



**MEMO**

**To:** NCRA Board of Directors  
**From:** Executive Director Mitch Stogner  
**Date:** January 13, 2010  
**Subject:** Agenda Item E.2

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As recent reports to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors have indicated, the current year (09-10) agency budget has a deficit of approximately \$150,000 - \$200,000. At the direction of the Board, staff has taken steps to address this budget gap by cutting costs, wherever possible, and retaining an experienced railroad property management firm, with the goal of increasing NCRA property revenue. Additionally, NCRA staff is working with the City of Ukiah, County of Mendocino, Caltrans, CTC, and FHWA staff on a plan to sell or lease approximately 11 acres surrounding the Ukiah Depot for the construction of a new Mendocino County Courthouse. This property transaction, if approved by Caltrans and FHWA, could generate significant agency revenue.

With respect to the expense side of the budget, individual Board members have suggested elimination of Board Director stipends and expenses, which would save about \$18,000 per fiscal year, based on reimbursements made in fiscal year 2008-2009 for such expenses.

**Board Director Reimbursement Policy for Board Consideration:**

Except for 1 meeting to be held in Humboldt County and 1 meeting to be held in Marin County, Board stipends and expense reimbursements for mileage, meals, and lodging will be eliminated for calendar year 2010.

The exception to this policy would be to allow mileage, meal, and lodging reimbursements (no stipend) for 1 meeting annually in Humboldt County, and 1 meeting annually in Marin County.

The remaining 10 annual Board meetings would take place in Ukiah, and Board Directors would not receive expense reimbursements of any kind for these meetings.