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**Table 1 Transportation**

Impact Category	Project Feature	Applicable Design Standards
Alteration of existing state and local roadways	Alignment (bridges and viaducts)	<p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Transportation Technical Report</i></p> <p><i>California HSR Ridership and Revenue Business Plan Technical Report</i></p> <p>Federal Railroad Administration Standards and Guidelines</p> <p>Federal Emergency Management Agency Guidelines</p> <p>Federal Highway Administration Guidelines</p> <p>National Earthquake Hazards Reduction</p> <p>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Guidelines</p> <p>U.S. Bureau of Land Management Surveying Manual</p> <p>United States Geological Survey Standards</p> <p>AASHTO Highway Drainage Guidelines</p> <p>AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering</p> <p>California Disabled Accessibility Guidebook</p> <p>California Seismic and Safety Commission Standards and Guidelines</p> <p>California Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards</p> <p>Caltrans Bridge Design Manuals</p> <p>Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria ver. 1.7</p> <p>Caltrans <i>Highway Design Manual</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chapter 80 – Application of Design Standards</li> <li>▪ Chapter 200 – Geometric Design</li> <li>▪ Chapter 300 – Geometric Cross Section</li> <li>▪ Chapter 400 – Intersections At Grade</li> </ul> <p>Caltrans Plans Preparation Manual</p> <p>Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual</p> <p>Caltrans Standard Plans</p> <p>Caltrans Surveys Manual</p> <p>Caltrans Transportation Management Planning Guidelines</p> <p>Caltrans <i>User's Guide to Photogrammetric Products and Services</i></p> <p>Caltrans Right-of-Way Manual, and Forms and Exhibits</p> <p>Transportation Research Board Highway Capacity Manual</p> <p>BNSF Railway Engineering Standards</p> <p>Union Pacific Railroad Engineering Standards</p> <p>Amtrak Standards and Guidelines</p> <p>Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) Design Criteria and Engineering Standards</p> <p>Southern California Regional Rail Authority Engineering Standards</p> <p>Public Utilities Commission(s)</p> <p>Regional Water Quality Control Boards</p> <p>Air Quality Districts</p> <p>Flood Control Districts</p>

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**Table 2 Air Quality**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
Construction	HSR civil work and track construction (alignment, bridges and viaducts)	<p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Air Quality Technical Report</i></p> <p>The Authority would comply with the California Air Resources Board, including the following California air basins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sacramento Valley</li> <li>▪ San Francisco Bay Area</li> <li>▪ San Joaquin Valley</li> <li>▪ Mojave Desert</li> <li>▪ South Coast</li> <li>▪ San Diego County</li> </ul> <p>Emissions would be tracked by the California Air Resources Board and include ozone, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfate, methane, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, sulfur dioxide, and lead.</p>
Operations	HSR Operations	<p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Air Quality Technical Report</i></p> <p>The Authority would comply with the California Air Resources Board, including the following California air basins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sacramento Valley</li> <li>▪ San Francisco Bay Area</li> <li>▪ San Joaquin Valley</li> <li>▪ Mojave Desert</li> <li>▪ South Coast</li> <li>▪ San Diego County</li> </ul> <p>Emissions would be tracked by the California Air Resources Board and include ozone, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfate, methane, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, sulfur dioxide, and lead.</p>

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 Authority = California High-Speed Rail Authority  
 NO<sub>x</sub> = nitrogen oxides  
 PM<sub>2.5</sub> = particulate matter smaller than or equal to 2.5 microns in diameter  
 PM<sub>10</sub> = particulate matter smaller than or equal to 10 microns in diameter

**Table 3 Noise and Vibration**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
Construction	HSR civil work and track construction (alignment, bridges and viaducts)	<i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Noise and Vibration Technical Report</i> <i>FRA High-Speed Ground Transportation Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Guidelines</i> <i>Federal Transit Administration Transit Noise and Vibration Assessment</i>
Operations	Alignment (bridges and viaducts)	<i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Noise and Vibration Technical Report</i> <i>FRA High-Speed Ground Transportation Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Guideline</i> <i>Federal Transit Administration Transit Noise and Vibration Assessment</i>

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**Table 4 EMF/EMI**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
Electromagnetic compatibility of HSR equipment and facilities with themselves, and with equipment and facilities of HSR neighbors	HSR Systems	46 C.F.R. 15, Subpart B, Sections 15.107(a) and 15.109(b) for Class A digital devices European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization Standard EN 50121-4, Railway Applications – Electromagnetic Compatibility, Part 4: Emissions and Immunity of Signaling and Telecommunications Apparatus
Electromagnetic compatibility of HSR equipment and facilities with passengers, workers, and neighbors of the HSR	HSR Systems	IEEE Standard C95.6-2002 – IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields, 0-3 kHz IEEE Standard C95.1-2005 – IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 91-01 – Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields

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 C.F.R. = Code of Federal Regulations  
 kHz = kilohertz  
 GHz = gigahertz  
 IEEE = Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers  
 FCC = Federal Communications Commission  
 OET = Office of Engineering and Technology

**Table 5 Public Utilities and Energy**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
<p>New construction and the protection, support, restoration, and rearrangement of utilities</p>	<p>Alignment (bridges and viaducts)</p>	<p>California Public Utilities Commission General Orders, Public Utility Codes, Rules of Practice and Procedure, and the Policies and Guidelines</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association Standards</p> <p>Caltrans <i>Highway Design Manual</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chapter 80 – Application of Design Standards</li> <li>▪ Chapter 200 – Geometric Design</li> <li>▪ Chapter 300 – Geometric Cross Section</li> <li>▪ Chapter 400 – Intersections At Grade</li> </ul> <p>Caltrans Plans Preparation Manual</p> <p>Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual</p> <p>AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering</p> <p>Conformance with the latest technical specifications and practices of the respective utility owner.</p> <p>American National Standards Institute Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commercial Building Grounding (Earthing) and Bonding Requirements for Telecommunications</li> <li>▪ Standard for Outside Plant Communications Cable</li> <li>▪ Communications Wire and Cable for Wiring of Premises</li> <li>▪ Standard for Fiber Optic Premises Distribution Cable</li> <li>▪ Human Factors Engineering Requirements for Visual Display Terminal Work Stations</li> <li>▪ Standard for Tolerance of Radiated Electromagnetic 1 Frequency Interference</li> </ul> <p>Electronic Industries Association/Telecommunications Industry Association Standards</p> <p>Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. Publications</p> <p>U.S. Department of Defense Standards: MIL-STD-1472: Human Engineering, MIL-STD-781: Reliability, Test Methods, Plans, and Environments for Engineering, 12 Development, Qualification and Production, MIL-STD-810: Department of Defense Test Method Standard for Environmental Engineering Considerations and Laboratory Tests</p> <p>National Transportation Communications for Intelligent Transportation Systems Protocol Standards</p> <p>Telecommunication Standardization Sector Standards</p>

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**Table 6 Hydrology**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
Alteration of stream flows and water surface elevations from the placement of structures (e.g., piers and abutments) within stream channels	Alignment (bridges and viaducts)	<p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Hydraulics and Floodplains Technical Report</i></p> <p>Caltrans <i>Highway Design Manual</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chapter 810- Hydrology</li> <li>▪ Chapter 820- Cross Drainage</li> </ul> <p>FHWA Hydraulic Design Series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HDS-1- Hydraulics of Bridge Waterways</li> <li>▪ HDS-5- Hydraulic Design of Highway Culverts</li> </ul> <p>AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering</p> <p>AASHTO Highway Drainage Guidelines</p>
Alteration of drainage patterns from placement any type of project feature in any location, including changes from impervious surfaces and floodplain impacts	All project features	<p>Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hydromodification</li> </ul> <p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Hydraulics and Floodplains Technical Report</i></p> <p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Stormwater Management Plan</i></p> <p>Caltrans <i>Highway Design Manual</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chapter 820- Cross Drainage</li> <li>▪ Chapter 830- Roadway Drainage</li> <li>▪ Chapter 860- Open Channels</li> </ul> <p>FHWA Hydraulic Design Series No. 2 (Hydrology)</p> <p>FHWA Hydraulic Engineering Circular No. 22 (Urban Drainage Design Manual)</p> <p>AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering</p> <p>AASHTO Highway Drainage Guidelines</p>
Generation of pollution from roadways	State highway and local roadway modifications and crossings	<p>Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construction BMPs</li> <li>▪ Post-Construction Controls</li> </ul> <p><i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Stormwater Management Plan</i></p> <p>Caltrans Storm Water Quality Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project Planning and Design Guide</li> <li>▪ Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and Water Pollution Control Program Preparation Manual</li> </ul> <p>AASHTO Highway Drainage Guidelines</p>

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**Table 7 Geology, Soils, and Seismicity**

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Construction	Backfilling of borings, test pits, Cone Penetration Tests, rotosonic holes, wells, and probe holes.	<p>AASHTO Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification with Caltrans Amendments</li> <li>▪ AASHTO Guide Specifications for Design and Construction of Segmental Concrete bridges</li> <li>▪ AASHTO Guide Specifications for Thermal Effects in Concrete Bridge Superstructures</li> </ul> <p>Caltrans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria</li> </ul> <p>California Building Code</p> <p>FHWA Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FHWA Drilled Shaft Construction Procedures and LRFD Design Methods, FHWA-NHI-22 10-016</li> <li>▪ FHWA Design and Construction of Driven Pile Foundations, Vols. 1 and 2, FHWA-HI-24 97-013 &amp; 0-14</li> <li>▪ FHWA Drilled Shafts: Construction and Procedures and Design Methods, FHWA-IF-99-26 02</li> <li>▪ FHWA Mechanically Stabilized Earth Walls and Reinforced Soil Slope Design and Construction Guidelines, FHWA-NHI-00-043</li> <li>▪ FHWA Earth Retaining 1 Structures, FHWA-NHI-99-025</li> <li>▪ FHWA Soil Slope and Embankment Designs, FHWA-NHI-01-026</li> <li>▪ FHWA Rock Slopes Reference Manual, FHWA-HI-99-00</li> </ul> <p>FHWA Geosynthetics Design and Construction Guidelines, FHWA HI-95-038</p> <p>California Well Standards, Water Wells, Monitoring Wells, Cathodic Protection Wells:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bulletins 74-81 and 74-90</li> </ul>
Construction	Restoration of pavement	<p>AASHTO Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specification with Caltrans Amendments</li> <li>▪ AASHTO Guide Specifications for Design and Construction of Segmental Concrete bridges</li> <li>▪ AASHTO Guide Specifications for Thermal Effects in Concrete Bridge Superstructures</li> </ul> <p>Caltrans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria (CSDC)</li> </ul>

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**Table 8 Hazardous Materials**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
Construction	HSR civil work and track construction (alignment, bridges and viaducts)	<i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Hazardous Materials Technical Report</i> Title 49 C.F.R Part 192, "Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards" Title 49 Part 195, "Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline"
Operations	Alignment (bridges and viaducts)	<i>Merced to Fresno Section: Central Valley Wye Hazardous Materials Technical Report</i>

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**Table 9 Safety and Security**

Impact Category	Project Features	Applicable Design Standards
Construction	HSR civil work and track construction (alignment, bridges and viaducts).	49 C.F.R., Part 213, Section 316 for protection of the right-of-way for Class 8 and 9 tracks 49 C.F.R, Part 214, Railroad Workplace Safety California Public Utilities Commission General Order No. 26-D FRA guidelines regarding the separation and protection of adjacent transportation systems and conventional railroads High-Speed Passenger Rail Safety Strategy published by FRA (November 2009) AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering Caltrans Highway Design Manual Caltrans Plans Preparation Manual Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual
Operations	Alignment (bridges and viaducts).	Be fully grade separated at crossings and fully access-controlled Incorporate supervisory control and data acquisition system Incorporate climatic and seismic monitoring systems Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles would be employed in the design of the HSR System

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