

**AB-512x - ACHS Letter - SPI Comments**

Dave Brown to: Christa.Dean

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Christa – thank you for forwarding the letter from the ACHS last week dated February 10, 2010. Below are comments specific to the items in the letter:

Paragraph 1 – the last line indicates the intent of the letter is to “provide you with an update of the materials that we have received and also provide some comments regarding the agreement document.” The subsequent paragraph starting with Stipulation I.A.1 appears to be the only update on materials. The remainder of the 3-page letter includes a lengthy commentary on the agreement, additional requirements suggested by ACHS, and/or interpretation of the agreement. As the ACHS refused to be a signature on the agreement and the 106 process has been completed, SPI is not interested in entertaining additional requirements from ACHS, agreement interpretations by ACHS, or commentary on the MOA by ACHS. However, per our discussion last week, I offer the following comments specific to the ACHS letter.

Par. 2 - Stipulation I.A.1: ACHS can retain the duplicate photographs received. No electronic files of the photographs are being provided from SPI to ACHS.

Par. 3 – Stipulation I.A.6: This particular item is concerning. The ACHS was originally designated in the MOA to be donated materials from the Martell Station. During the conclusion of the MOA preparation, the ACHS (through Mr. Dave Butow) refused to be a signature to the agreement, excluding them from the donation as well. SPI had been working with Georgia Fox (former County employee, former/current ACHS member, and former Museum contact) to change the ‘donation’ to the Museum rather than ACHS. It was understood by Georgia and former ACHS President Charlene Buckley that the prior donations to ACHS would have gone to the Museum regardless. The County (through Leanne McIntyre, General Services Administration) coordinated for the signing of the MOA (by the County). Amador County has since obtained the desired items from the Martell Station, and subsequent to that ‘donation’, SPI allowed ACHS (through Georgia Fox) to obtain additional paper records and a physical ‘ticket booth’ from the Martell Station.

Par. 4 – Stipulation I.A.7 – The plaque/marker requirements allow for flexibility in the design and placement by SPI. While SPI has coordinated portions of this with ACHS (through members Georgia Fox and Charlene Buckley – both of which constitute the majority of plaque/marker creations for ACHS), the current ACHS Board has implied both those individuals do not speak for the ‘current’ Board regarding this matter. In light of this, SPI is continuing to work with individuals on the design and placement of the plaque/marker. As a specific update – the plaque/marker is being fabricated as of the date of this communication and anticipated to be physically installed by March 17th, 2010.

Par. 5 – video documentation. Attached is an email sent in December 2009 indicating two videos by Mr. Dave Butow specific to the Amador Central. These videos have since been acquired and will be delivered to ACHS later this week (anticipated via hand delivery later today). A scan copy of the front/back of the video's is similarly attached.

Page 2 – Stipulation IV.A – The ACHS comments indicated in this and the remainder of Page 2 relate to the HABS/HAER documentation that was completed in accordance with the MOA. It is anticipated that the comments are likely those from a former SOHP employee, now a member of ACHS, who was not involved with this process/project while employed at SOHP. The comments appear suggestive towards how the report could have been presented differently, but does not indicate that the report failed to meet

the MOA requirements. The report was submitted in Draft Form, and as required in the MOA. No comments were received. The report was subsequently submitted in Final form over a year ago. No comments received from SHPO. SPI is considering the report portion of the MOA complete and no desire to incorporate any of the changes suggested by ACHS. The copy of the report submitted from SPI to ACHS was a Final Copy and included a copy of the cover letter (for the draft report) from the preparer – for coordination purposes only.

Sincerely,

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From: Dave Butow [daveb209@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 4:58 PM
To: Dave Brown
Subject: RE: Final HABS/HAER Documentation - STB Docket No. AB-512X, Sierra Pacific Industries, Amador County, California

Mr. Brown,
Here is the text of a message regarding videos of the ACRR:

Most recent is "The Last Run of the Amador Central" by Machines of Iron.
Another is "Great Shortlines West" which is a Charles Smiley production.
There are a few more out there with brief blurbs about the railroad. One is a tape on Baldwin diesels. (AMC had one of the few left in operation).

I'm sure SPI has the resources to obtain one or all of these videos and forward it/them to the ACHS.

Dave Butow

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Brown [mailto:DBrown@spi-ind.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 11:00 AM
To: Dave Butow; Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov
Cc: 'Dave Brown'; M. Wayne Donaldson
Subject: RE: Final HABS/HAER Documentation - STB Docket No. AB-512X, Sierra Pacific Industries, Amador County, California

We are working on the plaque. There is no video or blueprints that exist or were prepared as part of the HABS/HAER documentation. If anyone knows of such information, we would be happy to reimburse its reproduction.

Dave

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From: "Dave Butow" <daveb209@comcast.net>
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Cc: "'Dave Brown'" <DBrown@spi-ind.com>; "M. Wayne Donaldson" <mwdonaldson@parks.ca.gov>
Sent: 12/21/2009 9:43 AM
Subject: Final HABS/HAER Documentation - STB Docket No. AB-512X, Sierra Pacific Industries, Amador County, California

Dear Ms. Dean,
Hopefully you are able to get to your office without mishap due to all the snow in the DC area this week.

Mr. Brown sent to me a packet that I received last week that met the requirements of Stipulation IV of the MOA. He asked that I notify you when I had received it. However, Mr. Brown erred in sending me the information required in Stipulation IV, as he should have sent the information required in Stipulation VII. While the photo documentation and maps would seem to be the same for both Stipulations, video documentation and blueprints were not included, as required by Stipulation VII.

Also Stipulation VII speaks to the placing of a marker or plaque. However, it does not specify at what location the plaque should be located. I have learned that Mr. Brown and Ms. Buckley, past president of the Amador County Historical Society (ACHS), have been conversing on the components of a plaque and she stated that Mr. Brown told her that SPI would like to locate the plaque in their commercial development a half mile away from the location of the Martell station. The ACHS takes exception to locating the plaque so far from the historical resource and asks that the plaque/marker be placed on the SPI property contiguous to the County road (Jackson Gate Road) opposite the Martell railroad depot.

Thank you for your consideration and further review in this matter and have a happy holiday.

Dave Butow

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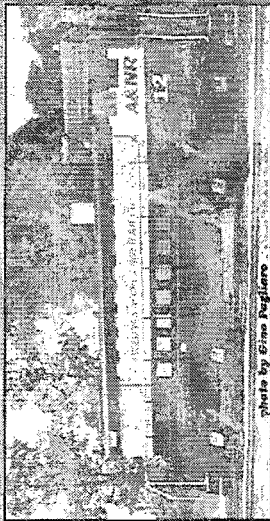


Photo by Steve Englebert

- A&NR
- CORP
- CCT
- Amador Central
- ST&E and VC Ry.
- Trona Baldwins
- M&ET and more!

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We visit ten shortlines with 22 miles spanning from 1970 to 1998. Two of our visits include episodes and access to two truly great shortlines - the Amador Central and CORP in Oregon.

See the Amador Central in its prime and catch the last day of operation. Then visit the busy Baldwins at the Trona Baldwins Co. the Trona Baldwins Co. back to an earlier era of railroading.

The ALCO diesels of many roads are in this video. Many GE power is brought to you on the Modesto & Empire Traction Co.

The most dramatic chapter is on the CORP and its 3.6% grades with up to 6 units over the Siskiyou Mountains.

Visit the people on several of these lines for an insider's look at the business of running shortline railroads.



Photo by Victor Nemes

Baldwin, ALCO, GE & EMD power

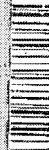
Released from a 1998 release and expanded. With digital enhancement.



The Last Run of the Amador Central

A local freight railroad which ran 11.79 miles between a connection with the Southern Pacific at Lone to Marysville, California, the Amador Central was owned and operated by the Georgia Pacific Lumber Company. With outbound traffic of lumber and forest products, this railroad served as an important source of transportation. But in 1997, the plant and the railroad were sold, the plant was converted for pulpmill board manufacturing, and the railroad was eventually closed. It followed the last few days of the Amador Central's last day of operation on March 28, 1997.

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