



California High-Speed Rail **BRIEFING: July 10, 2025, Board Meeting AGENDA ITEM #3**

TO: Chair Richards and Board Members

FROM: Paula Rivera, Chief Auditor

DATE: July 10, 2025

RE: Consider Acknowledging the Quality Assurance and Improvement Program Self-Assessment, June 2024 – May 2025

Summary

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Acknowledge the Quality Assurance and Improvement Program Self-Assessment, June 2024 – May 2025.

Background

It is the responsibility of the Audit Office to conduct reviews, examinations, assessments, evaluations, and audits of the Authority's program and administrative controls systems to determine if the control systems are operating in accordance with management's instructions, policies, and procedures, and in a manner which supports the attainment of strategic goals and objectives.

State lawmakers established an Inspector General for the High-Speed Rail Authority in 2022, and following a process described in state law, appointed the first Inspector General in 2023. The Inspector General may initiate an audit or review regarding oversight related to delivery of the project and the selection and oversight of contractors related to the project. The Office of the Inspector General is not a subdivision of any other governmental entity. The legislation identifies that nothing in the enacted law is intended to infringe upon the authority of the of the High-Speed Rail Authority's own audits and controls. Therefore, although they can and do regularly communicate and coordinate, the Audit Office and the Inspector General are organizationally independent of each other and establish separate audit plans for the fiscal year.

Staff is presenting the results from the Quality Assurance and Improvement Program Self-Assessment to comply with Standard 8.1, which requires the chief audit executive to report the results of the quality assurance and improvement program to the board.

Legal Approval

Reviewed by the Legal Office and no legal concerns to report.

Budget and Fiscal Impact

This item considers acknowledging the Internal Quality Assurance Self-Assessment, June 2023 – May 2025, and does not by itself have a budget or fiscal impact.

REVIEWER INFORMATION		SIGNATURE	
Reviewer Name and Title: Jamey Matalka Chief Financial Officer		Signature verifying budget analysis: Original Signed 6/30/2025	
Reviewer Name and Title: Thomas Fellenz Acting Chief Counsel		Signature verifying legal analysis: Original Signed 6/30/2025	

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Board acknowledge the Internal Quality Assurance Self-Assessment for June 2024 – May 2025.

Attachments

Internal Quality Assurance Self-Assessment for June 2024 – May 2025