

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

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

MEETING DATE: 11/06/14

TIME: 1000 - 1205

LOCATION: ORICK

Facilitator

Brad Mettam

Meeting initiated by:

Caltrans District 1

Attendees

Caltrans

Elk Valley Rancheria

California Department of Parks and Recreation

National Park Service

Yurok Tribe

Notes:

I. INTRODUCTIONS/PREVIOUS MEETING SUMMARY:

Introductions were made and Brad provided the team an overview of the agenda.

II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. The previous meeting discussion items included the following:
1. The status of the Partnering MOU;
 2. The external facilitation contract for public/stakeholder process;
 3. Partner information sharing opportunities;
 4. Study update and initial planning for the Public Participation portion of the EFS;
 5. Partner Specialist input summary; and
 6. Partnership roster items.

III. UPDATES

- A. Memorandum of Understanding
1. Comments were received from C DPR and MOU would be sent to Partners for signature.
- B. Slide Movement Update
1. No significant movement at the roadway surface measured.
 2. Continued slow incremental movement is being measured in deep slope indicators.
 3. Caltrans is continuing pursuit of the installation of a "Near Real-Time Monitoring" system.
- C. Engineered Feasibility Study
1. Caltrans updated Partners on the status of the Economic Impact Analysis including the status of in-person interviews and surveys emailed to businesses.
 2. In addition an update on the status of the Engineered Feasibility Study was provided to the Partners.
- D. Elk Valley Rancheria expressed concerns about emergency access should a major failure occur at Last Chance Grade and the Partners discussed options and additional exploration that needed to occur.

IV. CALTRANS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- A. Caltrans described the State project development process to the Partners.
1. A typical project starts with a pre-project initiation document such as a Feasibility Study that explores the need and feasibility of a project. (1 – 2 years depending on the size of the project).
 2. Caltrans then proceeds into the project initiation phase where a Project Study Report is developed to scope a project and develop alternatives. (1-2 years)
 3. At this point if funding is obtained, the project proceeds to the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) phase of work where a project is selected from the study of alternatives and a final environmental document clears the selected project.
 4. Next the project moves into the design phase where project plans are prepared and environmental permits are obtained.

5. Finally the project proceeds to construction.
- B. The Partners then discussed timelines and methods for maximizing project resources to save time.
- C. The Partners were asked to consider the fate of a bypassed roadway in the event of a bypass-type project.

V. STAKEHOLDER PROCESS AND FACILITATOR UPDATE

- A. The stakeholder/public meetings will be held after the first of the year in Crescent City, Klamath and Eureka.
- B. Facilitator
 1. The partners were given information regarding the external contract initiated by Caltrans for facilitation of the Public/Stakeholder meetings.
- C. Possible meeting venues were discussed.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. The group set the next Partnering Meeting for December 2014.
 1. The agenda will briefly cover updates but will mostly cover the upcoming public participation effort.
 2. Caltrans proposed that the facilitator attend the next meeting.

VII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- A. Partners were updated on information inquiries.

Meeting concluded at 12:05 am.

Next Meeting – December 2014 in Klamath