

FORT POINT GARRISON BRASS BAND
Virginia City Participation Emergency Meeting/Caldor Fire Impact
September 1, 2021
via Zoom

MEETING CALLED: 8:03 pm

PRESENT: Marty Sampson (Treasurer), Greg Sweatt (Secretary), Bill Allen, Bruce Dewing, Mike Dolan, Chris Mosher, Eric Totman, Mac Wright

AGENDA: Fort Point Garrison Brass Band attendance at Virginia City for Labor Day weekend

Marty reported that thousands of acres of land is on fire in California and Nevada. Air quality is extremely poor in parts of both states. Nevadans are saying that if people were heading to Virginia City to please reconsider. Passage on roads in and out of the area might be anywhere from terrible to abominable; traffic could be a nightmare. Particulates in the air would be heavy. And this doesn't even take into account that covid levels have spiked everywhere.

The question is do we, the Band, feel safe going to Virginia City and performing there over this Labor Day weekend? The safety of FPGBB members should be, and is, paramount. Bill reported that poor air quality has peaked every day in Virginia City.

Miss Isabelle, of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors, has said she understands if the Band declines to attend this year's CCWR Civil War Days event.

Discussion was held as to how far and bad the fires have reached and the areas affected.

The consensus of those participating at the meeting was that all 8 attendees decided the FPGBB shouldn't go to Virginia City this year.

Band members will check with their individual lodgings to see if there are any cancellation penalties. Most members indicated they thought they could get out of their lodging commitments.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:38 pm