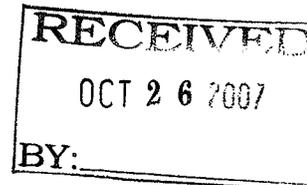




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VIA FACSIMILE

Attention: Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director
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Subject: Comments on the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed
Train (HST) Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental
Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed the above-referenced document (Draft HST EIR/EIS) and we are providing the following comments.

The High-Speed Train Alternatives may involve the need to cross over Reclamation-owned land. These lands may include the Delta-Mendota Canal, Santa Clara and Pacheco Conduits and lands surrounding the San Luis Reservoir. For instance, Figure 7.3-5 (Pacheco Pass Alternatives—San Jose to San Luis Reservoir) indicates that the Santa Clara and Pacheco Conduits and lands north of the San Luis Reservoir could be in path of the HST. Please note that many lands surrounding the San Luis Reservoir are in fact owned by Reclamation, although they may be managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation or even the California Department of Fish and Game.

Reclamation recognizes that this document is at a program level and further project-level environmental review would be necessary. Reclamation therefore advises the California High-Speed Rail Authority and Federal Railroad Administration to place Reclamation on the distribution list for future related environmental documents that may be available for public review, as well as to seek necessary approval from Reclamation for permission to cross Reclamation-owned lands at such time as project-level actions are proposed. Reclamation's engineers, realty specialists and environmental compliance specialists would need to review such proposed approvals to allow the crossing of our lands.

Reclamation appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft HST EIR/EIS.

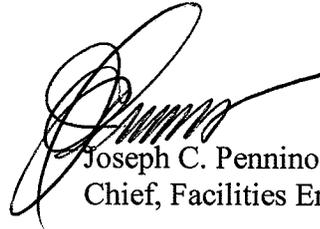
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