



**Resolution # HSRA 15-02**

**Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals for Fresno to Bakersfield Habitat Mitigation Services**

**Whereas**, under the California High-Speed Rail Act, the California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for planning, constructing, and operation of an intercity high-speed passenger train network that is fully integrated with the State’s existing intercity transportation services [Pub. Util. Code §§ 185030, 185031];

**Whereas**, pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 185024, the Authority has appointed an Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who, subject to the direction of the Authority, has charge of administrating the affairs of the Authority;

**Whereas**, it is necessary to obtain permits and approvals from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Water Resources Control Board (“regulatory agencies”) to construct the high-speed rail system between Fresno and Bakersfield; and

**Whereas**, the completion of the scope of work in the Request for Proposals for Habitat Mitigation Services is necessary to fulfill regulatory requirements that are necessary preconditions to the regulatory agencies issuing permits and approvals.

**Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Board directs the CEO, or a designee of the CEO, to issue the Request for Proposals for Habitat Mitigation Services (RFP) to procure a contract for habitat mitigation not to exceed a total amount of \$53,919,800.00 for a term of five (5) years. The RFP requires that the contractor comply with the small business participation goal to be included in the contractor’s proposal and justified therein. Non-substantive modifications may be made to the RFP after approval and prior to release.

The CEO, or a designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized and directed to make appropriate changes to the RFP in consultation with the Board Chair as part of the RFP procurement process.

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Date: January 13, 2015