

The “Department Head Reports” from DOT for the December 5, 2023 meeting are listed below:

- At the annual Trindel Insurance Road Conference for the north state area, which was held in Red Bluff, on November 8, 2023, Trinity County employees were the first-place winners for two of the three competition games. Ron Hanover Jr. and Ryan Hanger placed first in both the Hot Chain Saw competition and the Backhoe competition. In addition to keeping the small trophies for the year (*see photo*), both Ron and Ryan were presented with a new full-size working chainsaw each. A heartfelt congratulations to our professional colleagues.
- In cooperation with the Environmental Health Division, road crews are removing surplus storm mitigation debris from the Trinity Center Airport. Pending any unforeseen circumstances, the material will be hauled to the Anderson Landfill by the end of the week.
- Road crews are busy winterizing equipment as they are getting ready for the winter storms. The snow blower attachment for the new Multihog just arrived, and will be a good addition for snow removal in challenging areas (*see photo*).
- The Weaverville crew will be in Salyer replacing five burned culverts on Campbell Ridge Road. The Hayfork crew will start removal of hazardous trees along county roads in Hayfork as part of the GNA agreement with the Forest Service.
- Road crews repaired damaged boards on the Historic Lewiston Bridge just in time for the Lewiston Bridge Lighting (*see photo*). Weaverville crews are using the new chipper to remove hazard trees at the Weaverville Airport flight path adjacent to SR 3 (*see photo*).
- Road crews removed the portable Bailey Bridge from a remote Forest Service road so it is now ready for deployment in the event it is needed for a county-maintained road due to storm damage.
- The DOT facilitated the removal of a highly noxious weed – *Arundo donax* – at the corner of North Miner Street and 299 due to concerns over sight-lines at the intersection. RCD spearheaded the effort and DOT provided facilitation, crew and a mini excavator to remove vegetation.

- DOT staff held the first cooperators meeting with the USFS for the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA). DOT has received approval to proceed with all items of the Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA), including the removal of hazardous trees and the Bailey Bridge. DOT will oversee the invoice process for submitted reimbursements to the USFS – including assistance to other department in the navigation of USFS billing requirements.
- Staff is revising the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Amendment No. 1 is scheduled for approval during the TCTC meeting on December 5, 2023.
- Staff is developing the 2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to allocate state funding for eligible projects. The current components of the RTIP includes the reconstruction of Ripple Creek Bridge with a total project cost of \$2,500,000. Additionally, the RTIP will include \$100,000 in Planning Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds, which is used for regional transportation planning and monitoring the implementation of STIP projects. Approval of the 2024 RTIP is scheduled for December 19, 2023 TCTC meeting.
- Staff is preparing an application for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, with a submission deadline of January 18, 2024. The funds will be used to develop a Short-Range Transit Development Plan (SRTDP) for FY 25/26 through 29/30. The primary purpose of the SRTDP is to guide the development of mobility services for Trinity County residents and visitors over a five-year span. The SRTDP is required to comply with various Federal Transit Administration and Caltrans requirements.
- The Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the Redding Rancheria Trinity Health Center conference room at 81 Arbuckle Ct. in Weaverville.
- Engineering staff have been working to complete the initial documents for FEMA eligible repair projects from the January and March storms. Many of the damage sites have been grouped together into a total of 16 FEMA projects for the two events. Most of the initial support documents have been completed by the county, with only two projects remaining. These projects are being reviewed by FEMA for eligibility and cost approvals. FEMA will also be completing the NEPA for these the projects. Once cost estimates are developed and/or approved, much of this information will be returned to the

county for review. To date, none of the projects from the 2023 storms have been obligated.

If you have any questions please let me know.



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New Snowblower Attachment for the Multihog



County Crews Repairing Damage Boards on the Lewiston Historic Bridge



Admiring the New Chipper



Hazard Trees Removal at the Weaverville Airport Flight Path Next to SR 3