Current and Projected Population of Communities To Be Served By the California HSR Project

	1998	1999	Pct. Chge.	2020	Ave. Annl. Pct. Chge.
SCAG Region	16,400,000	16,663,200	1.6	22,353,000	1.5%
Los Angeles County	9,587,300	9,757,500	1.8	12,250,000	1.1%
Orange County	2,734,500	2,775,600	1.5	3,245,000	0.8%
San Francisco Bay Area	6,695,800	6,789,600	1.4	8,392,376	1.1%
San Diego County	2,795,800	2,853,300	2.1	3,917,000	1.6%
Sacramento County	1,156,500	1,177,800	1.8	1,651,765	1.7%
Fresno	409,100	415,400	1.5		
Oakland	397,800	399,900	0.5		
Riverside	250,800	254,300	1.4		
Antelope Valley	**334,500**	**347,500**	**3.9**	**698,500**	**3.6%**
Palmdale & Lancaster	**244,000**	**250,200**	**2.5**	**543,500**	**4.0%**
Stockton	241,800	243,700	0.8		
Bakersfield	220,800	230,800	4.5		
Modesto	182,900	184,600	0.9		
Oceanside	153,900	157,900	2.6		
Santa Clarita	145,500	147,900	2.4		
Escondido	123,200	125,600	1.9		
Visalia	93,900	94,000	0.1		
Merced	61,700	62,800	1.8		
Temecula	46,550	48,850	4.9		
Gilroy	37,400	39,050	4.4		
Los Banos	21,250	22,200	4.5		

The Antelope Valley alignment will produce a greater potential net benefit to California relative to the Grapevine alignment, *while at the same time* will reduce the risk of (a) lower-than-projected ridership and revenue, and (b) higher-than-projected construction cost and schedule delay.

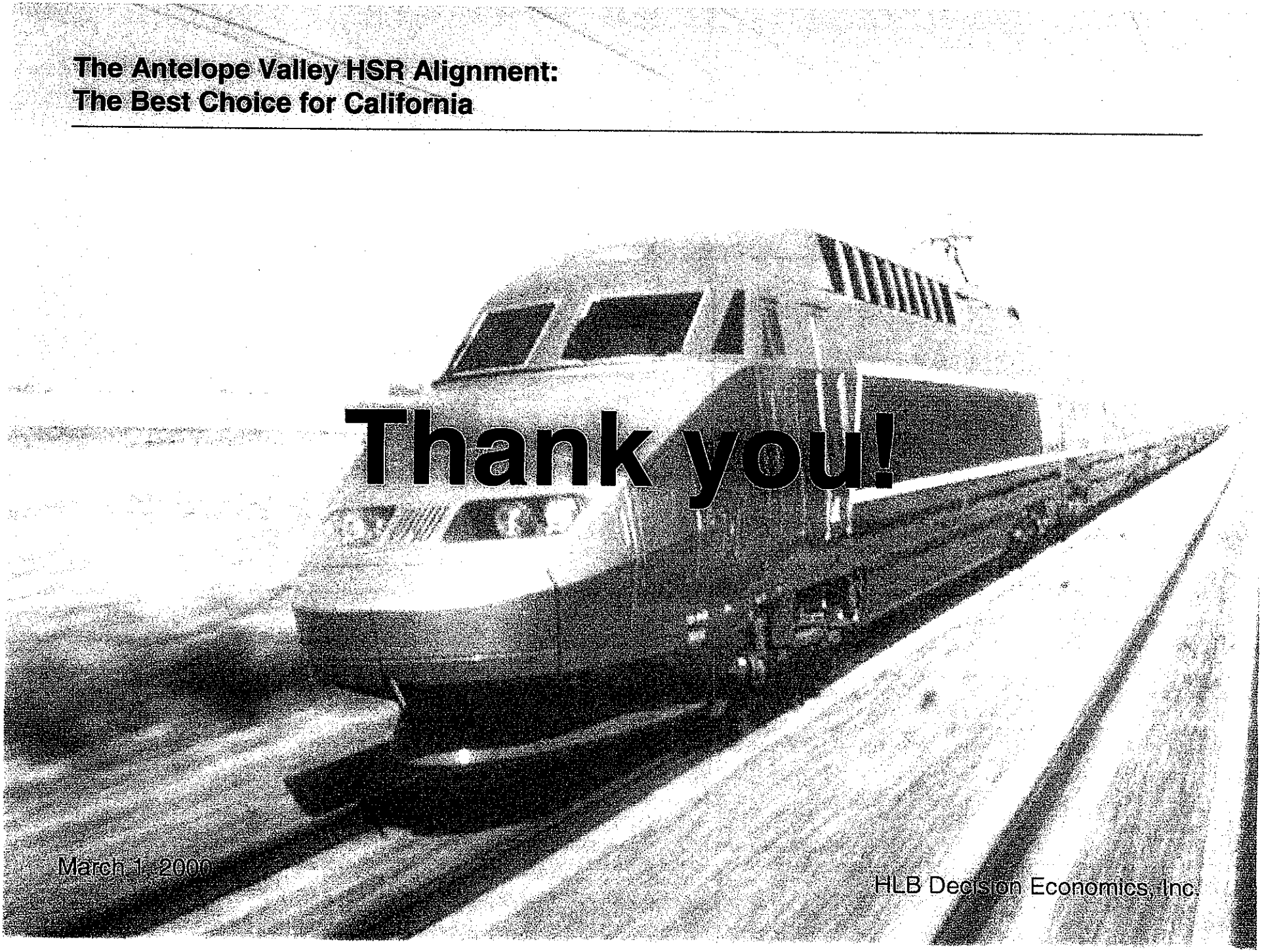
The Antelope Valley alignment enjoys overwhelming, unanimous support by Southern California and Central Valley elected officials, other policy makers, planners, business organizations, and other public interest organizations.

The Antelope Valley HSR Alignment: The Best Choice for California

- Most Consistent with Business Planning and Investment Principles
- Superior Intermodal Integration
- Superior Economic Integration
- Superior Project Economic Viability
- Superior Risk Management
- Overwhelming Public Support

Our Recommendation to the California High-Speed Rail Authority:

The communities of the Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County and the southern Central Valley call upon the California High-Speed Rail Authority to adopt the Antelope Valley Alignment as its preferred, or baseline routing proposal between Los Angeles and Bakersfield for purposes of environmental analysis and preliminary design.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