

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – DIRECTOR REPORT

DATE: April, 2015

FROM: Director Vicknair

SUBJECT: **New Business 2**
Declare Surplus Framework of New Melones Dam Building

As part of the trade deal with the Western Railway Museum, the FRRS was donated the framework for a large building that previously was a workshop used in building the New Melones Dam. At one point WRM was going to use it as the basis for a building, however better options became available to them and they declared it surplus.

The FRRS is currently in a similar situation. The frame was considered as the basis for a large display building, which would still require sheathing, braces and other hardware, as well as foundation, utilities, doors, windows, etc. However, in February the Board approved acquisition of a complete steel building kit at a steep discount and with very favorable payoff terms (10 years no interest and no storage fees).

Considering the age, condition and lack of required components, it is suggested that we place the New Melones frame on the surplus market in order to help fund the new building acquisition.

A review of the market has not provided a narrow price range, complicated by the age and large size of the building. Best estimate is that the frame could price for between \$25,000 and \$75,000. In addition, if approved for sale, the Board needs to consider payment terms, storage terms, and related issues.

My suggestion is to list the building frame for \$60,000 with \$15,000 down and 3 years to complete payment, with 1 year free storage beyond final payment. I would further suggest that we market it to other organizations as well as the open building market.

A museum industry news magazine has already offered to publicize the sale to assist in finding a buyer.

ACTION REQUESTED: Declaration of framework as surplus and approval of offering guidelines. Grant Director Vicknair authority to begin marketing the frame and seeking a buyer.