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NADC-member Two Rivers Demolition of Rancho Cordova, CA recently completed the deconstruction of the old Royal Hotel in downtown Sacramento. This dilapidated brick and wood structure had once been a gathering place for politicians and visitors to the Golden State's capital. The building had fallen on hard times over the years and demolition was scheduled as part of an urban renewal project that would involve expansion of Sacramento's nearby Greyhound bus terminal.

The problem that Two Rivers faced was that the location of the structure prohibited the use of heavy equipment. Two Rivers President Rod Palon made the decision to hand demolish the structure. Sandwiched between the Greyhound terminal and a small alleyway, the building presented Two Rivers with an interesting materials handling challenge. Palon mobilized his crews into teams and began "eating" the building down from the roof. While the hand demolition would take longer, it would minimize disruption for the surrounding properties and maximize the amount of material recycled from the project.

Crowds of state government workers would stop by each day on their way into the office to view Two Rivers' progress. Palon's teams hand demolished each floor, stockpiling materials for daily loadout at the rear of the structure. Two Rivers recycled the vast majority of materials generated onsite. The bricks were sold locally or used as fill material. The old Royal Hotel sign was salvaged and Palon is currently looking for a buyer. While the deconstruction of the Royal took longer, it guaranteed the maximum reuse of the structure's components and was a perfect fit for this project.

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