

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

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

**MEETING DATE:** 3/4/15

**TIME:** 1000 - 1150

**LOCATION:** ORICK, CA

**Attendees**

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

**Notes:**

**I. INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

**II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. Caltrans briefly summarized the content of the previous meeting including Last Chance Grade movement update, the overview of content and presentation materials for the Public Workshops; and facilitator training.

**III. UPDATES**

- A. Memorandum of Understanding
  1. All partner signatures were obtained for the MOU.
- B. Slide Movement Update
  1. An update of surface and subsurface movement was provided to the Partners. The landslide movement continues to move the roadway downward.
- C. Engineered Feasibility Study
  1. Caltrans planning staff is working on the outline of the study. A draft outline will be provided to the Partners at the next meeting.

**IV. Public Workshops**

- A. MIG identified items that needed addressing by the Partners based upon input from the public including criteria for refinement of alternatives, Partnership roster and clarification of sensitive resources.
- B. Key Themes Identified from Workshops
  1. A portion of the public communicated urgency and a need to be expeditious in a permanent solution.
  2. Others emphasized that impacts to sensitive resources should be given priority when selecting an alternative.
  3. It was also suggested that the Partnership should be expanded.
  4. The question of a four-lane facility was expressed by a few.
  5. Overall the public was concerned about the safety of the grade.
  6. Some ideas were suggested such as Bridges, Viaducts and Promontories.
- C. Discussion of Future Presentations, Feasibility Report Content and Webpage FAQs
  1. The Partners discussed in detail how the input and questions from the public workshops would be addressed in future communications.
- D. Partner Discussion of Narrowing Alternatives
  1. The Partners discussed the possibility of narrowing the number of alternatives to seven including the “No-Build Alternative” based upon input received by the public during the Workshops.
  2. Confirmation or rejection of the concept of refinement to seven alternatives by each Partner to occur by 3/30/15.

E. Partnership Roster Discussion

1. The Partners reiterated that the concept of the Partnership is those groups/agencies that have responsibilities and/or physical vested interest in Last Chance Grade.
2. Consensus was not to expand the group at this time but that improvements would be made in communicating with Stakeholders.

V. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. The next Partnering Meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2013. The meeting will cover the updates and the Partners future communication strategy.

Meeting concluded at 11:50 am.

Next Meeting – April 13, 2015