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MEMORANDUM

Historic Resource Commission meeting of May 9, 2013

TO: Historic Resource Commission Item F-2

FROM: Lee Plemel, AICP, Planning Director

DATE: April 30, 2013

SUBJECT: HRC-12-028 – Historic Preservation Fund Grant Update

The funding agreement between Carson City and SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) for the Kings Canyon Cultural Resources Inventory project was signed on February 2, 2013. The agreement gives the City until June 30, 2013, to complete the project. While City staff was preparing the Request for Proposals for the project, it became apparent that the complete scope of work could likely not be completed by June 30.

On April 18, 2013, staff submitted a written request to SHPO to extend the contract, perhaps to September 2013 as requested in the original application. Staff has not received a written reply to this request. SHPO staff contacted City staff by phone and stated that they had discussed the issue and would not grant an extension of the agreement past the June 30 deadline. They also stated that they would like to continue Kings Canyon Cultural Resources Inventory project to the upcoming 2013-14 grant award year (July 2013-June 2014), and delay the Andersen Ranch and Perini Ranch surveys project that was already awarded for the 2013-14 grant award year to 2014-15.

City staff believes that this suggested approach from SHPO is appropriate given the delayed start of the current grant project. Even if an extension were granted to September 2013 for the current grant, the two grants would overlap in time and make it difficult for City staff to provide the required in-kind match to the two projects at once.

The next step will be to enter into a new agreement with SHPO for the Kings Canyon Cultural Resources Inventory project. As of the writing of this memo, SHPO did not know the exact funding amount available for the 2013-14 grants. City staff will continue to work with SHPO to ensure that the Kings Canyon Cultural Resources Inventory project is a top priority for completion in the 2013-14 grant year.

If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Lee Plemel at 283-7075 or lplemel@carson.org.