



March 14, 2013

The Honorable Mark Leno, Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Leno and Assembly Member Blumenfield:

This letter is to indicate that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has filled the executive staff positions required under Provision 7 of Item 2665-306-6043 of the Budget Act of 2012 (SB 1029, Chapter 152, Statutes of 2012). This provision states:

“Sixty days prior to awarding the contracts scheduled to be awarded in December 2012 to commence construction of the first construction segment of the initial operating section, the High-Speed Rail Authority shall fill the positions of chief executive officer, risk manager, chief program manager, and chief financial officer and report those hirings to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.”

As outlined in the Project Update Report submitted to the Legislature on March 1, 2013, the Authority now anticipates awarding the contract for Construction Package 1 to begin construction of the Initial Operating Section in Summer 2013.

In accordance with that provision, staff vacancies have been filled for the following positions:

- Chief Executive Officer: Jeff Morales, Effective 6/18/12
- Risk Manager: Jon Tapping, Effective 9/1/12
- Chief Program Manager: Frank Vacca, Effective 12/3/12
- Chief Financial Officer: Russell Fong, Effective 3/14/13

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Robinson at 916-324-1541 or via email at matthew.robinson@hsr.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Morales".

Jeff Morales,
Chief Executive Officer

JERRY BROWN
GOVERNOR

