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To: Southern Division

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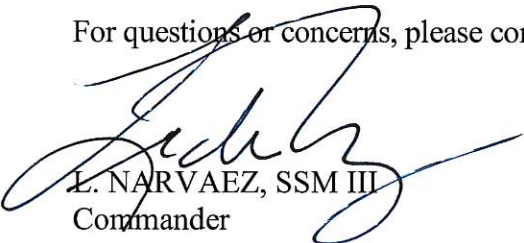
Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE
SCH# 2016101017

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be emailed to CHP-EIR@chp.ca.gov. Your written comments must be received no later than **July 1, 2021**.

If a project of interest impacts more than one Division, the SPS is responsible for coordinating any necessary response from the Divisions to the appropriate agency. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For questions or concerns, please contact Denise Dobson at (916) 843-3370.



L. NARVAEZ, SSM III
Commander

Attachments: Checklist
Project File

cc: Inland Division



Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2016101017

Project Title: Coachella Valley – San Geronio Pass Rail Corridor Service Program

Lead Agency: Riverside County Transportation Commission Contact Person: Sheldon Peterson
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12008 Phone: 951-787-7141
 City: Riverside Zip: 92502 County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino City/Nearest Community: Multiple
 Cross Streets: N/A Zip Code: N/A

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: N/A
 Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: N/A Twp.: N/A Range: N/A Base: N/A
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Multiple Waterways: Multiple
 Airports: Multiple Railways: Multiple Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ 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: _____

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 _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Railroad Infrastructure

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: GHG

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

N/A

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

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Rail and Mass Transportation, and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), have prepared a joint NEPA/CEQA Tier 1/Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Tier 1/Program EIS/EIR) to: 1) evaluate passenger rail service options between Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) in Los Angeles County, California and the City of Coachella in Riverside County, California, which are collectively known as the Coachella Valley San Geronio Pass Rail Corridor Service Program (Program), and 2) provide alternative travel choices to automobile ownership along the 144-mile long Coachella Valley-San Geronio Pass Rail Corridor (Program Corridor). The Draft Tier 1/Program EIS/EIR has been prepared by FRA, Caltrans, and RCTC to analyze the potential significant environmental impacts of the proposed Program and to identify potential mitigation strategies that would inform future, site-specific mitigation measures to avoid or reduce significant impacts during subsequent (future) Tier 2/Project-level analyses.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>8</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>4, 7, 8</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>5, 6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input 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 21, 2021 Ending Date July 6, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>HDR, Inc.</u>	Applicant: <u>Riverside County Transportation Commission</u>
Address: <u>350 South Grand Avenue, Suite 2900</u>	Address: <u>4080 Lemon Street</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Los Angeles, CA, 90071</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Riverside, CA 92501</u>
Contact: <u>Kelly Czechowski</u>	Phone: <u>951-787-7141</u>
Phone: <u>(619) 861-5936</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Sheldon Peterson Date: 5/20/2021

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
EVALUATION/RESPONSE CHECKLIST
FOR AREA/SECTION**

Reference: General Order 41.2

	Action	Reference GO 41.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review memorandum for the due date(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine if the proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety. Examples include: housing developments, large commercial projects, large recreational developments or expansions, landfill or quarry operations, hazardous materials storage and/or dump sites, highway construction/improvement projects, new schools, airport improvements, annexations/incorporations, off-highway vehicle facilities, and Indian gaming facilities.	Page 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review environmental impact documents to identify issues or concerns with possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, telecommunications, public safety).	
Responses		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If comments are advisable:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence should focus primarily on traffic safety, congestion, or other impacts to the CHP's mission; however, Areas shall not indicate to the lead agency that additional personnel, facilities, vehicles, etc., are a means to mitigate departmental service issues.	Page 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the State Clearinghouse number (SCH#) is included in all correspondence.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments shall be provided directly to the lead agency and emailed to State Clearinghouse at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov no later than the designated due date. Provide a copy to Special Projects Section (SPS) via electronic mail (e-mail).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Area/Section's assessment of the project. After mailing your comments to the SCH or lead agency, send a scanned copy via e-mail to SPS.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If no impact is determined:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via e-mail, please respond "no impact to _____ Area's local operations and/or public safety by SCH# _____ was identified," by the designated SCH due date to the SPS analyst listed on the Environmental Document Review and Response memorandum. Ensure the SCH# is included.	