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TO: El Dorado County Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Mary Cory, Museum Administrator

RE: El Dorado Western Railroad Program Requests and Management Plan for Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) Train Operations and Track Maintenance

As requested by the El Dorado County Parks & Recreation Commission at their special meeting on November 5, 2018, I am returning with a revision of the SPTC Management Plan for Train Operations and Track Maintenance. I am asking the Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors:

1. The use of standard rolling stock on the section of track from MP 142 to MP 144.8 (just east of El Dorado Road to just west of Missouri Flat Road) in compliance with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requirements
2. The reinstallation of At-Grade Crossing equipment at the Forni Road railroad crossing according to CPUC requirements.
3. The revised Management Plan for SPTC Train Operations and Track Maintenance ( MP 119.4 to MP 144.8) in El Dorado County

A public meeting to solicit comment on the Management Plan was held on December 3, 2018. In addition email and verbal comments have been received. After consideration of the comments received, reviewing the video of the Board of Supervisors meeting held on May 10, 2016 (Agenda #16-0399), and reviewing the SPTC Master Plan (2003), I have prepared the attached revised Management Plan.

Some comments from SPTC users addressing specific concerns about the SPTC trails (paved and natural) are outside the scope of the Management Plan for Train Operations and Track Maintenance. Other comments regarding the relationship between the County Museum and the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation may be addressed by the Memorandum of Understanding adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2016.

I am asking this Commission to recommend the three above items to the Board of Supervisors with the intention of providing transparency for SPTC track management procedures, along with the eventual operation of full-size trains, and enhancing a system that will support a positive experience for all SPTC users, both rail and trail, on this historic Southern Pacific Railroad Placerville Branch corridor.