RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt Resolution supporting the Altamont alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and supporting recirculation of the draft EIR/EIS.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has consistently been on record as supporting the Altamont alignment for the California High-Speed Rail System. After review of the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS several comments critical of choosing the Pacheco Pass alternative have been filed, including those of the United States Department of the Interior, The California Department of Fish and Game, Grassland and Water District, Grassland Resource Conservation District, and others. These comments have identified several flaws in the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS, which merit recirculation of this document.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mariposa County will not participate in the process.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes [ ] No Current FY Cost: $ Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ Additional Funding Needed: $  
List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Source:
Internal Transfer
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CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. Ord. No. ___
Vote - Ayes: ___ Noes: ___
Absent: ___
Approved ___ Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ___
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _______________________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
(Requested Action Recommended)
No Opinion
Comments: _______________________________
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CAO: _______
TO: SUPERVISOR ABORN

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Altamont Alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and Supporting Recirculation of the Draft EIR/EIS

RESOLUTION 07-566

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 11, 2007

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:30 a.m. Supervisor Aborn;
Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Altamont Alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and Supporting Recirculation of the Draft EIR/EIS

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Aborn initiated discussion and advised of suggested language changes in the draft resolution.

Input from the public was provided by the following:
Kenneth Mostern, TIE (Transportation Involves Everyone), thanked the Board for its leadership to oppose the draft EIR and supporting its recirculation. He provided input on the problems with the Pacheco Pass route and the benefits of the Altamont Pass route.
Ruth Sellers further commented on the inadequacies that she feels exist in the EIR.
Eleanor Keuning stated she supports the Altamont Pass route; and she stated she feels that Sacramento should be included in the route.

(M)Aborn, (S)Fritz, Res. 07-566 was adopted with the changes as requested. Discussion was held relative to the distribution of the resolution, and it was agreed to copy the counties in the San Joaquin Rail area and the High Speed Rail Committee. Supervisor Pickard noted that Supervisor Fritz is also on the Committee; and he asked that future Board agenda items include both Board members that are representing a particular committee. The motion was amended, agreeable with the maker and second, to include further language changes as recommended by County Counsel/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Supervisor Fritz
San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee
Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority
File
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALTAMONT ALIGNMENT FOR THE BAY AREA TO CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SPEED TRAIN AND SUPPORTING RECIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has long supported the Altamont Pass as the preferred route; and

WHEREAS, the Altamont route offers a shorter distance between Los Angeles and San Francisco and offers high-speed service to a greater number of passengers; and

WHEREAS, the Altamont alternative is a more environmentally compatible major transportation system and would alleviate congestion and poor air quality in a rapidly growing region of California; and

WHEREAS, the draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Rail Program EIR/EIS has failed to adequately examine the environmental impacts of the Pacheco Pass alignment sufficient to support a selection of that alignment; and

WHEREAS, transportation to and from the Sierra Region and Yosemite National Park would be enhanced by the Altamont alternative; and

WHEREAS, there is wide agreement among agencies, environmental groups, and train rider associations that and Altamont Pass alignment will best minimize environmental impacts and maximize ridership potential; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS fails to sufficiently identify the Altamont alignment options that should be compared to the Pacheco Pass alignments; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS fails to adequately identify the environmentally superior alternatives in a manner that permits meaningful comparison; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Game has identified in their comments of September 25, 2007 regarding the Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS that the Altamont Pass alignment is the only alignment option to be considered with existing infrastructure which would facilitate construction and operation of HST along one of the proposed alignments within the Altamont Pass, and that this alignment is also likely to have fewer adverse impact on Fish and wildlife resources than other alignment alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior in their comments of
September 25, 2007, the California Department of Fish and Game in their comments of September 25, 2007, the Grassland Water District the Grassland Resource Conservation District, in their comments of October 25, 2007, have all identified substantive flaws in the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS and requested substantial revision and recirculation of this document; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County desires to support the demand for substantial revision and recirculation of the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County hereby finds as follows:

1. That the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS fails to adequately identify the environmentally superior alternatives in a manner that permits meaningful comparison.
2. That the County of Mariposa supports and adopts comments of the United States Department of the Interior of September 25, 2007, the California Department of Fish and Game comments of September 25, 2007 and the Grassland Water District, the Grassland Resource Conservation District comments of October 25, 2007 as reflecting Mariposa County's concerns and objections to the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS.
3. That the substantive flaws and omissions in the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS require substantial revision and recirculation of this document.
4. That the Clerk of the Board is directed to send to Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director California High-Speed Rail Authority, a certified copy of this Resolution, along with a request that it be entered into the official records of the Authority at the earliest possible opportunity as an official statement of Mariposa County's concerns and objections to the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS.

December

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of, 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

JANET BIBBY, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel
December 11, 2007

Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director,
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

At its meeting on December 11, 2007, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 07-566 supporting the Altamont Alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and Supporting Re-circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS.

In addition, please accept this letter as a request that Resolution No. 07-566 be entered into the official records of the Authority at the earliest possible opportunity as an official statement of Mariposa County’s concerns and objections to the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS.

You will find a certified copy of the formal resolution enclosed.

Sincerely,

JANET BIBBY
Chair

Enclosure

cc: San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee
tuolumne County Board of Supervisors
Madera County Board of Supervisors
Mono County Board of Supervisors
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congressman George Radanovich
Governor Schwarzenegger
File
RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize corrections of typographical errors on Resolution No. 07-566 supporting the Altamont alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and supporting recirculation of the draft EIR/EIS.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has consistently been on record as supporting the Altamont alignment for the California High-Speed Rail System. After review of the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS several comments critical of choosing the Pacheco Pass alternative have been filed, including those of the United States Department of the Interior, The California Department of Fish and Game, Grassland and Water District, Grassland Resource Conservation District, and others. These comments have identified several flaws in the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS, which merit recirculation of this document.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mariposa County will not participate in the process.

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Vote - Ayes: _____  Noes: _____
Approved: _____ Absent: _____

( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____ Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

( ) Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: [Signature]
COUNTY of MARIPOSA
P.O. Box 784, Mariposa, CA 95338 (209) 966-3222

JANET BIBBY, CHAIR
LYLE TURPIN, VICE CHAIR
BRAD ABORN
DIANNE A. FRITZ
BOB PICKARD

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DISTRICT II
DISTRICT I
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DISTRICT V

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

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TO: SUPERVISOR ABORN

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Altamont Alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and Supporting Recirculation of the Draft EIR/EIS

RESOLUTION 07-566

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 11, 2007

ACTION AND VOTE:

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Cc: Supervisor Fritz
San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee
Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, California High-Speed Rail Authority
File
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 07-566

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALTAMONT ALIGNMENT FOR THE BAY AREA TO CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SPEED TRAIN AND SUPPORTING RECIRCULATION OF THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has long supported the Altamont Pass as the preferred route; and

WHEREAS, the Altamont route offers a shorter distance between Los Angeles and San Francisco and offers high-speed service to a greater number of passengers; and

WHEREAS, the Altamont alternative is a more environmentally compatible major transportation system and would alleviate congestion and poor air quality in a rapidly growing region of California; and

WHEREAS, the draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Rail Program EIR/EIS has failed to adequately examine the environmental impacts of the Pacheco Pass alignment sufficient to support a selection of that alignment; and

WHEREAS, transportation to and from the Sierra Region and Yosemite National Park would be enhanced by the Altamont alternative; and

WHEREAS, there is wide agreement among agencies, environmental groups, and train rider associations and Altamont Pass alignment will best minimize environmental impacts and maximize ridership potential; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS fails to sufficiently identify the Altamont alignment options that should be compared to the Pacheco Pass alignments; and

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WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior in its comments of
WHEREAS, Mariposa County desires to support the demand for substantial revision and recirculation of the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS;

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

[Signature]
JANET BIBBY, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel
RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt Resolution supporting the Altamont alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and supporting recirculation of the draft EIR/EIS.

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Mariposa County will not participate in the process.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (x) No Current FY Cost: $ 
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Amount in Budget: $ Additional Funding Needed: $ 
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Internal Transfer 
Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5's vote 
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CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 547-xx Ord. No. ______
Vote - Ayes: ______ Absent: ______
Approved ______ Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

Revised Dec. 2003
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December

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

JANET BIBBY, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel
December 11, 2007

Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director, 
California High-Speed Rail Authority 
925 L Street, Suite 1425 
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

At its meeting on December 11, 2007, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 07-566 supporting the Ahamon Alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and Supporting Re-circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS.

In addition, please accept this letter as a request that Resolution No. 07-566 be entered into the official records of the Authority at the earliest possible opportunity as an official statement of Mariposa County's concerns and objections to the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train Program EIR/EIS.

You will find a certified copy of the formal resolution enclosed.

Sincerely,

JANET BIBBY
Chair

Enclosure

cc: San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee
    Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors
    Madera County Board of Supervisors
    Mono County Board of Supervisors
    Senator Barbara Boxer
    Senator Dianne Feinstein
    Congressman George Radanovich
    Governor Schwarzenegger
    Fie
April 15, 2008

Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L. Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

At its meeting on April 15, 2008, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 08-145 authorizing corrections of typographical errors on Resolution No. 07-566 supporting the Altamont alignment for the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train and Supporting Re-circulation of the draft EIR/EIS.

You will find a certified copy of the corrected formal resolution enclosed.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (209) 966-3222.

Sincerely,

JANET BIBBY
Supervisor District III

Enclosure

cc: San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee
Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors
Madera County Board of Supervisors
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