



**BRIEFING: May 2, 2013, BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #8**

**TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members**

**FROM: Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Director for Environmental Planning**

**DATE: May 2, 2013**

**RE: Informational Presentation Regarding the Authority's Public Outreach Efforts Pertaining to the Central Valley Wye**

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**Background**

The purpose of this presentation is to update the Board on additional stakeholder feedback received since early April 2013 regarding the Central Valley Wye alternatives to be studied in the Merced to Fresno Subsequent EIR/Supplemental EIS (SEIR/SEIS).

**Discussion**

In January and again in April 4, 2013, updates were provided to the Board describing the evaluation of potential east-west wye alternatives that would connect with the north-south Hybrid alignment between Merced and Fresno. In April, staff presented a Supplemental Alternatives Analysis and recommended that four alternatives be carried forward to be evaluated in a Merced to Fresno SEIR/SEIS, subject to concurrence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

These alternatives included:

- SR 152 (North) to Road 13 Wye Alternative
- SR 152 (North) to Road 18 Wye Alternative
- SR 152 (South) to Road 18 Wye Alternative
- Avenue 21 to Road 13 Wye Alternative

Authority staff will present additional stakeholder feedback on the four alternatives received since the April Board meeting.

**Recommendations**

This is an information item. No Board action is requested at this time.