

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2003
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Doug Morgan
MEETING: April 5, 2003
ITEM: New Business 3
SUBJECT: Availability of Sacramento Northern boxcar 2349

Life Member Doug Morgan has learned that Sacramento Northern wood boxcar 2349 is currently available for sale. The car is located in McCloud, California and is owned by Fred Kepner.

This car is a 1919 built Mt. Vernon 40' boxcar from the same order as the SN 2346/2129 we are acquiring from the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society. It is reported to be in very good condition and is nearly complete including Andrews trucks, brakes, brake stands and draft gear.

While acquiring the 2349 would give us a duplicate car, this would present the opportunity to display cars restored to 2 distinct time periods. The current condition of the 2349 represents its service after 1948, with Andrews trucks and AB brakes. The 2346 could be restored to its original number and condition and represent a 1920's freight car with Archbar trucks and Type K brakes.

Mr. Morgan has offered to conduct negotiations with Mr. Kepner and his representative should the Board approve proceeding. He feels an initial offer of \$1000 would be reasonable for the car but would not recommend paying more than \$2000 based on his knowledge of the car. If the Board approves, he has offered to perform a complete inspection and report before entering formal negotiations.

Based on past experience, movement of the car by truck would probably cost about \$2000. Since it is located in McCloud, we may be able to use one of our flat cars and receive assistance in moving the car that would greatly decrease cost to the Society. No other costs are anticipated aside from standard reimbursement for travel and meals for those involved in inspection and movement.

ACTION: Discussion. Possible Action.