

California High-Speed Rail: Bakersfield to Palmdale Section

Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement

Pursuant to:
California Environmental Quality Act, P.R.C. 21000 et seq.; State of California CEQA Guidelines,
California Administrative Code, 15000 et seq. and
National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332 et seq.),
40 C.F.R. Part 1500, 64 Fed. Reg. 28545, 49 U.S.C. 303 and 23 U.S.C. 327

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Abstract: The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Draft EIR/EIS was prepared as a joint document to meet all pertinent requirements of both CEQA and NEPA. Following NEPA Assignment in July 2019, the Authority has assumed the role of Federal lead agency on the project.

This document considers, describes and summarizes the environmental impacts at a project level of analysis of a proposed high-speed rail system for intercity travel between Bakersfield and Palmdale, California. Four primary build alternatives are considered with two design options.

Impact Avoidance and Minimization Features along with mitigation measures are described to guide high speed rail environmental review to avoid or minimize potential impacts.

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