

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: April 2017  
ITEM: Event Report  
FROM: Eugene Vicknair

### 2017 WP CONVENTION

Registration has been slow with one month to go. We are close to having enough sign-ups for the special events and the room nights.

We have two layout tours scheduled, one with operations.

Schedule for the presentations is being finalized and will be posted soon.

We are receiving RSVPs for the lunch meeting with local political figures. Harrah's has kindly agreed to donate the room use for the lunch for free. Also, they have given us additional vendor and display space also for free.

We have a great line up for the convention.

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ITEM: Department Report  
FROM: Funding - Eugene Vicknair

### GRANTS and OUTSIDE FUNDING

I have been working with the USDA on filing for a large Development Grant for the Whitman Building. In meetings with Robert Meacher, Portola City Manager, and Michael Sanchez, County Supervisor, they have expressed support for the grant and we will be including letters of support from them and Congressman LaMalfa.

We will also soon be completing a request to the North American Railway Foundation for an award toward the WP 165 Restoration. Smaller grants are in process for the parking lot and archives support.

President Habeck has started the process to get FEMA funds to help with replacing the entry road.