

14 November 2016

**MEMO TO: Regional Transit Board of Directors**

**CC: Interested Parties.**

**RE: Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority Meeting of November 7, 2016**

This meeting of the JPA was brief and uneventful. The only action items on the agenda were two contracts for weed abatement services. El Dorado County indicated that having maintenance service is more important now than in past years. There has been a lot of tree mortality from the drought. The stressed trees are also subject to bark beetle infestations, and the problem is growing in the County.

However, during the reports and information sharing by staff and the public, Jim Harville from the FEDSHRA, the historic railroad association running the excursion trains, said that the excursion rail is finally bringing in tourists and visitors as was intended all along. This past year saw a 20% growth, bringing the total number of passengers to 7000 for the year.

The pancake breakfasts in Latrobe are popular, with 20 – 25 people taking the train to the event. The Latrobe Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are planning a Harvest Dinner.

Also the FEDSHRA is planning to run a wine train this Spring.

The JPA meets quarterly, and the next meeting is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2017.

Please ask Don Nottoli and the RT staff representative for any additional comments they may have.

Provided by Director Linda Budge – 11/14/16

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