



**MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

**Merced City Council Chambers
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340**

10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for public comment will be provided either before or during the consideration of each agenda item. Persons who wish to comment on agenda and non-agenda items, (with the exception of Agenda Item 10 only, which can be submitted before the start of the Agenda Item 10 presentation) are required to submit their requests to Board Secretary before the start of the meeting by filling in the green cards. Typically public comment will be limited to 90 seconds per person, however the Chair may decide to shorten or lengthen the public comment periods, at his or her discretion.*

Responsible Party

Status

Agenda ACTION Items

	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Chairman Umberg	A
2. Request to Extend Public Comment period on the Business Plan- per request of Board at last meeting.	Roelof van Ark	A
3. Request to Extend Public Comment period on the Small Business Program Plan- per request of Board at last meeting.	Roelof van Ark	A
4. Identification of Preferred North/South Alignment and Preferred Station Locations for Inclusion in Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS. <i>Staff will present its recommendation for the preferred north/south alignment and preferred station locations in Merced and Fresno for inclusion in the Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS. The Board will consider the staff presentation and may provide direction to staff regarding designation of the preferred alternative in the Final EIR/EIS and/or provide direction on preparation of the Final EIR/EIS.</i>	Dan Leavitt / John Popoff	A
5. Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report – Fresno to Bakersfield <i>Staff will provide an update and will describe and make recommendations as to the changes in alignments and stations for inclusion in the Fresno-Bakersfield section, particularly related to the west of Hanford bypass. The Board will have an opportunity to provide direction on the alternatives to include into the draft project EIR/EIS for this section.</i>	Jeff Abercrombie	A

Agenda INFORMATION Items

6. Members' Report	Board Members	I
7. Chief Executive Officer's Report	Roelof van Ark	I

8. Staff Report and Board Ratification of the Statewide Media & Communications Contract Lance Simmens I
9. *Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation* Legal Counsel
The Authority Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(2)(A) to confer with legal counsel with regard to the following litigation:
- *Town of Atherton v. California High-Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento Superior Court No. 34-2008-80000022*
 - *Town of Atherton v. California High-Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento Superior Court No. 34-2010-80000679*
 - *John Tos; Aaron Fukuda and County of Kings v. California High Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2001-00113919*
- The Authority may also meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(2)(b) (i) to consider potential litigation.*
10. Presentation of the Draft 2012 Business Plan – Scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm or upon adjournment of Closed Session, whichever is later. Roelof van Ark I
Pursuant to Public Utility Code section 185033 (b) (2), staff will present the 2012 Draft Business Plan and there will be an opportunity for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Item # 10

**An opportunity for public comment will be provided after the presentation of the Draft 2012 Business Plan. Persons who wish to comment on agenda item 10 only are requested to submit their requests to Board Secretary before the start of the 2:00 pm draft Business Plan public hearing by filling in the green cards. Typically public comment will be limited to 90 seconds per person, however the Chair may decide to shorten or lengthen the public comment periods, at his or her discretion.*

“A” denotes an “Action” item; “I” denotes an “Information” item - Items may be taken out of order

Reasonable Accommodation for Any Individual with a Disability

Any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate may request assistance by contacting the Authority at (916) 324-1541. Requests for additional accommodations for the disabled, signers, assistive listening devices, or translators should be made no later than one week prior to the meeting.