

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: July 2016
ITEM: New Business 2
FROM: Eugene Vicknair
SUBJECT: **“Sunburst Rose” – Collection Committee Recommendation and Negotiation with CSRM Concerning Acquisition**

In its committee report, the Collections Committee recommended deaccession of the Western Pacific MW car 37-7, built as Pullman “Sunburst Rose” and later a Southern Pacific car.

The California State Railroad Museum has expressed a strong interest in this car. It has large baggage doors on each side and they seek to use the car as an ADA accessible excursion car. (I will have current photos at the Board meeting for anyone wanting to review the condition of the car.)

The WP attained ownership after the SP wrecked several WP MW cars in Elko. It became part of the Elko wreck train and, near the merger, was assigned to the MW37 wreck train. Long term plans were to preserve it as either part of the 37 wreck train or restore to Pullman condition to accompany our heavyweight cars. However, the “Sunburst Rose” has not been displayed as part of the MW collection for over a decade, would not be accessible for guests to tour without major work and is unlikely to be a good candidate for restoration as a Pullman car due to its many modifications.

In light of this, I would recommend we open negotiations with CSRM to sell the car to them. Based on research into similar condition cars, a reasonable starting price would be around \$18,000.

If the Board approves this, I am willing to perform the negotiations with CSRM.

Requested Action: Approval of the Collection Management Committee report and accept deaccession of the WP MW37-7 / Sunburst Rose. Approve Director Vicknair to conduct negotiations with CSRM for sale of the car, any contract and offer to be returned to the Board for final approval and legal review.