

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

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ITEM: Director Report
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GRANTS and FUNDRAISING

I have a \$10,000 grant for a county post COVID program going in at the end of the month. This will help fund drainage improvements to the north side of the building. I am working with David Elems on this.

I also have a \$50,000 grant in progress for submission in May for Diesel Shop and Display Room improvements. In June, I am submitting a \$400,000 grant for the Whitman Building work.

MUSEUM STORE

The store got pretty wet during the storms. Thank you to Greg, David, Ethan and everyone who helped minimize the mess.

We have restock products coming in for the Convention and the upcoming season.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Due to ongoing issues with PayPal, I am discussing with Paul Finnegan and Kerry Cochran the idea of switching all on-line membership payments to the online store.

VISIT TO PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILROAD MUSEUM

I was recently in the San Diego area and toured the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum. Got a chance to talk to a couple of their managers and review their facility. They have a building about ½ the size of the proposed Whitman Building and have a number of equipment exhibits inside it. They are planning to build several other buildings and a replica roundhouse. Also saw former SP RS-32 4004 which we sold to them several years ago. They recently received donation of an F40 style locomotive from Coaster and have been working on the ex-SP, ex-M&ET 70 tonner they acquired several years ago.