

Board of Supervisors - Administrative Policy No. 75
Request for County Counsel Legal Review of Proposed Expenditure

Requesting District: District 4

Contact: Vickie Day

Date of Request: 02/12/2025

Dollar Amount: \$ 20,000.00

Title of Event/Expenditure: Donation to Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot Project

Date of Event/Expenditure:

Entity Putting on Event or Receiving Expenditure: Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot Project 1238

Describe the public purpose of the event/Expenditure:

The City of Fresno donated locomotive #1238 to the Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot (Friends). The Locomotive the last SP steam locomotive in Fresno County is currently located in Fresno's Roeding Park. Friends have launched a campaign Project #1238 to move, restore and display the locomotive in Kingsburg as part of the Historic Kingsburg Depot. I am requesting \$20,000 to be donated to fund Friends Project #1238.

Describe the involvement of any County of Fresno Departments:

None to my knowledge.

If event is to be put on by a Supervisorial District, what preparations will be required in terms of arrangements or contracts for goods, services or venues to hold the event?

N/A

(Note: necessary contracts may need to be processed through the CAO and purchasing agent ahead of the event).

Please attach any other relevant information or documentation.

Based on information provided by District Staff, I have determined that the foregoing is a legal expenditure of public funds.

Board of Supervisors Approval Required?

Yes No
Samuel C. Cedarborg Yes or No

County Counsel; Date: 2/13/25

Project Partners

The LS Peters Foundation has committed to match any donation dollar for dollar up to \$30,000, providing a potential income to the Project of \$60,000.

The City of Fresno has donated Locomotive #1238 to Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot. The locomotive has been located at Fresno's Roeding Park since 1956. #1238 is a historic 1918 Baldwin S-10 0-6-0 steam locomotive that worked in Kingsburg and other San Joaquin Valley towns. It is a historic treasure and the last SP steam locomotive located in Fresno County.

A family estate has donated 280 feet of railroad track and other railroad related artifacts, including a 1923 Fairmont Speeder motorized track vehicle, a Velocipede 3-wheeled pedal-powered track vehicle, maintenance carts, tools, a baggage wagon, switch stands, and signs.

An anonymous donor has provided 750 linear feet of attractive 7-foot wrought iron security fence.

Cost Breakdown

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| \$55,000 | Site preparation: | |
| | - \$27,500 | extend electric system, add security lighting |
| | - \$9,500 | install donated fence |
| | - \$9,500 | extend water system |
| | - \$8,500 | grading, ballast, ties |
| \$49,000 | Move locomotive | |
| \$21,500 | Restore locomotive | |
| \$12,500 | Maintenance shed | |
| \$4,500 | Tools | |
| \$47,500 | Additional train cars | |
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| \$190,000 | Total estimated cost | |

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Other Documents

Available on request: Site Plan, IRS Determination Letter, IRS tax filings, State Determination Letter, City Business License, City Historic Status Declaration, County Historic Status Declaration, State Historic Status Declaration.



PROJECT 1238

Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot, Inc.
June 4, 2024



Southern Pacific Locomotive #1238

This request seeks donations totaling \$190,000 to fund a project of Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot (FHKD), a 501c3 California nonprofit corporation. Donations are tax deductible. As of the date of this writing, \$111,000 has been raised towards the \$190,000 goal. Donor names will be featured on a donor wall, website, and a Facebook page, subject to donor approval.

Project 1238 will construct a railroad display track at the Historic Kingsburg Depot and move Southern Pacific Locomotive #1238 and other artifacts to the track to preserve and use them for the educational benefit of students and other visitors. The project includes installation of 350 feet of track; moving the locomotive to the track; cosmetic restoration of the locomotive; extension of electric and water services into the track area; installation of 750 feet of security fencing around the area; and installation of lighting.

FHKD consists of approximately 170 members who volunteer and financially support daily operation of the Historic Kingsburg Depot site through dues and donations. Membership is open to all. Activities include educational programs to benefit K-12 grade students from public, private and home schools studying the history of San Joaquin Valley agriculture, transportation, and peoples. Members serve as costumed docents in these educational programs based on a curriculum and facilities funded by grants from the LS Peters Foundation and the Union Pacific Railroad. Other members maintain the Depot's historic facilities, artifacts, and archives. Visitor donations also help fund maintenance and additions to the Depot's programs, artifacts, archives, and displays.

the public as a regional living museum of railroad history. Work on rehabilitation of the Depot site began in 2007. During the period 2007-2016 approximately \$890,000 in private donations, a \$1,135,000 federal grant, and more than 16,000 hours of volunteer labor combined to complete the rehabilitation project. The Depot was opened to the public at a grand opening celebration in September 2016. Union Pacific participated in the grand opening celebration by sending two locomotives to serve as a backdrop for the celebration activities. This participation by the Company was greatly appreciated.

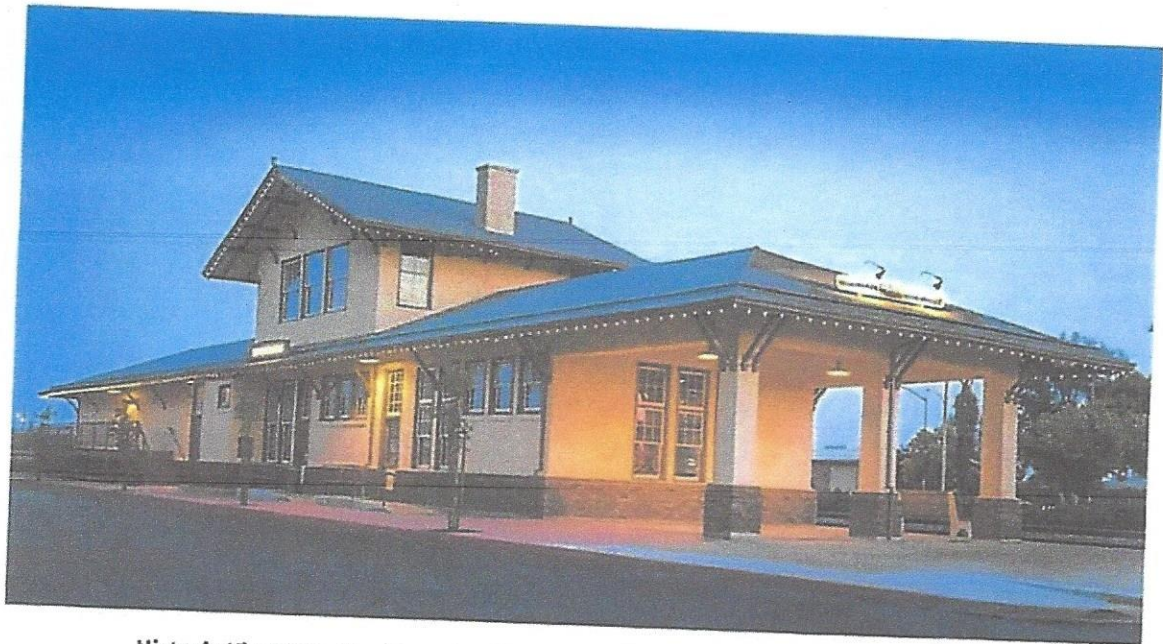
Since that time the Historic Kingsburg Depot has become a popular historic and educational destination for the general public and for schools in four counties of Central California. In June 2017 Friends was awarded a Union Pacific Community Ties grant of \$10,000 to develop a curriculum to meet California State standards for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade studies, and that curriculum has been in use at the Depot ever since.



Southern Pacific #1238

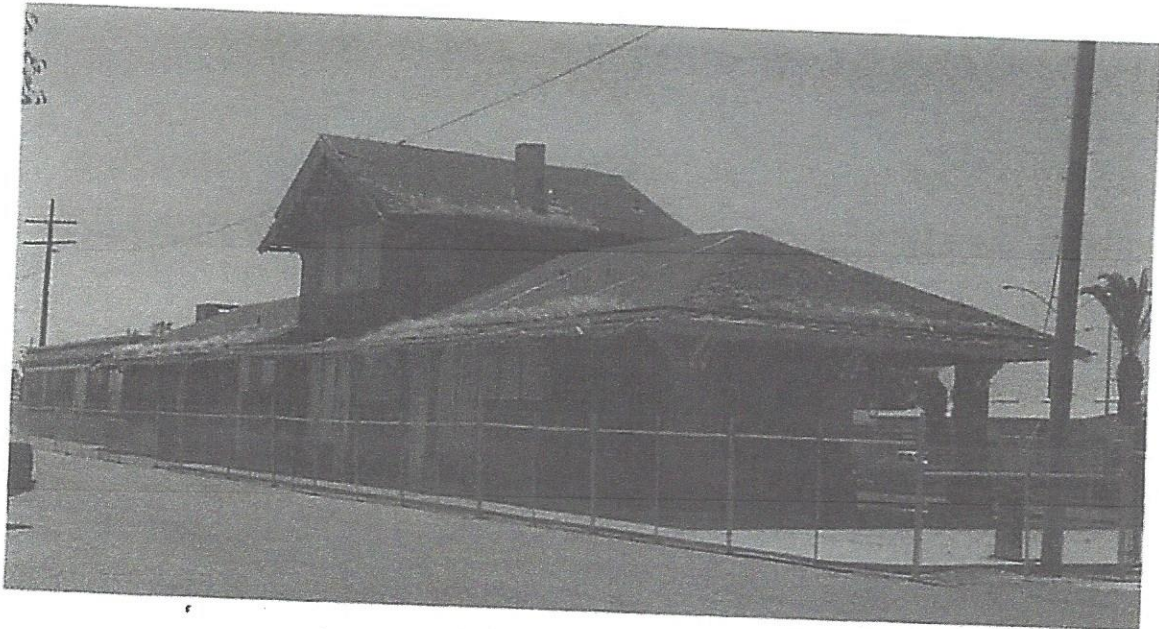
Recently the City of Fresno donated Southern Pacific locomotive #1238 to Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot. SP #1238 is a historic 1918 Baldwin S-10 0-6-0 steam locomotive that worked in the central San Joaquin Valley until retirement in 1956. Friends would like Union Pacific's assistance in moving #1238 20 miles from its current location in Fresno to a display track on leased railroad property at the Depot in Kingsburg. The locomotive's location in Fresno is approximately 3 blocks from the UP mainline, and the Depot is located on the mainline 20 miles south. #1238 will become a popular historic artifact drawing additional attention to the Depot's educational activities.





Historic Kingsburg Southern Pacific Depot after rehabilitation, September 2016

In 2005 Union Pacific transferred ownership of the retired Kingsburg Southern Pacific Railroad Depot ("Depot") to the City of Kingsburg, California. The Depot is located on the UP main at MP226.5 in the Fresno subdivision of the Northern California Service Unit. The street address is 1465 California Street, Kingsburg, California 93631.



Depot before rehabilitation, 2005

In November 2005, Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot (Friends") was incorporated as a California non-profit corporation to raise funds for rehabilitation of the Depot, and to equip, staff, and open it to