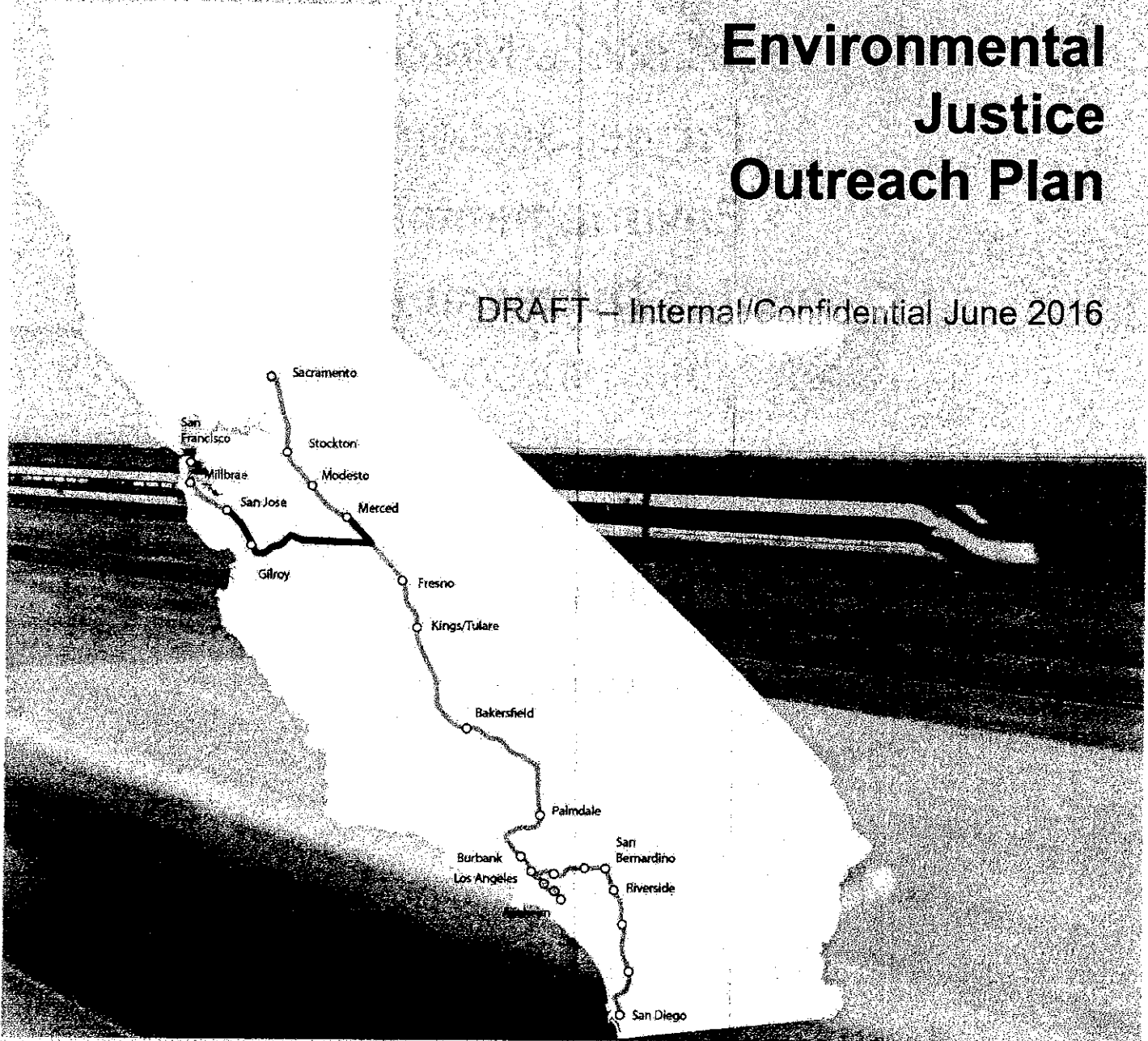


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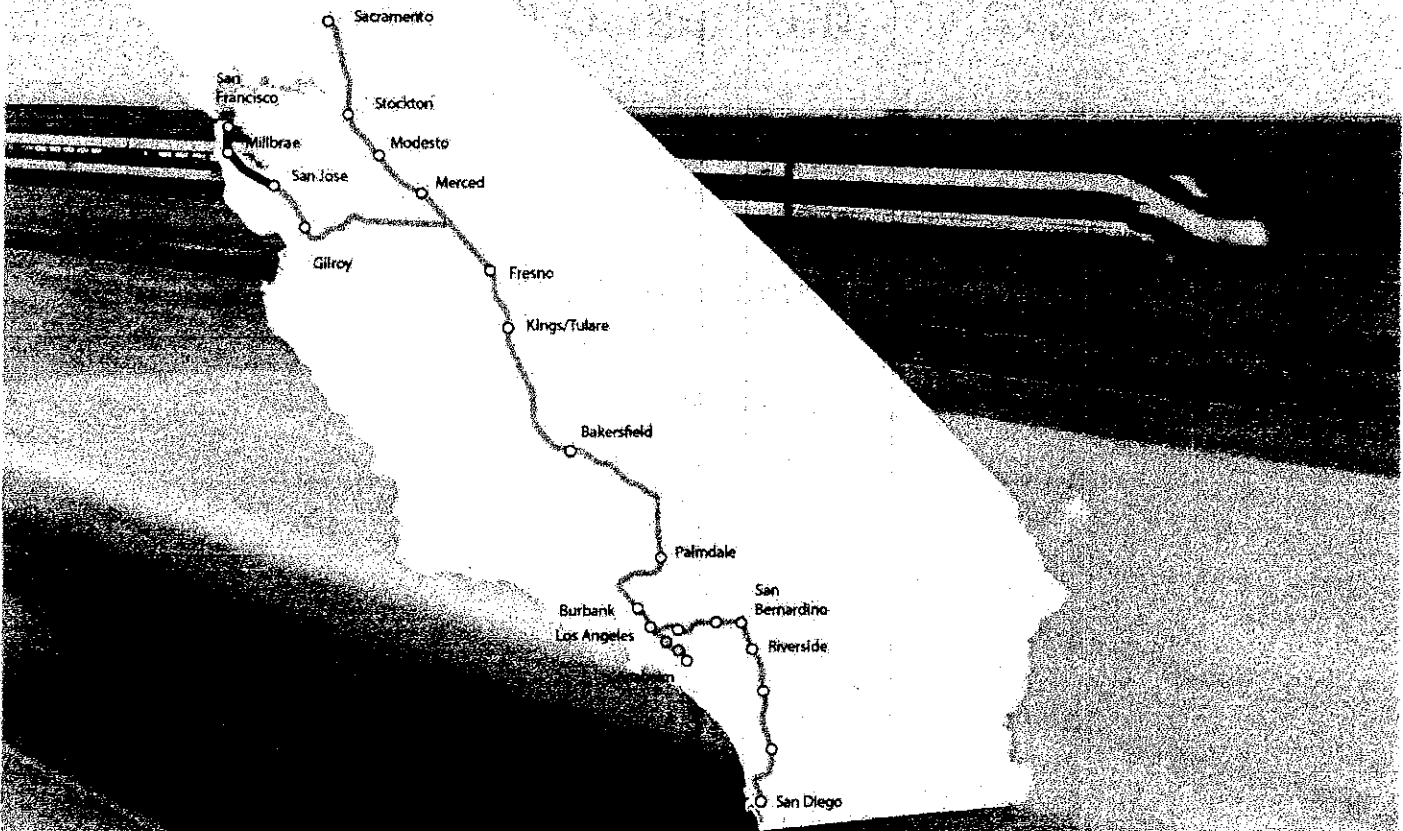
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**From:** cmbdoll@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** McLoughlin, Mark@HSR  
**Cc:** HSR boardmembers@HSR  
**Subject:** Valley Fever update please note

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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*Good afternoon Mr. McLoughlin,*

*I thought I'd send this article that was in today's newspaper. I had spoken to you about this months ago.....suggesting that contractors/workers (particularly those in the high risk groups) be offered this test prior to working on the HSR project. Doing so might also help protect taxpayers from future medical liability as well. Knowing the results of one's test could influence workers' decision making process as to whether or not they at greater risk than others. This is very useful information. At the time we last spoke, the test was not yet available in Kern County. I don't know if Fresno County has a similar program (but they should).*

*Additionally, given that the recommendations for civilian sensitive groups include wearing masks and/or staying indoors, it would be nice to know if one has been previously exposed and already has immunity (and conversely if they don't)*

*Currently there is a push to find funding for billboards warning of risk. So far the only public education available is either online .....or available as a pamphlet. It has been noted that few people access the online site....and that pamphlets are not nearly as effective as visible billboards.*

*Can the CAHSRA help with that billboard campaign? Are there plans to erect them as construction continues to move forward? I look forward to your response.*

*Sincerely,  
Carol Bender RN, PHN  
13340 Smoke Creek Ave  
Bakersfield CA 93314  
661-588-0806*

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**Valley fever skin test now offered at Public Health Clinic**  
[bakersfield.com](http://bakersfield.com)

If you're curious about whether you've ever contracted valley fever, but never been tested, now you've got no excuse. The Kern County Public Health Services Department began offering the antigen skin test, Spherusol, at its Mount Vernon Avenue clinic for \$77 this week.

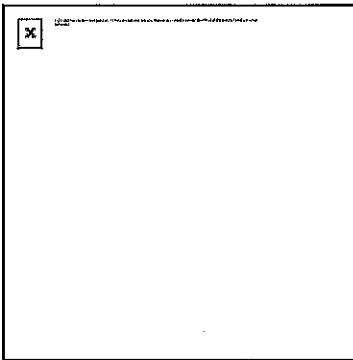
# Valley fever skin test now offered at Public Health Clinic

- BY HAROLD PIERCE [hpierce@bakersfield.com](mailto:hpierce@bakersfield.com)

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Spherusol comes in vials of 10 doses. A positive result indicates a previous bout with valley fever and an acquired immunity to the disease.  
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If you're curious about whether you've ever contracted valley fever, but never been tested, now you've got no excuse.

The Kern County Public Health Services Department began offering the antigen skin test, Spherusol, at its Mount Vernon Avenue clinic for \$77 this week.

"This is a tool that we are excited to offer residents who want to know about their personal history with valley fever," said Kern County Public Health Director Matt Constantine. "We want to empower residents to make the most informed decisions about their health."



The test can detect whether you've breathed in the coccidioidal fungal spore that causes valley fever and is endemic to Kern County.

In most cases, those who inhale the spores don't present any symptoms at all, and the likelihood of developing the disease decreases significantly. In other cases, patients present flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, extreme fatigue and a rash.

In the very worst cases, the spore can disseminate into the bloodstream and cause a lifetime of health issues.

The skin test cannot make a valley fever diagnoses that would result in treatment (only a blood test can do that), but it's a tool that can provide information about medical history and provide insight about the risk for developing valley fever in the future. If you test positive, chances are you won't get sick from valley fever in the future.

No physician referral is required for the test, which involves getting a small injection on the inside of the forearm, then two days later, having the size of the bump determining the result.

Costs are paid up front, and the clinic cannot bill insurance companies for the test, Public Health spokeswoman Michelle Corson said, adding, however, that patients can take the receipt to their insurance companies to work out coverage.

The Public Health Clinic is at 1800 Mount Vernon Ave.

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**From:** John Robbins <jarobbins@ucdavis.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 10, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** HSR boardmembers@HSR  
**Subject:** France vs US

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thank you for your article in today's Sac. Bee.

I wanted to relate a recent experience to you; to highlight high speed rail.

We recently traveled home from Lyon France to Sacramento. We flew directly from Paris to San Francisco. Did we first fly or drive from Lyon to Paris? Hell no. We made the two hour train trip from downtown Lyon directly to the Paris airport; which could have been a 6 hour drive. We took the metro to the train station and avoided the time and expense of getting to the Lyon airport. (There are no direct flights from Lyon to SFO.) We arrived at the train station 15 minutes before departure time, with no security check and no hassle. The train trip was at lunch time so we sat comfortably and eat our picnic lunch along with the liquid refreshments we had packed.

At this end we took BART to Richmond and arrived 10 minutes before the scheduled departure of Amtrak to Sacramento. We needn't have rushed to catch BART, the Amtrak train we 40 minutes late!

When will the US grow up and join the modern world?

John

## **Drozd, Doug@HSR**

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**From:** Suku Oonnithan <soonnithan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 10, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** HSR boardmembers@HSR  
**Subject:** Bullet train; Attn: Mr. Dan Richard

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Dear Mr. Richard:

In the Sep 10 Bee, you excellently summarized the need for the CA bullet train, in spite of its high cost.

I wish the skeptics look at the rail project in the long term. CA is growing in population, agriculture production and businesses. The majority of growth will be between SF and LA. One can imagine the traffic in five years or more when more people hit the road on business and pleasure. And I believe high speed rail is the solution to CA's future growth. Keep up the fight and wish you all success.

Mr. Suku Oonnithan (Rtd Biologist).  
Vacaville, CA

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**From:** Ted Holm <falcontalker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** HSR boardmembers@HSR  
**Subject:** Train

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Read the article in the Sacramento Bee, dated 9/10/2017. You are all full of crap. This amount of investment is very bad. Let's take away the tax dollars and open it to investors. Like YOU!!!!

Sent from my iPad