



# County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

## Committee Members:

Creighton Avila, Deputy CAO, Cemetery Director  
Julianne Melchor, Cemetery Director Alternate  
Melinda Peak, District I, Second Vice Chair  
Mary Tran, District II, First Vice Chair  
Mike Roberts, District III, Chair  
Frank Clark, District IV  
Vacant, District V

John Hidahl, Board of Supervisors  
Kathy Witherow, BOS Alternate  
Sgt. Eric Palmberg, Coroner's Office  
Vacant, Archeological Representative  
Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Native American Cemeteries  
Mark McCusker, Fraternal Organizations

## MINUTES April 24, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Roberts at 3:05 p.m.

Committee members present: Julianne Melchor (alternate), Melinda Peak, Mike Roberts, Mary Tran, Frank Clark, Cindy Munt (for John Hidahl), Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Mark McCusker.

County Staff: Sherrie Busby.

Guests: Mary Ann Schroth, Bob Villabos, Kris Payne, Charlane Gross, Jim Goodspeed, Maggie Killackey.

The agenda was adopted, with a motion by Melinda Peak, and a second by Mary Tran.

2. The minutes of March 27, 2019, were approved, with a motion by John Hidahl and a second by Mary Tran.
3. Introductions and announcements: All present introduced themselves.
4. Staff Reports:
  - a. Quarterly burials list: Julianne Melchor distributed the quarterly burials report (attached).
  - b. Update on proposed changes to the resolution: Committee members requested the addition of an at-large member.
5. Discussion Items:
  - a. Approval of recommendation letter to Board on ordinance revisions: .
  - b. Save the Graves endorsement: .
6. Old Business:
  - a. Planter's House Cemetery Access: Remove from Old Business.
  - b. Exchange of Information with the NCIC: no update.
  - c. Save the Graves: Kris Payne announced that there will be an open house on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Placerville Union Cemetery; Imagination Theater supporters and others are volunteering to do reenactments; the group is associated with the El Dorado Arts Council, which is a non-profit organization supported by the El Dorado Community Foundation; and Bill Roby, Director of the Foundation, has said that he would assist in any way.

7. Representative Reports:

District I: Melinda Peak addressed the following: some of the posted information on the Mormon Island kiosk is missing; hydrology problem; will finish report once the ground dries; and a proposed storage facility will have an entrance on Green Valley Road and will have to be approved by the Planning Commission.

District II: Mary Tran indicated she will take pictures of cemeteries in her district once the

rain stops.

District III: Mike Roberts reported El Dorado Cemetery is beautiful, green, and no trash. He has not been back to Missouri Flat Cemetery. Mary Ann Schroth stated Jack Sweeney is keeping an eye on it.

District IV: Frank Clark noted Memorial Day is approaching and there are more than seven cemeteries to take care of.

District V: Vacancy addressed.

John Hidahl wants to work with the Cemetery Advisory Committee to develop funding mechanisms; want to educate not advocate.

Sgt. Eric Palmberg: Nothing to report.

Ramona Tripp-Verbeck: Nothing to report.

Creighton Avila: Nothing to report.

8. Public Comment (limited to 5 minutes each): James Dayley asked the about the number of residents in the cemeteries; Julianne Melchor addressed cemeteries and the general fund for cemeteries.

9. Next meeting: April 24, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully, Julie Hart, Administrative Technician

Committee Staff: Mary Cory, Museum Administrator  
Roger Runkle, Office of County Counsel  
Sherrie Busby, Administrative Services Officer, Community Development Services  
Julianne Melchor, Department Analyst, Community Development Services  
Julie Hart, Administrative Technician, Community Development Services