

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: **RECORD OF MEETING**

MEETING TITLE: **PARTNERING MEETING: LAST CHANCE GRADE ENGINEERED FEASIBILITY STUDY**

MEETING DATE: 4/13/15

TIME: 1000 - 1155

LOCATION: ORICK, CA

Attendees

Caltrans
Elk Valley Rancheria
California State Parks
National Park Service
Yurok Tribe
MIG – Public Participation Consultant

Notes:

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made and an overview of the agenda was provided.

II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Caltrans briefly summarized the content of the previous meeting including the MOU, geotechnical data update, status of the Economic Impact Study, and the Caltrans and MIG summary of the public workshops.

III. UPDATES

- A. Memorandum of Understanding
 - 1. All but one signature has been obtained.
- B. Slide Movement Update
 - 1. The road is continuing to deform. The upper portion of the grade requires regular paving. A crack in the barrier at Wall #3 has redeveloped.
- C. Feasibility Study Update
 - 1. Draft will be ready for Partner review in May.
 - 2. Study review logistics and timelines were discussed by the Partners.
- D. Partner Updates on Del Norte County Economic Summit, Park's Correspondence and Cultural Sensitivity

IV. ALTERNATIVES

- A. The feasibility of each of the alternatives was discussed with respect to:
 - 1. Geotechnical Constraints;
 - 2. Value Added;
 - 3. Environmental Resources; and
 - 4. Cultural Resources
- B. Geotechnical Information
 - 1. Excavation quantities for each alternative
 - Alternative A = 3 million cubic yards
 - Alternative B = 6 million cubic yards
 - Alternative C & D = 17 million cubic yards
 - Alternative E = 23 million cubic yards
 - 2. Partners reviewed and discussed preliminary geotechnical evaluation. An update was requested to clarify excavation quantities associated with each alternative.
 - 3. All project information to date is based upon very high level information—detailed data from on the ground studies will not be available until funding for a project has been obtained.

- C. Partners discussed removing alternatives that no longer qualify as feasible alternatives due to highly sensitive cultural resource constraints and lack of added value over the feasible alternatives.
 - 1. The Partners discussed a preliminary list of alternatives to carry forward.
 - 2. After including additional clarification in Preliminary Geotechnical Evaluation, the Partners will finalize list of alternatives to carry forward to the Project Study Report. List will be finalized upon confirmation by Partner decision makers.

- D. Future Outreach
 - 1. Partners decided to postpone their own outreach process until Congressman Huffman's Stakeholder process has concluded.
 - 2. Website Update and Expansion.
 - 3. Partnering Meetings will continue to occur every other month.

E. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. The next Partnering Meeting was scheduled for June 9th. The meeting will cover Partner updates, final Feasibility Study and the stakeholder process.

Meeting concluded at 11:55 am.

Next Meeting – June 9, 2015