

September 13, 2024

Board of Directors  
Feather River Rail Society  
700 Western Pacific Way  
Portola, CA 96122

Dear Directors,

As mentioned at last months meeting my time as CMO and with the department would be coming to a close while I finish up a few last projects. The body repairs are almost complete and painting is underway on SP2873, and I will soon be finishing up the work in the machine shop. I expect everything to be complete by the end of the month. To that end, I would like to notify the Board of Directors that I plan to formally resign as CMO at the end of the month. In addition to the Mechanical Department, I will also be stepping away from the Operating Department.

My goal over the next three weeks is to complete the restoration of SP2873, the reorganization of the machine shop and servicing of the machines, and completing some cleaning in the shop and sorting of the Mechanical Department tools and parts supplies. I will be working closely with Nick Manos to come in and assist with a few of the necessary projects to close out the year; work on the forklifts and backhoe, winterizing locomotives etc. There are also a handful of mechanical procedures that I've been asked to help familiarize department personnel with next spring ahead of the 2025 operating season.

When my involvement with the Rail Society finally concludes, I don't expect to continue working on locomotives or heavy equipment and will be donating the relevant tooling and my collection of maintenance manuals to the museum. I have a couple of small projects I started at the college last year involving tooling and gauges for EMD's, when finished they will be donated as well. A small variety of hand and specialty tools I've brought in over the last few years have either joined the museums pool of general tools or been absconded with, and are considered at this point to have been "donated" as I lack the time and motivation to track them down.

Sincerely,

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