casino Expansion.** A Casino representative will be contacted to discuss the River Rock Casino expansion plans at an upcoming GPC meeting.
- b. Presenter Update.** Local agencies and groups will be invited to present at upcoming GPC meetings. Benny Allen will contact California American Water, Sonoma Clean Power, and Communities Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE). Stefanie Freele will contact Sonoma Water. Ceci Muela will contact Redwood Food Bank.

3. Russian River Trespassing and Vandalism.

- Adrian Garayalde, Executive Director of Russian River Confluence, discussed the extensive littering, vandalism, and fire hazards committed by trespassers in and around the Geyserville area of the Russian River, particularly during the 4th of July. Several Geyserville residents reported extensive littering and confrontations with trespassers on their property adjacent to the River.
- Rob McPherson, Operations Manager at Syar Industries, Inc., discussed the tons of garbage removed from company property on the river and the measures to prevent trespassers that have not been effective.
- Despite years of contacting law enforcement, the number of trespassers and associated issues has greatly increased.
- The GPC will contact local government representatives, agencies, and groups to come together to discuss short-term and long-term solutions at a future GPC meeting or a possible town hall meeting.

4. Annual River Cleanup Day on September 21, 2024.

GPC members and residents will be participating in this annual event. Russian River Keeper will supply volunteers with trash bags, gloves, and bottled water. Stefanie Freele will reach out to Geyserville Tech for student involvement and prizes.

5. Geyserville Town Cleanup Day.

A town cleanup event was proposed to celebrate the late Pete Stone and his spirit in keeping Geyserville clean.

6. GPC Finances.

Treasurer Steven Sachs reported there is \$350 in the GPC account. Fundraising ideas were proposed including creating and selling Geyserville swag, such as baseball caps at town events.

7. Adjournment.

President Ceci Muela adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.