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High-Speed Rail Authority Appoints Chief Administrative Officer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) today announced the appointment of Deborah Harper as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The CAO oversees the Authority’s administrative operations, which include the Office of Human Resources, the Office of Business Services/Facilities and the Office of Information Technology.

“The Authority is committed to building the best high-speed rail program and having strong leadership is the key to our success,” said Jeff Morales, Authority CEO. “Ms. Harper brings a wealth of experience in management and will be instrumental in keeping our various departments running smoothly.”

As CAO, Ms. Harper will develop, manage and provide direction for these departments to ensure the Authority’s strategic goals and objectives are met. She will also serve as the Authority’s Equal Opportunity (EEO) Officer and Title VI Coordinator.

Most recently, Ms. Harper was the Deputy Secretary of Administration with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, where she managed the Administrative Services Division including Information Services, Financial Management Services, Human Resources, and Capital Development and Facilities Management. She also worked at the Board of Equalization for seven years and the Department of Justice for five years.

Her compensation is \$129,996 and she will start on December 1, 2014.

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra