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California High-Speed Rail Authority Reaches Second Settlement Agreement on Litigation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has reached another agreement to settle a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuit. The four Central Valley businesses which brought litigation, Timeless Investments, Inc., Millennium Acquisitions, Inc., Horizon Enterprises and G.P., Everspring Alliance, L.P. have filed a dismissal of their suit which challenged the Authority’s Environmental Impact Report for the Merced to Fresno portion of the high-speed rail project.

On January 28, 2013 the Authority announced the settlement of a CEQA lawsuit brought by the City of Chowchilla.

“We greatly appreciate the good faith effort of the plaintiffs to engage in cooperative talks which brought an end to this litigation,” said Jeff Morales, CEO of the Authority. “This second settlement is another step in moving high-speed rail forward, starting construction this summer and creating thousands of jobs.”

The Authority continues to work with stakeholders to address their concerns.

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. 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 cahighspeedrail.ca.gov and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra/

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