



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board meeting minutes September 17, 2019

Main Location

Board of Supervisors Chambers
70 W Hedding Street
San Jose , CA 95110

Satellite Location

Hyatt Regency La Jolla
3777 La Jolla Village Drive
San Diego, CA 92122

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board was convened on September 17, 2019, 1:05 PM at The Board of Supervisors Chambers, San Jose, CA. The Meeting Minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present:

- Mr. Lenny Mendonca, Chair
- Mr. Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Daniel Curtin
- Mr. Henry Perea, Sr.
- Ms. Bonnie Lowenthal
- Ms. Nancy Miller
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member
- The Honorable Jim Beall, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent: N/A

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was made at the outset of the meeting.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the Board Meeting Minutes from the July 16, 2019 Board Meeting

The July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes were moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Curtin and passed (8-0)

Agenda Item #2 – NEPA Assignment Overview and Update

Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Mark McLoughlin, presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #5 – CEO Delegation of Authority Update – Revisions Regarding Preferred Alternatives (Related to NEPA Assignment)

Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Mark McLoughlin and Lead Counsel Tom Fellenz presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Motion was moved by Director Miller, and passed (8-0)

Agenda Item #6 – CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer Brian Kelly provided a report on pertinent items to the Board.

Agenda Item #7 – Finance & Audit Committee Report

Finance & Audit Committee Chairman Tom Richards provided a brief status report on the Committee's work.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider Concurring with the Staff Recommended Preferred Alternative for inclusion in the San Jose to Merced Project Section Draft EIR/EIS

Northern California Regional Director, Boris Lipkin presented to the Board.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was made after the presentation of Agenda Item #3.

Board members asked questions, Boris Lipkin answered. Resolution 1905 and 1906 were moved by Vice Chair Richards, Seconded by Director Miller. Both were passed (8-0) with added amendments;

In response to public comments made at the September 17, 2019, Board Meeting, staff is directed to consider:

- Coordination with Diridon Station planning;
- Issues related to grade separations in the vicinity of the Gardner neighborhood, Morgan Hill and San Jose; and
- Feasible mitigation through the Grasslands Ecological Area.

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Concurring with the Staff Recommended Preferred Alternative for inclusion in the San Francisco to San Jose Project Section Draft EIR/EIS

Northern California Regional Director, Boris Lipkin presented to the Board

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was made after the presentation of Agenda Item #4

Board members asked questions, Boris Lipkin answered. Resolution 1905 and 1906 were moved by Director Camacho Seconded by Director Miller. Both were passed (8-0)

Agenda Item #8 – Meeting Adjourned

Chair Mendonca announced there would be no closed session. Meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.