

repainting the south side of the shop building, completing the new rock garden near the main entrance at the east side of the shop, and moving furniture and equipment to make the facility look great for our visitors. "Good job, everyone!" he added.

SP 1215 HEADS TO NEW HOME

Carried on rubber tires, former Southern Pacific steam locomotive 1215 left the WPRM recently heading to its new home in San Jose, California.

The Baldwin 0-6-0 switcher, built in 1913, was acquired by the FRRS in 2001 from Kings County, California, where it was on display in a park. Last year, the FRRS was contacted by the California Trolley and Rail Corporation (CTRC), an organization formed in 1982 to preserve and reflect the rich legacy of rail transportation in the Santa Clara Valley. CTRC expressed interest in acquiring the SP 1215 for their planned San Jose Railroad Museum. The Acquisition / De-acquisition Committee was subsequently asked to review the 1215's status. With the acquisition of WP 165, the committee determined that the 1215 was not a key piece in our Museum's collection and suggested disposal of the locomotive. The Board of Directors subsequently voted to sell the 1215 to CTRC.

On October 14, two semis from Taylor Heavy Haul arrived at the Museum to transport the

locomotive. Assisting members from CTRC, FRRS members including Steve Habeck, John Walker, and Norm Holmes used SPI 1100 and two idler cars to load the engine and tender onto separate lowboy trailers. Work began around 1 PM and was finished around 5 PM.

According to CTRC's web site, the 1215 is currently located at Kelley Park in San Jose while CTRC finalizes plans for the permanent location for their museum. A cosmetic restoration of the locomotive is planned. For more information about CTRC and their plans, see their website at www.ctrc.org.

SP 1215 worked numerous terminals around the Bay Area until its retirement, and fits nicely into the mission of CTRC. The engine will eventually be displayed alongside a fellow SP Bay Area veteran: SP 2479, a 4-6-2 passenger engine.

Southern Pacific 1215 steam switcher

Class: S-10 Type: 0-6-0 Builder #: 39832
 Built: Baldwin Locomotive Works - May 1913
 Weight: 154,600 lbs. Boiler Pressure: 190 psi
 Tractive Effort: 29,720 lbs.

SP 1215 is unloaded at San Jose's Kelley Park after a long ride from Portola.

- photo courtesy of CTRC

