



**Resolution HSRA #14-36**

**Approval of Amendment to Nossaman Contract for Budget**

**Whereas**, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for the development and implementation of intercity high-speed rail service pursuant the Public Utilities Code §185030, *et seq.*;

**Whereas**, the Authority may enter into contracts with private and public entities for the design, construction and operation of high-speed rail trains including all tasks and segments thereof pursuant to California Public Utilities Code section 185036;

**Whereas**, legal services and support is a crucial, key component of ensuring the Authority meets all program requirements and obligations. The requested contract amendment will allow Authority staff to develop a non-government legal services contracting plan and engage in a competitive process to obtain best value for qualified legal services; and

**Whereas**, for the reasons set forth to the Board in the staff presentation and materials, the amendment for budget to the Nossaman LLP contract for legal is appropriate.

**Therefore, it is resolved:**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or a qualified designee of the CEO, is hereby authorized to undertake all that is necessary to negotiate and execute a contract amendment for legal services with Nossaman LLP in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 (bringing the total contract amount to \$19 million).

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Date: November 18, 2014

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