

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

MEETING TITLE: **PARTNERING MEETING: LAST CHANCE GRADE PROJECT STUDY REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 10/21/15

TIME: 1000 - 1200

LOCATION: ORICK, CA

Attendees

California State Parks
Caltrans
Elk Valley Rancheria
National Park Service
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Notes:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Introductions were made and a brief overview of the agenda was given.

II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Caltrans summarized the content of the previous meeting including the standard meeting updates, discussion of the Feasibility Study and Project Initiation Document, need for the Yurok tribe to appoint a new representative, and discussion of alternatives.

III. UPDATES

- A. Memorandum of Understanding
 1. Still need one final signature page.
- B. Slide Movement Update
 1. Slide movement has slowed down compared to previous reports; however, it is anticipated that winter weather and storms may influence movement in the near future.
 2. Near Real-Time Monitoring will be installed within the next month; this will eliminate the need for Caltrans to do on-site monitoring every three months.
 3. Other factors that influence movement were discussed such as seismic activity.
- C. Project Study Report (PSR)
 1. Caltrans is completing preliminary analysis of the alternatives for the PSR, including an analysis of structures and tunnels, and initiation of right-of-way mapping.
 2. Adjustments are being made to tunnel designs to improve constructability.
 - a. Caltrans will be able to have geotechnical specialist confirm the final viability of the tunnels during the project approval phase.
 3. On track to finish Project Study Report by June.
- D. Partner Updates
 1. California State Parks updated the team about meeting with Pacific Power regarding their transmission line.
 2. Elk Valley Rancheria requested information regarding a project near Klamath.
 3. Caltrans updated the Partners on the following topics:
 - a. The Regulatory Agencies are now being more integrated into the project development process with their own meetings.
 - b. Proposed meeting with internal and external technical specialists on mitigation and tree classification is currently being scheduled
 - c. Caltrans proposed that the group consider a project programmatic agreement to streamline how these resources are addressed, which will formalize the process and allow for additions and modifications. The cultural specialists will convene separately to discuss.
- E. Huffman Stakeholder Group Updates
 1. There is a brief pause in the process as the group can't do much more until technical studies are completed. However, the group agrees on the necessity of continuing to meet throughout the project.
 2. A draft a white paper summarizing the Stakeholder Group's points of consensus thus far has been drafted.
 3. The group agreed that engagement with the public must be ongoing throughout the Last Chance Grade process. A Public Participation Plan will be completed for the PID process to emphasize this.

IV. PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

- A. Discussion of 4(f) Process and Requirements
- B. The partners are finalizing the online alternative flyover for posting on the website.

V. CLOSING COMMENTS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. The topics for the next meeting will include reports on the specialist meetings, an update on agency involvement (the Environmental Resources Workshop), a report on the Project Study Report/project schedule, and discussion of the continuing public involvement strategy, including 3 workshops or open houses to be held in March in Crescent City, Eureka and Klamath.
- B. The group decided to start meeting on a monthly basis again as the PSR nears completion. The next two meetings will occur in January and March. At the March meeting, the group will begin to calendar monthly meetings.

Meeting concluded at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 27, 2015 // 1000 – 1200 // in Orick