FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY AGENDA REPORT

DATE:

November 6, 2004

FROM:

Director Vicknair

ITEM:

New Business 1

SUBJECT:

Exchange of Equipment with California State Railroad Museum

CSRM has proposed a trade of equipment with the FRRS.

CSRM would receive operable Alco MRS-1 locomotive USN 612 that we have received from the Western Railway Museum.

In exchange, CSRM would deed to the FRRS two non-operable MRS-1s currently located in Sacramento, which the FRRS would be free to sell off for parts and scrap value, and a GE 80 ton locomotive, number 1605. The 80 tonner would be repaired by FRRS and used for trade purposes, specifically the previously discussed deal with Dakota Southern for the Tidewater Southern 70 tonner 743. DS requires the 80 tonner be operational.

The MRS-1s would be donated to the FRRS minus for the following retained parts:

- 4 traction motors
- 1 radiator set
- 1 set of control modules
- 1 engine power assembly

The FRRS would load and ship the 614 to Oakdale for unloading by CSRM crews. Removal of the MRS-1s from Sacramento would be the responsibility of the FRRS. CSRM will load and tiedown the 80 tonner and the FRRS would be responsible for shipping.

In line with state requirements, this transaction would be structured as two donations, rather than a direct trade. A cover letter will be prepared linking both transactions.

On a related note, CSRM has requested free use of the heavy duty flat car that will deliver the 612 to Oakdale to move the donated SP 1000 SW1 switcher from Tracy. Details of liability, expense and loading to be negotiated with FRRS. After unloading SP 1000 in Sacramento, CSRM will load and tie down 80-tonner 1605 on the flatcar for shipment to FRRS.

CMO Hank Stiles has arranged to inspect the CSRM MRS-1s and the 1605 80 tonner. If arrangements can be made before Saturday, he will provide a report on their condition to the Board.

ACTION: Discussion. Possible Action.