

Suggested Title: Thank you for restoring public comment via Zoom

Dear Editor,

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors and CEO Hitchcock for restoring the public's option to provide comments via Zoom for items listed on the Board's agenda. The County's responsiveness to this public concern is a great example of the importance of public participation in local government.

The County has decided not to restore the Zoom option for public comment at the beginning of board meeting when the Board receives comments on items that are not on that day's agenda. If the public wishes to comment on a subject not on the agenda, they must do so in person. This time allows local people to notify the Board of emerging issues that may be suitable for Board discussion on a later agenda, without providing an on-line forum for distant and anonymous "Zoom bombers." We can understand and appreciate this compromise.

The County has been making progress on many plans that matter to Calaveras residents. The greenhouse gas reduction plan, the oak woodlands ordinance, and the zoning update have all been discussed by the Planning Commission. With the option to comment via Zoom restored, the public will have equal opportunity to provide feedback to the Board of Supervisors when these plans reach the Board's agenda. You can find more information about these plans on the CAP homepage at www.calaverascap.com.

With gratitude,
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