

NEXT BIG GOAL  
SECURE FULL FUNDING FOR FINAL CONSTRUCTION

It has been a busy and eventful past few months in the efforts to further the restoration project to Save Our Bridge. The Save Our Bridge Campaign Committee undertook a dedicated effort to raise the California Legislature's awareness of the need to fund the additional \$2.6 million dollars needed to complete the project AND to gather support to have the additional funds allocated in the forthcoming 2016-2017 budget. A tremendous effort was made by Nevada County Supervisor Hank Weston to gather support for this endeavor in the Legislature. Supervisor Weston, along with SYRCL Executive Director, Caleb Dardick, made trips to Sacramento to meet with Legislative Staff and to testify at Assembly Budget Hearings. State Senator Ted Gaines and Assemblyman Brian Dahle also wrote a letter in support of allocating the funding. Unfortunately, although the funding request was looked upon favorably by the Budget Committee, it did not make it into the final 2016-2017 Budget. The S.O.B. Campaign Committee and Supervisor Weston are planning to start work with the Governor and Legislature in the Fall of 2016 to make sure the funding is included in the 2017-2018 State Budget.

OTHER BRIDGE NEWS:

- ❖ The Save Our Bridge Campaign Committee was recognized with the Community Service Award presented by the Nevada County Democratic Party at their annual awards dinner on April 16, 2016. SYRPA President Robert Coats attended the event and accepted the award on behalf of the Committee. The Committee was recognized for our non-partisan, inclusive community efforts to preserve a significant historical element of our region.
- ❖ The many holes in the roof of the Bridge have been patched, thanks to efforts by SYRPA, the S.O.B. Campaign Committee and DPR Staff, especially Chief Ranger Matt Green. The Bridge is covered for a reason! To protect the structure! The Bridge should sustain no further damage from rain until the construction begins in 2018.
- ❖ The Bridge is recognized as the Longest, Single-Span Wood Covered Bridge in the World" in the new edition of *Covered Bridges and the Birth of American Engineering* by the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program, Nation Parks Service.
- ❖ The Bridge and the funding request to the Legislature was featured on Sacramento Television Station ABC10 News on April 16, 2016

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay involved and informed. Together we can      **SAVE OUR  
BRIDGE**