

Las Posadas Five County Board  
September 28, 2023  
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Matt Torrance at 7:05

There was no Secretary's Report or Treasurer's Report

Matt started the meeting with the question of how to deal with the equipment at the camp.

Michelle Machado reminded us that there is no urgency to deal with the equipment and TomBaldocchi immediately suggested that we focus instead on fighting the decision from Cal Fire to close the camp. He suggested going to the legislature to ask them to work with us.

After much discussion and many suggestions from board members, we agreed on next steps.

Michelle will create a shared google document outline for board members to list contacts who could be helpful to us.

After discussion of what we will share with our contacts, Tara Camgros offered to create a second document to collect ideas for talking points.

Dion will share a document from Alameda County outlining the importance of camp to kids.

Other suggestions included going to the media and enlisting camp alumni for a letter writing campaign. Tom suggested that we not go to the media until we know more. He pointed out that Cal Fire has extensive media experience and could manipulate the situation to their advantage.

Michelle said that her dad, a former camp board member, also has media experience and she will reach out to him for advice.

Alex Wilbanks suggested that at the very least, we are all framing the issue the same as we reach out to our contacts.

We will meet on Monday, October 9 to discuss the results of the surveys and plan next steps.

We agreed that if Matt is contacted by Cal Fire or others, he will not share information until he has shared the correspondence with board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by

Margaret Close

Attendance:

Alameda – Dion Hock, Jim Richards

Contra Costa – Tom Baldocchi, Devin Baldocchi

Marin – Glenn Parks, Denise Meyers, Matt Torrance, Duncan McAndrews, Alex Wilbanks, Lisa Westin, Allison Brandenburg

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Sonoma – Tara Camgros, Michelle Machado, Margaret Close