

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – DIRECTOR REPORT

DATE: March, 2015

FROM: Director Vicknair

SUBJECT: **Wood Shop, Whitman Building, Property Fence**

### Wood Shop

Thanks to efforts by Seth Adams, a letter is being sent requesting donation of a small lathe to add to the work shop. I have continued my work in resetting the wood shop, but due to demands of the Convention, will likely not be able to hold another full weekend on it until April or May.

### Whitman Building

Several lingering details have been settled with the building manufacturer, including questions that came up concerning the warranty (whether we do or do not insulate and HVAC the building has no bearing on the warranty, also we received clarification on the warranty terms and they match the original dates given), the roof pitch (which is actually 2:12, which lowers snow load requirements) and other details. I have been busy with work and the Convention, but am hoping to talk to Todd Roberts before the meeting and get clarification on the snow load requirements and whether the heavier roof package will be needed.

At the meeting, I will have several artist concept renderings prepared by my design company for review.

I have become aware that someone is spreading a distorted story about the acquisition of the building. I would ask all directors and members that if they have ANY questions, please contact me (eugene.vicknair@gmail.com or 408.839.5750). While this is a big step, we are being very careful and planning contingencies to mitigate risk to the Society, while still trying to make this necessary step happen. I am currently writing an article for the Train Sheet discussing the acquisition and the plans for the building, as well as addressing the New Melones Building issue.

On the New Melones Building, I am still researching the resale market and plan to have a report and action item for the Board in April.

### Property Fence

I am working with President McClure and will be having discussions with the California Conservation Corp about having a mass work session in June or July to complete the main work on the property fence. I am also in discussion with some fence contractors, so we should have several options.

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – EVENT REPORT

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Advertising went out right after the last meeting and registrations are starting to come in. Already the Nevada Northern trip is almost 20% full.

I currently have 7 shows signed up. I still need 3-4 more and would like at least 1 more modelling shows. I am seeking shows focusing on the East End, but will take other suggestions.

Also, I need someone to promote and handle the modeling exhibit and 1-2 people to staff the “flea market” table.

In order to finalize details for the Convention, I am making a trip to Elko and Ely in two weeks to meet with the Nevada Northern and Red Lion folks.

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SUBJECT: **Funding**

PDF of the draft Spring Fundraising Mailer is included in the agenda send.

We heard back from Sierra Pacific Foundation on our grant application for the WP 0-6-0 165 and it was denied. We will be reapplying.

I am currently working on a Ford Foundation grant for the display building and two other grants for archives support, as previously approved by the Board. I am also looking at the Union Pacific Foundation grant application period coming up in a few months.