CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY

To: **Chairman Pringle and Authority Members**

From: **Roelof van Ark, Chief Executive Officer**

Date: **August 23, 2010**

RE: **Materials for consideration of Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Revised Final Program EIR**

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Discussion

In compliance with the Superior Court's final judgment in *Town of Atherton, et al. v. California High Speed Rail Authority*, the Authority has prepared a Revised Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Bay Area to Central Valley portion of the high-speed train system. The Authority Board will hear a staff presentation and receive public comment on September 1st, agenda items # 1 and # 2. When the Board reconvenes on September 2nd, Authority staff will provide a brief response to public comments received on September 1st, agenda item # 5. The Board will then consider making new decisions related to the Revised Final Program EIR, agenda item # 6.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board certify the Revised Final Program EIR for its compliance with CEQA; adopt the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approve the Pacheco Pass Network Alternative serving San Francisco via San Jose, preferred alignments, and station location options, as identified in draft Resolution # HSRA 11-11 and its attachments.

Attachments

- CD-Rom containing Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Revised Final Progam EIR
    - Volume 1, Revised Final Program EIR main text
    - Volume 2, Responses to Comments
    - 3-Volume 2008 Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Final Program EIR/EIS
- Staff Report: Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Revised Final Program EIR
- Draft Resolution # HSRA 11-11
    - Exhibit A to Resolution # HSRA 11-11, CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
    - Exhibit B to Resolution # HSRA 11-11, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- Hard copy of Revised Final Program EIR main text, volume 1