

Board of Directors Meeting: March 3, 2021 – Public Comments

Date	Name	5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
3/01/2021	Richard Brand	See attachment
Date	Name	6. Consent a. Approval of Monthly Financial Report b. Authorize the General Manager to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with EMR, LLC to provide a 3-year extension of the software subscription for MaxAccel in the amount of \$68,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$118,260
		None
Date	Name	7. Review of 2020 Activities and 2021 Goals and Challenges Presentations (<i>Discussion/Provide Feedback</i>)
		None

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David and fellow SMART board members:

I took the attached picture of the Redwood Empire lumber yard just north of Asti last Saturday. I had no idea that there was still so much lumber coming out of their Cloverdale facility and I encourage all of you board members to go see this. Traveling north on 101 take the Asti Italian Swiss Colony exit and then head north on the old highway. The lumber yard is about 1/4 mile ahead. Their yard stretches for over a 1/4 mile along the road and then also stretches back away from the roadway into their yard. There are at least 12 to 16 rail carloads of boards sitting there that needs to be considered for your SMART freight biz plan.

But more critical to me because I travel mostly north on 101 is how much of this lumber will be placed on southbound 18 wheeled trucks. Multiply my 12 to 16 rail car estimate above by 4 for legal truck loads and by 6 for probable illegal heavy loads and you can understand the damage to be done to the newly rebuilt pavement on 101. I plan to send this picture to CalTrans as 1) it surely should be a finance/budget issue for them and 2) they do not have any truck weigh scale north of Novato.

Do take this revenue opportunity into account for your biz plan and also when you are submitting any grant requests to the State or Feds, especially those driven by climate change factors.

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