

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 26, 2003
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Director Vicknair
MEETING: February 1, 2003
ITEM: Magnolia Tower Report
SUBJECT: Current Progress

Our liaison overseeing the Magnolia Tower situation made contact with Amtrak around the first of the year and discovered that our contact within Amtrak had moved on to another employer. After several phone calls, our liaison was able to establish contact with the contractor overseeing the construction project at the Magnolia site and appraise them of our ownership in the tower and interest in preserving it. They were unaware from Amtrak of this but are supportive of our efforts and have agreed to aid us in the tower's removal. Our liaison was also placed in contact with the actual work contractor and received a similar story about lack of knowledge and then, once the situation was explained, a promise of assistance and cooperation. It was also learned that the contractor had plans to spend some time demolishing the tower with a bulldozer in the near future! This action was, of course, cancelled and the tower has once again dodged the destruction bullet.

The contractors now do not expect to begin work until the first week of April. They are having some issues with Amtrak over a few items and need to resolve these before any work happens, however they are keeping us in the loop. Our liaison is negotiating terms of the dismantling and removal with the contractor and working out remaining details. Now that we are in direct contact with the company actually doing the work, it is hoped that there will be no further surprises or breakdowns in communication.

ACTION: Report.