

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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SCH #2009091125

**Project Title:** California High-Speed Rail Project, Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye

Lead Agency: California High Speed Rail Authority

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City: Sacramento

Zip: 95814

County: Sacramento

**Project Location:** County: Merced, Madera, Fresno, Stanislaus City/Nearest Community: Chowchilla, Fairmead, Madera Acres

Cross Streets: Please see attached page

Zip Code: Various

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" N / \_\_\_\_\_° \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" W Total Acres: Approx. 55 miles

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various

Section: Various Twp.: Various

Range: Various Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 59, 99, 132, 140, 152, 233

Waterways: Multiple

Airports: Several local airports

Railways: BNSF, UPRR

Schools: Multiple

**Document Type:**CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☒ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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☐ Draft EIS☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: Public Works**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_☐ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_☐ Educational: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_☒ Transportation: Type Rail (high-speed train)☐ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_☐ Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_☐ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_☐ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☒ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☒ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☒ Other: EMF/EMI, Vibration**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Agriculture is the primary land use; other land uses include commercial, industrial, residential, and mixed use.

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached page.

State Clearinghouse Contact:

(916) 445-0613

State Review Began:

5 - 2 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE

6 - 20 - 2019

**Project Sent to the following State Agencies****X Resources**☒ Boating & Waterways☒ Central Valley Flood Prot.☒ Coastal Comm☒ Colorado Rvr Bd☒ Conservation☒ CDFW # 4,3,2☒ Cal Fire☒ Historic Preservation☒ Parks & Rec☒ Bay Cons & Dev Comm.☒ DWR**Cal EPA**☒ ARB: Airport & Freight☒ ARB: Transportation Projects☒ ARB: Major Industrial/Energy☒ Resources, Recycl.& Recovery☒ SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water☒ SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr # \_\_\_\_\_☒ SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.☒ SWRCB: Wtr Quality☒ SWRCB: Wtr Rights☒ Reg. WQCB # 5☒ Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC**Yth/Adlt Corrections**☒ Corrections**Independent Comm**☒ Delta Protection Comm☒ Delta Stewardship Council☒ Energy Commission☒ NAHC☒ Public Utilities Comm☒ Santa Monica Bay Restoration☒ State Lands Comm☒ Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency☒ Conservancy☒ Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Please note State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) on all Comments.****2009091125**

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**Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency**

AQMD/APCD 13, 15, 7, 34

(Resources: 5 / 4)

**CalSTA**☒ Aeronautics☒ CHP☒ Caltrans # 19, 6☒ Trans Planning**Other**☒ Education☒ Food & Agriculture☒ HCD☒ OES**State/Consumer Svcs**☒ General Services



**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #6, 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #5
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #4	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Please see attached page.
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date May 3, 2019 Ending Date June 20, 2019

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: May 2, 2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

## NOTICE OF COMPLETION - ATTACHMENT

### Project Name

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California High-Speed Rail Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye

### Project Location, Cross Streets

The proposed Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye is located in Merced and Madera Counties near the City of Chowchilla with related electrical facilities extending into Fresno and Stanislaus Counties. The project termini are located at Henry Miller Road/Carlucci Road on the west (lat/long 37° 5'51.46"N - 120°40'48.84"W), Ranch Road/SR 99 on the north (lat/long 37°13'21.29"N - 120°22'40.69"W), and Avenue 19 near Madera Acres on the south (lat/long 37°1'31.84"N - 120°4'46.61"W). The nearest major state highway intersection is State Route 99 (SR 99) and State Route 152 (SR 152).

### Project Description

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) proposes to construct and operate the Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye as part of the larger, 800-mile California High-Speed Rail (HSR) system planned throughout California. The HSR system will connect the major population centers of Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County, and San Diego. As part of the Merced to Fresno Section of the statewide HSR system, the Central Valley Wye would create the east-west HSR connection between the San Jose to Merced Section to the west and the north-south Merced to Fresno Section to the east.

The Authority has prepared a draft supplemental environmental impact report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) entitled "Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement" (referred to below as "Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS"). The Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS is a supplement to the 2012 Merced to Fresno Section Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS). The 2012 Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS identified the Hybrid Alternative as the preferred alternative for the north/south alignment, but did not identify a preferred alternative for the Central Valley Wye. The Authority Board of Directors certified the Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS under the California Environmental Quality Act on May 3, 2012, and filed a Notice of Determination on May 4, 2012 and approved the Hybrid Alternative. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a Record of Decision on September 18, 2012, and the Surface Transportation Board issued a Record of Decision on June 13, 2013. Although the Authority Board of Directors and FRA approved portions of the Hybrid Alternative outside the area known as the "wye connection" for the north/south alignment of the high-speed rail and the Downtown Merced and Downtown Fresno Mariposa Street station locations, these approvals deferred a decision on the wye connection to allow for additional environmental analysis.

This Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS is the next step in the CEQA environmental review process for the Authority to select a wye connection. This document evaluates the impacts and benefits of implementing a wye connection in the geographically limited area of the wye connection between the cities of Merced and Madera and is based on additional project planning and engineering that has occurred over the last several years. This Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS also evaluates the No Project Alternative and four Central Valley Wye alternatives: the State Route (SR) 152 (North) to Road 13 Wye Alternative, SR 152 (North) to Road 19 Wye Alternative, Avenue 21 to Road 13 Wye Alternative, and SR 152 (North) to Road 11 Wye Alternative. The Authority's Proposed Project, also referred to as the Preferred Alternative in this Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS, is the SR 152 (North) to Road 11 Wye Alternative.



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**Reviewing Agencies Checklist - Other**

California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, Secretary, Sacramento, CA
California Environmental Protection Agency, Secretary for Environmental Protection, Sacramento, CA
California Geologic Survey
California Health and Human Services Agency
California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
California State Transportation Agency, Secretary, Sacramento, CA
California Transportation Commission, Executive Director, Sacramento, CA
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mather, CA