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## High-Speed Rail Authority Appoints Executive Staff

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced the appointments of James Andrew as Assistant Chief Counsel and Jason Kimbrough as Deputy Director of External Affairs.

“The High-Speed Rail Authority is committed to building strong relationships with stakeholders, and ensuring that we have good leadership is especially important,” said Authority CEO Jeff Morales, “These appointments underscore our commitment to provide timely public information and work with stakeholders as we continue to move forward with this transformative project.”

Andrew will help develop and implement the Authority’s legal strategy and assist with environmental and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) legal issues. The compensation is \$130,104. Kimbrough will manage stakeholder and small business outreach and legislative affairs. The compensation is \$105,996.

Andrew has 14 years of legal experience in areas including land use, real estate, government and environmental issues. Most recently he was a Deputy Attorney General at the Office of the California Attorney General, where he practiced environmental law and litigation. He was also the lead attorney defending first high-speed rail section in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation, and led the team that successfully defeated a motion for a preliminary injunction.

Kimbrough has 15 years of experience working on political campaigns, developing and implementing grassroots networks, and managing community and media relations in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, he worked on state legislative and congressional election campaigns and, before this, he served as Chief Deputy Press Secretary for California Insurance Commissioners Steve Poizner and John Garamendi and was Deputy Director of Advance for Gov. Gray Davis.

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### *About California High-Speed Rail Authority*

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at [twitter.com/cahsra](https://twitter.com/cahsra)