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SCH # 2009082062

Project Title: California High-Speed Rail Project: Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS

Lead Agency: California High-Speed Rail Authority Contact Person: Serge Stanich
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 City: Sacramento Zip: 95814 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Kern, Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Bakersfield, Tehachapi, Mojave, Rosamond, Lancaster, Palmdale
 Cross Streets: Please see attached page Zip Code: Various

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: Approx. 80 miles

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various Section: Various Twp.: Various Range: Various Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 58, 14, 204, 178, 184, 202, 138 Waterways: Kern River, East Side Canal, Caliente, Clear, Tweedy, Tehachapi, Amargosa, and Oak Creeks, Los Angeles Aqueduct
 Airports: Tehachapi Municipal, Pontius Airport, Palmdale Regional Railways: UPRR Schools: Various

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) 2009082062 Draft EIS Other: Final EIS
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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 _____ Transportation: Type High-Speed Rail
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD 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: EMI/EMF

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Various (urban [industrial, commercial, and residential], rural residential, agricultural, and undeveloped).

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

Please see attached page.

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| <input checked="" 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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4,5</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date N/A Ending Date N/A

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Attachment:

NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT TRANSMITTAL

Project Description

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) certified a Statewide Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) (Tier 1) in November 2005 as the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the proposed California High-Speed Rail (HSR) system planned to provide a reliable, high-speed, electric-powered rail system that links the major metropolitan areas of the state and that delivers predictable and consistent travel times. A further objective is to provide an interface with commercial airports, mass transit, and the highway network and to relieve capacity constraints of the existing transportation system as increases in intercity travel demand in California occur, in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources. Based on the Program EIR/EIS, the Authority selected preferred corridors and station locations to advance for additional study. The Authority prepared a Draft EIR/EIS and Revised Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS that further examined the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section at the project level (Tier 2), within Kern and Los Angeles counties. The proposed project is construction and operation of a grade-separated, dedicated double-track, electric powered, passenger, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail, high-speed railroad between Bakersfield and Palmdale, including a station in Bakersfield (approved by the Authority under CEQA in October 2018 and under NEPA in November 2019) and a station in Palmdale.

The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section is approximately 80 miles in length and traverses valley, mountain, and high desert terrain, as well as urban, rural, and agricultural lands. From the north, this project section begins at the approved Bakersfield Station and travels south and southeast through the Tehachapi Mountains, then descends into the Antelope Valley, where it terminates approximately one mile south of the proposed Palmdale Station.

REVIEWING AGENCIES CHECKLIST—OTHER

California Environmental Protection Agency
California Geological Survey
California Health and Human Services Agency
California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
California Transportation Agency
California Transportation Commission
Cal OES, Governor's Office of Emergency Services