

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

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

MEETING DATE: 3/2/16

TIME: 1000 - 1200

LOCATION: VIA CONFERENCE CALL

**Facilitator**

Joan Chaplick

**Meeting initiated by:**

Caltrans District 1

**Attendees**

Jeff Bomke  
Joan Chaplick  
Sebastian Cohen  
Talitha Hodgson  
Maria Mayer  
Jason Meyer  
Jeff Pimentel  
Steve Prokop  
David Roemer  
Brett Silver  
Crista Stewart  
Kevin Tucker

**Titles / Affiliations**

California State Parks  
MIG, Principal  
Project Management, Caltrans  
Project Management, Caltrans  
MIG, Project Associate  
Environmental Coordinator, Caltrans  
Advance Planning, Caltrans  
National Park Service  
National Park Service  
California State Parks  
Elk Valley Rancheria  
Advance Planning, Caltrans

Notes:

**I. INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

**II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- A. Due to the meeting's focus on preparation for the March Community Town Hall meetings, there was no review of the previous meeting.

**III. UPDATES**

- A. Activities Related to Last Chance Grade
1. Caltrans has made a number of presentations on the current status of Last Chance Grade to a variety of elected officials and other organizations. They have also been asked to give more presentations for groups such as the Humboldt County Association of Governments (RTPA) and Del Norte business leaders.
  2. A meeting of the Huffman Stakeholder Group took place on February 18, and featured a presentation from Caltrans. Sebastian Cohen also met separately with Congressman Huffman on that date to discuss project progress, including funding possibilities.
- B. Emergency Funding
1. Sebastian Cohen provided an update on efforts to identify funding sources for the project, including Federal Emergency funding through the FHWA Emergency Relief Program. Sebastian will continue to collaborate with local elected and federal representatives to investigate this possibility.
- C. Other Current Projects
1. Caltrans has just initiated a \$4M emergency project to repair damage to Retaining Wall #3, necessary due to recent storms, and will install signs warning of uneven road.
  2. Caltrans is also investigating the possibility of adding lighting and a camera to the near real-time monitoring system, and installing emergency gates which maintenance can control when needed.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

- A. Community Town Hall Meetings
1. The group discussed plans for the upcoming Community Town Hall Meetings to take place March 22-24 in Eureka, Crescent City and Klamath.

**V. CLOSING COMMENTS AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A. The next Partnering Meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Meeting concluded at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – To be determined

