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## Agency Coordination Plan

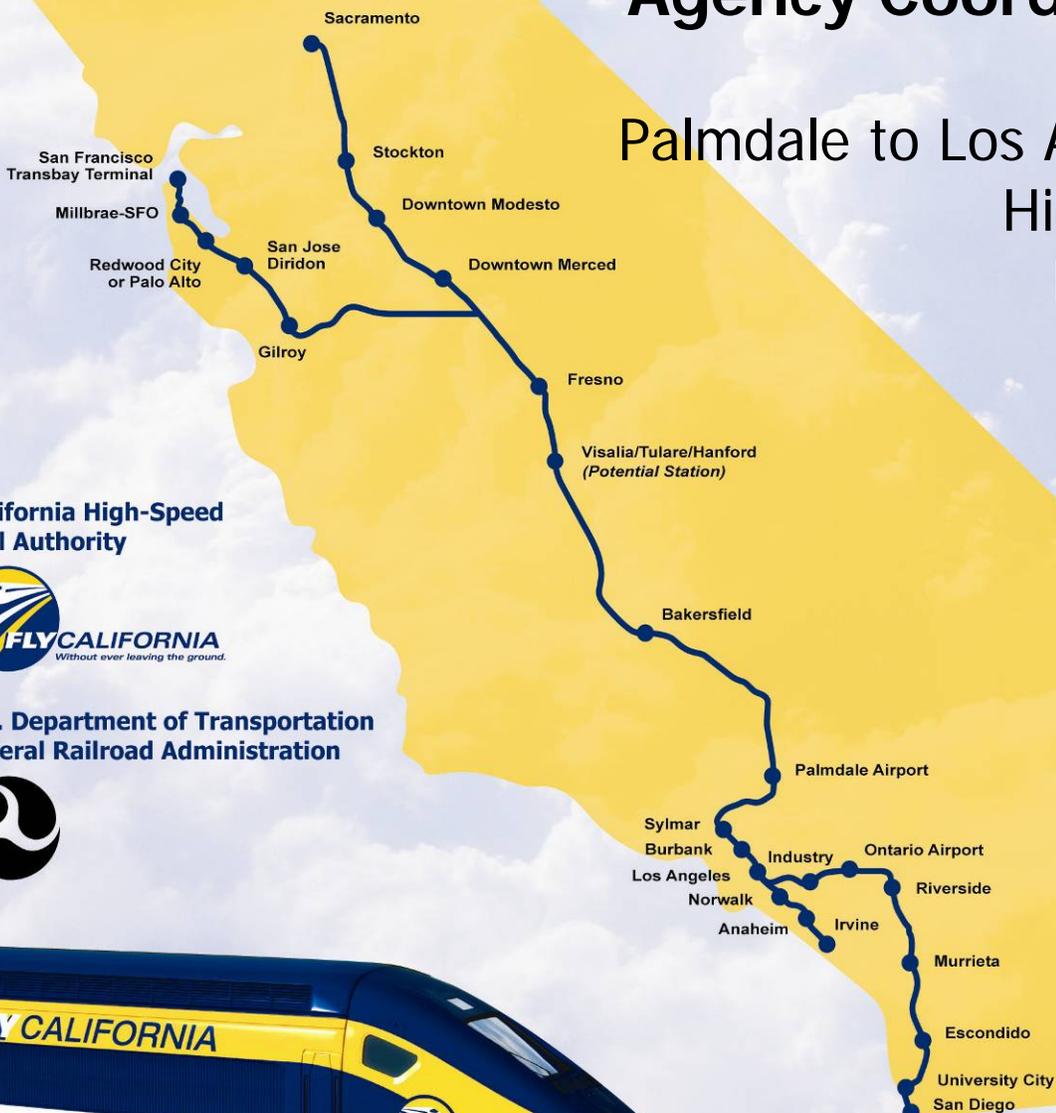
### Palmdale to Los Angeles Section High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS

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## Task 3

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## 1.0 LEAD/COOPERATING/PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

### 1.1 List of Agencies, Roles, and Responsibilities

#### 1.1.1 Overview to the Project and the Coordination Plan

The California High-Speed Train (CAHST) system is intended to serve future intercity travel demand in California and will traverse diverse communities, regions, and natural resources. As a result, there is a critical need to engage and coordinate with a number of public agencies and the public in the planning, design, permitting, construction, and implementation of this landmark statewide rail system. This coordination plan identifies public agencies that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will consult during the project-level Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), and describes the process by which the Authority and FRA propose to seek guidance and share information during the preparation of the EIR/EIS.

This Coordination Plan establishes a formal procedure for interested governmental agencies to participate in the environmental review process. The purpose of the coordination plan is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' interactions with the public and other agencies, as well as to inform groups and organizations of how the plan will be implemented. The coordination plan promotes an efficient, streamlined process, as well as good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues.

#### 1.1.2 Participating Agencies

This Coordination Plan seeks to include federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in the High-Speed Train (HST) project and in participating in its environmental review process. Nongovernmental organizations and private entities cannot serve as participating agencies. The Authority and FRA have identified the agencies listed below as potential participants in the Palmdale to Los Angeles (HST) Project EIR/EIS process. The identification of these agencies represents a good faith, common-sense effort to involve potentially interested agencies early on in the process, with the objective to identify and resolve issues as early and quickly as possible.

The roles and responsibilities of participating agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participating in the scoping/environmental review process. The scoping process has been designed so that agencies whose interest in the project comes to light as a result of initial scoping activities are invited to participate and have a continuing opportunity for involvement in the scoping/environmental review process.

#### 1.1.3 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are those governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have been specifically requested by the lead agency to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document for the project. Cooperating and Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this

project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below; their contact information is provided in Section 2.0 of this CAHST Coordination Plan.

The Cooperating Agencies roles and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, and methodologies;
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Cooperating Agencies are also allowed to participate in the issue resolution process;
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues; and
- Reviewing and providing comment on the preliminary Draft EIR/EIS and the preferred alternative.

#### 1.1.4 Initial Coordination

The FRA, with assistance from the Authority, submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, as required by CEQ regulations 40 CFR 1501.7. The NOI was published in the Federal Register on March 15, 2007. Notification of the preparation of the EIS was also published in project area newspapers. The NOI announced a series of scoping meetings in order to obtain comments and input from agencies and the public to help determine the alternatives to be evaluated, and the issues that will be examined as part of the EIS process. The scoping meetings were held in the project area between April 4, 2007 and April 17, 2007.

#### 1.1.5 Lead Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public and participating/cooperating agency involvement
California High-Speed Rail Authority	State Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIR; provide opportunity for public and participating/cooperating agency involvement

#### 1.1.6 Potential Participating Resource Agencies (and Cooperating Agencies)

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (ACOE)  Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)	Invited Cooperating Agency / Participating Agency / Discretionary Permitting Agency	Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) prohibits the discharge of dredged or fill material into "waters of the United States" without a permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The definition of waters of the United States includes rivers, streams, estuaries, the territorial seas, ponds, lakes, and/or wetlands. Wetlands are defined as those areas "that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
		<p>prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions” (33 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 328.3 7b).</p> <p>The EPA also has authority over wetlands and may override an ACOE permit. Substantial impacts to wetlands or Waters of the United States (WoUS) may require an individual permit. Projects that only minimally affect wetlands or WoUS may meet the conditions of one of the existing Nationwide Permits.</p> <p>A Water Quality Certification or waiver pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA is required for Section 404 permit actions - this certification or waiver is issued by the RWQCB.</p>
<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9</p>	<p>Participating Agency</p>	<p>NEPA compliance; wetland oversight; Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice; air quality conformity.</p>
<p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8 – Pacific Southwest Region, Carlsbad Office (USFWS)</p> <p>National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)</p>	<p>Participating Agency                      Discretionary Permitting Agency</p>	<p>The Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) protects plants and wildlife that are listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as endangered or threatened.</p> <p>Section 9 of FESA prohibits the taking of endangered wildlife, where taking is defined as any effort to “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or attempt to engage in such conduct” (50 CFR 17.3). For plants, this statute governs removing, possessing, maliciously damaging, or destroying any endangered plant on federal land, and removing, cutting, digging up, damaging, or destroying any endangered plant on non-federal land in knowing violation of state law (16 United States Code [USC] 1538).</p> <p>Under Section 7 of FESA, federal agencies are required to consult with the USFWS if their actions, including permit approvals or funding, could adversely affect an endangered species (including plants) or its critical habitat. Through consultation and the issuance of a Biological Opinion (BO), the USFWS may issue an incidental take statement allowing take of the species that is incidental to another authorized activity, provided the action will</p>

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
		<p>not jeopardize the continued existence of the species. FESA specifies that the USFWS designate habitat for a species at the time of its listing in which are found the physical or biological features “essential to the conservation of the species,” or which may require “special management consideration or protection...” (16 USC §1533(a)(3).2; 16 USC §1532(a)(5)). This designated Critical Habitat is then afforded the same protection under the FESA as individuals of the species itself, requiring issuance of an Incidental Take Permit prior to any activity that results in “the destruction or adverse modification of habitat ... determined ... to be critical” (16 USC §1536(a)(2)).</p> <p>The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) implements international treaties between the United States and other nations created to protect migratory birds, any of their parts, eggs, and nests from activities such as hunting, pursuing, capturing, killing, selling, and shipping, unless expressly authorized in the regulations or by permit. As authorized by the MBTA, the USFWS issues permits to qualified applicants for the following types of activities: falconry, raptor propagation, scientific collecting, special purposes (rehabilitation, education, migratory game bird propagation, and salvage), take of depredating birds, taxidermy, and waterfowl sale and disposal. The regulations governing migratory bird permits can be found in 50 CFR Part 13 General Permit Procedures and 50 CFR Part 21 Migratory Bird Permits.</p>
<p>California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5, South Coast Region (CDFG)</p>	<p>Participating Agency Discretionary Permitting Agency</p>	<p>Sections 1600 through 1606 of the California Department of Fish and Game Code (CFG) require that a Streambed Alteration Application be submitted to the CDFG for “any activity that may substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow or substantially change the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake.” The CDFG reviews the proposed actions and, if necessary, submits to the applicant a proposal for measures to protect affected fish and wildlife resources.</p> <p>The final proposal that is mutually agreed upon by the CDFG and the applicant is the Streambed Alteration Agreement.</p>

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
		<p>Often, projects that require a Streambed Alteration Agreement also require a permit from the ACOE under Section 404 of the CWA. In these instances, the conditions of the Section 404 Permit and the Streambed Alteration Agreement may overlap.</p> <p>Furthermore, Section 3500 (et seq.) of the CFGC prohibits destruction of the nests or eggs of most native resident and migratory bird species. Section 3503.5 of the CFGC specifically prohibits the taking of raptors or destruction of their nests or eggs. The State of California has incorporated the protection of birds of prey in Sections 3800, 3513, and 3503.5 of the California Fish and Game Code (CFGC).</p> <p>Additionally, the State of California first began to designate species as “Fully Protected” prior to the creation of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and FESA. Lists of fully protected species were initially developed to provide protection to those animals that were rare or faced possible extinction, and included fish, mammals, amphibians and, reptiles, birds and mammals. Most fully protected species have since been listed as threatened or endangered under CESA and/or FESA. The regulations that implement the Fully Protected Species Statute (CFGC Section 4700) provide that fully protected species may not be taken or possessed at any time. Furthermore, CDFG prohibits any state agency from issuing incidental take permits for fully protected species, except for necessary scientific research.</p> <p>CESA generally parallels the main provisions of the federal ESA, but unlike its federal counterpart, CESA applies the take prohibitions to species proposed for listing (called “candidates” by the state) and has a much narrower definition of “take.” Section 2080 of the CFGC prohibits the taking, possession, purchase, sale, and import or export of endangered, threatened, or candidate species, unless otherwise authorized by permit or in the regulations.</p> <p>“Take” is defined in Section 86 of the CFGC as “hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.” CESA allows for take incidental to otherwise lawful development projects. State lead agencies are required to</p>

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		consult with CDFG to ensure that any action they undertake is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species.  Furthermore, the Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA) of 1977 (CFG Sections 1900-1913) was created with the intent to “preserve, protect and enhance rare and endangered plants in this State.” The NPPA is administered by CDFG. The Fish and Game Commission has the authority to designate native plants as “endangered” or “rare”, and to protect endangered and rare plants from take. The California Endangered Species Act of 1984 (CFG 2050-2116) provided further protection for rare and endangered plant species, but the NPPA remains part of the Fish and Game Code
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Region 4	Participating Agency	Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver; Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; NPDES permits, waste discharge requirements
Native American Heritage Commission	Participating Agency	Section 106 consultation and compliance process
Department of Toxic Substances Control	Participating Agency	Hazards and hazardous materials and waste plans
California Environmental Protection Agency	Participating Agency	State oversight of air, water, soil, safe pesticides, and waste recycling and reduction laws
California Air Resources Board	Participating Agency	Responsible for monitoring the regulatory activity of California's 35 local air quality management districts; issuing statewide guidance on clean air regulations and climate change
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Participating Agency	Conformity reviews
Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Clearinghouse	Distribute published documents

### 1.1.7 Potential Participating Transportation Agencies (and Cooperating Agencies)

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Highway Administration, California Division	Participating Agency	Federal and state highway jurisdiction

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Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region	Participating Agency	Airport and airspace jurisdiction (Fullerton Airport)
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Participating Agency	Approval and funding of construction for transit improvements
California Transportation Commission	Participating Agency	Funding of construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California
California Department of Transportation, District 12	Participating Agency	Encroachment permit, highway access, modification reviews, and conformance with safety regulations at airports
California Department of Transportation, District 7	Participating Agency	Encroachment permit, highway access and modification reviews
California Public Utilities Commission, Los Angeles Office	Participating Agency	Grade crossings, grade separations, systems safety
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Participating Agency	Shared ROW, stations and feeder systems
Metrolink	Participating Agency	Shared ROW, stations and feeder systems
Los Angeles City Department of Transportation	Participating Agency	Encroachment permits, construction permits (water quality, waste discharge, and erosion control requirements), and potential Section 4(f) consultation

**1.1.8 Local Agencies**

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Participating Agency	Regional population, employment, and housing projections; transportation plans, review for consistency with regional goals, objectives, and policies
County of Los Angeles	Participating Agency Discretionary Permitting Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other County departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for County parks and historic properties  Activities pertaining to the removal of oak trees within County of Los Angeles jurisdiction would be subject to permitting ordinances codified by the County of Los Angeles and would be reviewed by

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		<p>the County Planning Director.</p> <p>Application of a conditional use permit would be required for any activity involving removing or relocating heritage oak trees, as defined in Section 22.56.2060 of the County ordinance. An oak resource report would then be reviewed by the County approved professional and fire warden for accuracy, with the oak resource value calculated according to the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide to Establishing Values for Trees and Shrubs."</p>
<p>City of Los Angeles,</p>	<p>Participating Agency                      Discretionary Permitting Agency</p>	<p>Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other City departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for City parks and historic properties.</p> <p>The City of Los Angeles General Plan Conservation Element discusses protection of endangered species and habitats that support wildlife (City of Los Angeles, 2001). Endangered species objectives, policies, and programs outlined in the General Plan seek to protect and promote the restoration, to the greatest extent practical, of sensitive plant and animal species and their habitats. Policies include continuing to require evaluation, avoidance, and minimization of potential significant impacts, as well as mitigation of unavoidable significant impacts on sensitive animal and plant species and their habitats and habitat corridors relative to land development activities. Habitat policies discussed in the General Plan seek to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance natural plant and wildlife diversity, habitats, corridors, and linkages so as to enable the survival of native species. Policies include continuing to identify significant habitat areas, corridors, and buffers and taking measures to protect, enhance, and/or restore them.</p> <p>The City of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC SECTION 46.00 through 46.06 and LAMC SECTION 12.21 A 12, 17.02, 17.05, 17.06, 17.51, 17.52) also protects any of the following Southern California native tree species which measure four inches or more in cumulative diameter, four-and-one-half feet above ground level at the base of the tree: all native oak tree species (<i>Quercus</i> sp.); California Sycamore (<i>Platanus racemosa</i>); California Bay (<i>Umbellularia californica</i>); and California Black Walnut (<i>Juglans</i></p>

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		<p><i>californica</i>). Removal of protected trees requires a removal permit from the Board of Public Works. Any act that may cause the failure or death of a protected tree requires inspection by the Urban Forestry Department (UFD).</p>
<p>City of Glendale</p>	<p>Participating Agency Discretionary Permitting Agency</p>	<p>The Glendale Municipal Code, Chapter 12.44 Indigenous Trees, contains guidelines for the protection and removal of indigenous trees. These trees are defined as any California live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>), valley oak, (<i>Quercus lobata</i>), mesa oak (<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>), scrub oak (<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>), California sycamore (<i>Platanus racemosa</i>), and California bay (<i>Umbellularia californica</i>), which measures six (6) inches (15cm) or more in cumulative diameter at breast height (D.B.H.). D.B.H is defined as the diameter of a single-trunk tree measured at a point fifty-four (54) inches (137cm) above the lowest point where the trunk meets the soil. For multi-trunk trees, each individual trunk with a diameter measuring three (3) inches (7.6cm) or more at a point fifty-four (54) inches (137cm) above the lowest point where the trunk meets the soil will be added together to determine the total diameter of the tree. "Protected zone" means that area fifteen (15) feet (4.6m) from the trunk(s) of a tree, or that area within the drip line of a protected indigenous tree and extending to a point five feet (1.5m) outside the drip line, whichever is greater.</p> <p>No indigenous tree growing within the City limits may be cut down, removed or moved unless and until a permit has first been obtained from the Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. The term "remove" includes any act which will cause an indigenous tree to die, including but not limited to acts which inflict damage upon root systems, bark, or other parts of the tree by fire, application of toxic substances, operation of equipment or machinery, or by changing the natural grade of land by excavation or filling the drip line area around the trunk.</p>
<p>City of Burbank</p>	<p>Participating Agency Discretionary Permitting Agency</p>	<p>City of Burbank's General Plan goals, objectives, and policies related to biological resources are located in the Open Space and Conservation Elements. The Open Space Element sets forth to define the six functions of open space: resource protection; preservation of natural and human resources; health; welfare and public well being;</p>

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		<p>public safety; corridors and urban expansion (City of Burbank 1972).</p> <p>The Conservation Element sets forth to identify in detail the community's resources and to pose guidelines that will determine the highest and best use of the resource, thus preserving and enhancing them for the community (City of Burbank 1972).</p> <p>City of Burbank's Municipal Code, Title 7 Chapter 4, Trees and Vegetation - contains guidelines for the protection and removal of trees and vegetation (i.e., shrubs and plants). Trees are defined as any woody plant, normally having one stem or trunk bearing the foliage or crown well above ground level to heights of sixteen feet (16') (5m) or more upon maturity. Shrubs are defined as woody vegetation or a woody plant having multiple stems and bearing foliage from the ground up.</p> <p>Applicable chapter sections include:</p> <p>7-4-108: Restricted Removal of Certain Trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Director shall have the authority and responsibility to develop and maintain a restricted list of trees in the City. This list shall include landmark trees, trees of outstanding size and beauty, dedicated trees, etc. These trees shall be identified, mapped and recorded. Subsequent to this they shall be given all types of special treatment mutually approved by the Department and the Public Works Department to retain and protect them.</li> </ul> <p>7-4-111: Removal for the Purpose of Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street Trees: Any street tree requested by any person or property owner to be removed for the purpose of any type of construction shall be replaced with a tree of the nearest size available, of a species and in the location to be determined by the Director. The person or property owner shall pay the total cost to the City of removal prior to any such action being undertaken. If such tree, or trees, are not replaced, the City shall be reimbursed the value of the tree as established in Section 7-4-105, in addition to the cost to the City of removal.</li> <li>Private Trees: Any tree removed for the purpose of any type of construction in</li> </ul>

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		<p>accordance with Subsection 10-1-1113S of this code shall be replaced with a tree of equal size, of the same species or an appropriate alternative, and in a location to be approved by the Park, Recreation and Community Services Director and the Community Development Director. Alternately, the City shall be reimbursed the value of the trees, pursuant to this section and Section 7-4-105; or, the project's landscaping shall be improved above what is required by Subsection 10-1-1113E, and in an amount equal to the value of the removed trees, or if the excess landscaping does not equal the value of the removed trees, then a fee for the shortfall shall be paid to the City; or, the tree(s) shall be moved elsewhere to the satisfaction of the Park, Recreation and Community Services Director; or a combination of moving or replacing the trees pursuant to Section 7-4-105 and this section shall be followed.</p> <p>7-4-115: Protection of Trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All trees on any street or other publicly owned property near any excavation or construction of any building, structure, or street work, shall be sufficiently guarded and protected by those responsible for such work so as to prevent any injury to said trees. No person shall excavate any ditches, tunnels, trenches, or install pavement within a radius of ten (10'), (3m), from any public tree without prior notification to the Director.</li> </ul>
City of San Fernando	Participating Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other County departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for County parks and historic properties
City of Palmdale	Participating Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other County departments and potential Section 4(f) consultation for County parks and historic properties
City of Santa Clarita	Participating Agency	Scoping and environmental review of the EIR/EIS, distribution of environmental documents to other County departments and potential Section 4(f)

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
		consultation for County parks and historic properties

## 1.2 Agency Contact Information

This Coordination Plan identifies a number of prospective participating agencies. Following the response to the invitation letters to participate in the Palmdale to Los Angeles HST Project-Level EIR/EIS process, the list of agencies will be updated to include those agencies that elect to participate. At that time, agency contacts will also be updated with the specific contact identified by the participating agency. The contact information for each agency identified in Section 1.1 is provided below.

### 1.2.1 Lead Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	David Valenstein, Environmental Program Manager	(202) 493-6368	david.valenstein@dot.gov
California High-Speed Rail Authority	Dan Levitt, Deputy Director	(916) 322-1397	Dan.Leavitt@hsr.ca.gov

### 1.2.2 Resource Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District	Ken Wong, Branch Chief	(213) 452-3290	kenneth.wong@usace.army.mil
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Connell Dunning, Transportation Team Leader	(415) 947-4161	dunning.connell@epa.gov
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 8 – Pacific Southwest Region, Carlsbad Office	Jonathan Snyder, Biologist	(760) 431-9440 x307	jonathan_d_snyder@fws.gov
California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5, South Coast Region	Terri Dickerson	(949) 363-7538	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Region 4	Augustine Anijelo, Assistant Executive Officer for General Permitting	(213) 576-6657	aanijelo@waterboards.ca.gov
Native American Heritage Commission	Debbie Pilas, Environmental Specialist	(916) 653-4082	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
			meeting
Department of Toxic Substances Control	Maureen F. Gorsen, Director	(916) 322-0504	mgorsen@dtsc.ca.gov
California Environmental Protection Agency	Linda S. Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection	(916) 323-2514	ladams@calepa.ca.gov
California Air Resources Board	Richard Varenchik	(626) 575-6730	rvarench@arb.ca.gov
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Susan Nakamura, Planning and Rules Manager	(909) 396-3105	snakamura@aqmd.gov
Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Terry Roberts, Director	(916) 445-0613	terry.roberts@opr.ca.gov

### 1.2.3 Potential Participating Transportation Agencies (and Cooperating Agencies)

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Federal Highway Administration	Stephanie Stoermer, Environmental Program Coordinator, FHWA California Division	(720) 963-3218	Stephanie.stoermer@dot.gov
Federal Aviation Administration, Western Pacific Region	Richard Dykas, Regional Capacity Officer	(310) 725-3613	richard.dykas@faa.gov
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Ray Sukys, Director of Planning and Program Development	(415) 744-3115	raymond.sukys@fta.dot.gov
California Transportation Commission	Bimla Rhinehart, Executive Director	(916) 654-4245	bimla.rhinehart@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation, District 12	Cindy Quan, District Director	(949) 724-2000	cindy_quon@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation, District 7	David Sosa, Chief, Office of Regional Planning	(213) 897-0409	david_sosa@dot.ca.gov
California Public Utilities Commission, Los Angeles Office	Leo Wong, Rail Safety & Crossing Branch Staff	(415) 703-5933	lsw@cpuc.ca.gov

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Alex Clifford, Executive Officer, High Speed Rail	(213) 922-7491	clifforda@metro.net
Metrolink	David Solow	(800) 371-5465	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Los Angeles City Department of Transportation	Rita Robinson, General Manager	(213) 972-8480	rita.robinson@lacity.org

#### 1.2.4 Local Agencies

Agency	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director	(213) 236-1944	ikhata@scag.ca.gov
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	James Hartl, Director	(213) 974-6401	jhartl@planning.co.la.ca.us
City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning	Gail Goldberg, Director of Planning	(213) 978-1271	gail.goldberg@lacity.org
City of Burbank, Planning Department	David Kriske Principal Planner, Transportation	(818) 238-5269	dkriske@ci.burbank.ca.us
City of Glendale	Jano Baghdanian, Traffic & Transportation Engineer	(818) 548-3960	jbaghdanian@ci.glendale.ca.us
City of San Fernando, Planning Department	Paul Deibel, Community Development Director	(818) 898-1232	pdeibel@sfcity.org
City of Palmdale, Planning Department	Laurie Lile, Assistant City Manager	(661) 267-5107	llile@cityofpalmdale.org
City of Santa Clarita, Planning Department	Mark Hunter, Traffic Division Administrative Analyst	(661) 286-4042	mhunter@santa-clarita.com

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## 2.0 POINTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2.1 Coordination Points, Information Requirements, and Responsibilities

#### 2.1.1 Invitation to Participate

All potentially interested agencies will be invited to participate by the Authority. Invitations to potential cooperating federal agencies will be sent by the FRA. State, regional, and local governmental agencies will be invited to participate by the Authority. The federal agencies that accept the invitation will serve as cooperating agencies. If no response to the invitation letter is received from other agencies, it is assumed that they will not serve as participating agencies. This section lists key coordination points, and identifies the agency responsible for information activities during that coordination point, the information required at each coordination point, and which agency is responsible for transmitting that information.

Coordination Point	Information "In"	Agency Responsible	Information "Out"	Agency Responsible
Project Scoping	Publish NOI in Federal Register (March 15, 2007) and NOP on March 12, 2007. Sent participating agencies a copy of the NOI/NOP; published notice in newspaper; invited agencies and public to public scoping meeting.	FRA/Authority	Attend meetings, submit scoping comments, and comments on purpose and need by end of comment period	Cooperating and Participating Agencies and the public
Purpose and Need	Comments on draft Purpose and Need	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Refine purpose and need based on comments	FRA/Authority
Range of Alternatives	Provide cooperating and participating agencies and the public with information regarding alternatives being considered via letters; solicit comments; hold public and agency involvement meeting	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Comments on range of Alternatives and design options	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies	Provide proposed criteria and draft methodologies	Authority	Comments on methodology for pertinent resource areas	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Technical Reports	Draft technical reports	Authority	Comments on technical reports	Cooperating and

Coordination Point	Information "In"	Agency Responsible	Information "Out"	Agency Responsible
				Participating Agencies
Preparation/Circulation of Draft EIR/EIS	Analysis of affected environment and potential project impacts and coordination with agencies	FRA/Authority	Input and assistance on identification of resources and issues that could substantially delay permit approval and other project approvals	Cooperating Agencies
	Distribution of administrative draft of Draft EIR/EIS to Cooperating Agencies for review	FRA/Authority	Comments on Administrative Draft	Cooperating Agencies
	Circulation of Draft EIS, publication and distribution of Notice of Availability/Notice of Completion, advertisement of public hearings, public hearings	FRA/Authority	Review of DEIS and comment within comment period	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Identify Preferred Alternative	Summary of public comments and review of EIR/EIS analysis presented to CHSRA Board and identification of Preferred Alternative	FRA/Authority	Preferred Alternative	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Preparation/Circulation of Final EIS/EIR	Update analysis where necessary, continue design of preferred alternative, refine mitigation, respond to comments	FRA/Authority	Input and assistance on identification of resources and issues that could delay permit approvals	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
	Publication and circulation of Final EIS, publication and distribution of Notice of Availability/Notice of Completion	FRA/Authority		

<b>Coordination Point</b>	<b>Information "In"</b>	<b>Agency Responsible</b>	<b>Information "Out"</b>	<b>Agency Responsible</b>
Issue ROD/Notice of Determination (NOD)	Draft ROD and NOD	FRA/Authority	Review of draft ROD	Cooperating Agencies
Permitting	Permit/approval application completion based on data in EIR/EIS and additional information from preliminary and final design	Authority	Coordination on permit completion and conditions and permit issuance	Cooperating Agencies as appropriate

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### 3.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following is the project's anticipated schedule and major coordination points for the coordination and participation process.

Coordination Point	Anticipated Date of Information "In"	Agency Responsible	Anticipated Date of Information "Out"	Agency Responsible
Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS/Notice of Preparation of EIR	NOI published in Federal Register on March 15, 2007 and NOP on March 12, 2007.	FRA/Authority	April 24, 2007 (40 days after transmittal)	Cooperating and Participating Agencies and the public
Purpose and Need	Public Scoping Meetings were held in Los Angeles, Glendale, Sylmar, and Palmdale in April 2007.  The EIS/EIR Purpose and Need is currently being drafted. The anticipated completion timeframe is July 2010. Agency Coordination meetings are on-going.	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Range of Alternatives	Completion of EIS/EIR Alternatives is scheduled at the end of March 2010 (Alternative Analysis Report is in preparation)  Agency Coordination meeting are on-going.	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies	On-going	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Socioeconomic and environmental impacts	September 2010	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Circulation of Draft EIS/EIR	March 2011	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
I.D. Preferred	June 2010	FRA/Authority		Cooperating

Coordination Point	Anticipated Date of Information "In"	Agency Responsible	Anticipated Date of Information "Out"	Agency Responsible
Alternative				and Participating Agencies
Issue Biological Opinion (if applicable)	August 2011			USFWS
Circulation of Final EIS/EIR	October 2011	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Issue ROD/NOD	December 2011	FRA/Authority		Cooperating and Participating Agencies
Issue Clean Water Act and Other Permits	Fall 2011 to Summer 2012	FRA/Authority		USACE, RWQCB, CDFG, USFWS

## 4.0 REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date	Name	Description
1	6/3/09	Steve Ortmann	Initial draft of Agency Coordination Plan
2	12/30/09	Steve Ortmann, Sara Costin	Revised draft published
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## 5.0 OTHER INFORMATION

