



# THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY WIND WOLVES PRESERVE

January 11, 2012

Mr. Thomas J. Umberg, Chairman  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
700 L Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Resolution # HSRA 12-01

Dear Chairman Umberg,

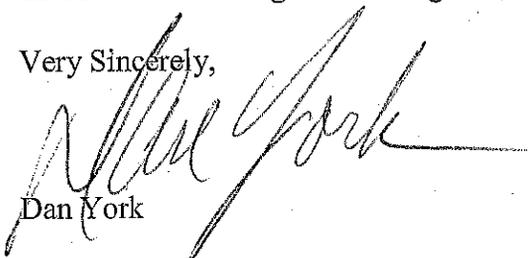
The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) strongly supports the recommendation of your staff to drop the Grapevine alignment (Interstate 5) from further consideration for the Central Valley-Los Angeles Basin Mountain Crossing.

TWC supports public transit expansion, and the Antelope Valley alignment of the HSR, which was found to be a superior route in 2005 when the HSRA Board approved the Program-level EIR.

Your staff and consultants have done a thorough analysis of the I-5 alignment, have incorporated stakeholder and public input and have presented their recommendations in rejecting the I-5 alignment.

The Wildlands Conservancy urges the Board support their staff finding and approve Resolution #HSRA 12-01 at the Los Angeles meeting January 12.

Very Sincerely,



Dan York

Associate Director, The Wildlands Conservancy

cc: Board Members, CA High-Speed Rail Authority  
Mr. Roelof van Ark, CHSRA CEO



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THURSDAY THE TWELFTH OF FEB. AT MTA HQ AT 10 AM WILL DEMAND ANOTHER CHANCE TO  
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DIRECTORS. A HALF-CENT SALES TAX RAISE STATEWIDE WOULD PAY FOR THE BULLET  
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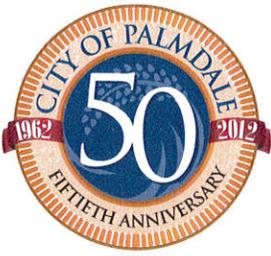
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January 12, 2012

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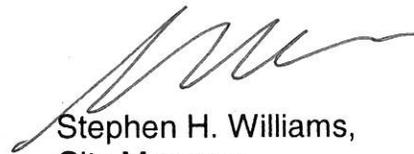
**RE: Public Comment at the January 12, 2012 California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Board Meeting**

Dear Chairman Umberg:

As you may recall, many Palmdale residents and community stakeholders from throughout the Antelope Valley attended the July 14, 2011 CHSRA board meeting and provided testimony regarding alignment through the Grapevine. At that meeting, as Chair of the Board, you courteously allowed Palmdale Mayor Ledford additional time during public comments to express the City's concerns. In light of the local interest in this issue and in order to facilitate delivery of our comments, we are asking for your consideration yet again.

Although Mayor Ledford cannot attend the meeting today, Mayor Pro-tem Steve Hofbauer is prepared to offer a brief five-minute presentation. As before, in order to be respectful of the Authority's time, we will ask several Antelope Valley supporters to cede their public comment time to Mayor Pro-tem Hofbauer. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Stephen H. Williams,  
City Manager

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*upon 72 hours' notice and request.*