

**California High-Speed Rail
Authority Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021**

Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on November 18, 2021, via webinar due to Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-25-20 and the Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Ms. Margaret Pena
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member
- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- Director Martha Escutia

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was made at the outset of the meeting.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the October 21, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes

The October 21, 2021, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Perea and approved (8-0) with the following changes: Ex-Officio Member Dr. Arambula was present at the October 21st board meeting and Vice chair Nancy Miller was acting Chair and provided the F&A report.

Agenda Item #2 – Central Valley Construction Update

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, Director of Real Property for the Authority, Dennis Kim, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Daniel Horgan, and Central Valley Regional Director for the Authority, Garth Fernandez, provided an update on the Central Valley High-Speed Rail project section. The Following questions were asked by the Board:

Director Pena asked if the Authority also tracks parcels in terms of negotiations and completion, like unintended consequences that arise later with the potential sale that you have to address or people

that are dissatisfied with the outcome of a particular parcel negotiation?

Mr. Kim: We track every parcel by parcel in our system of record. We identify the owners, the characteristics of parcel on a very itemized basis.

Director Perea asked for a perspective on some of the parcels that may have third-party issues attached to them and what they look like?

Mr. Kim: We have utility owners that also are landowners themselves, we work with them in two capacities. We work with the utility owners as a utility owner that needs to be relocated that might have impacts with our corridor. And then in addition to that, we do have some utility owners that have vast amounts of land that they've acquired that we will be acquiring from them.

Director Camacho: When you talk third party issues, are we also talking issues that have to deal with the railroads?

Mr. Kim: Third-party items can be railroad related, as well. We have tucked everything that's not high-speed rail into the third-party category, so they are a subset of the third-party

Director Perea: When will the major issues with change orders be resolved?

CEO Kelly: Our plan is to certainly have them settled a bit more by Q2 in '22. I think for CP 4, it will be earlier, I expect that I'm going to know more about that in December, and I think we'll be in a better place there. I think the 1 and 2-3 -- and as you know, we've talked in 2-3 about commercial settlements that we're still working to settle. We're trying to get those wrapped up in December. And then we can talk about the schedule with greater certainty

Chair Richards asked Mr. Horgan to explain the sweeper package

Mr. Horgan: The sweeper package, there were some items that could have been put in the tracking and systems contract or they could have been put in the civil contracts. And a decision was made that some of the items that were originally planned for track and systems would be added to the civil contracts because they were more civil-type works than systems-type work

Director Pena: When dealing with the agricultural land, has sinkage posed a problem, and how are we addressing this?

Mr. Horgan: Yes, there has been settlement in some areas. In some areas we have set the alignment at a lower level to compensate for settlement. So, basically, we've reduced the rail level in some cases by maybe two feet or three feet, depending on how much the ground has settled.

Director Pena asked if we track graduates from the Central Valley Training Center?

Mr. Fernandez: We are still in our first year of the program, but that is something that we plan to do.

Agenda Item #3– Burbank to Los Angeles EIR/EIS Update

Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Serge Stanich provide an update on the Burbank to Los Angeles EIR/EIS. No questions were asked by the Board.

Agenda Item #4 – CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, presented a project update to the Board.

Agenda Item #5– Finance and Audit Committee Report

Finance & Audit Committee Chairman Tom Richards provided a brief status report on the Committee's work.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 2:12 p.m. that the Board would adjourn.