

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS REQUEST TO ABANDON THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY  
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Kern County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution, attached hereto, requesting the state to abandon the High-Speed Rail project, and use the approved funds for other, more useful infrastructure purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen strongly supports the County of Kern's resolution and request for the immediate abandonment of the high-speed rail project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors requests that any remaining state funds available from the project are redirected to local infrastructure projects that will provide immediate benefit to our fellow Californians.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Lassen, State of California, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen  
Board of Supervisors

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019-063

**THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED  
RAIL PROJECT**

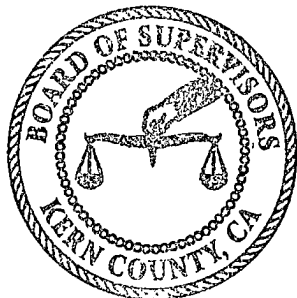
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I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Scrivner, seconded by Supervisor Gleason, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at an official meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, by the following vote:

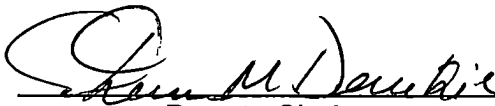
AYES: Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch

NOES: Perez

ABSENT: None



**KATHLEEN KRAUSE**  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Kern, State of California

  
Deputy Clerk

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**RESOLUTION**

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- (a) the California State Auditor has concluded the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (CHSRA) flawed decision making and ongoing poor contract management for high-value contracts have contributed to billions of dollars in cost overruns for completing the high-speed rail system; and
- (b) the California State Auditor has concluded the CHSRA's decision to begin construction before completing proper planning has led to unmitigated risks which have contributed to \$600 million in cost overruns thus far for the three

active Central Valley construction projects with another \$1.6 billion in additional costs needed to complete the projects; and

- (c) the California State Auditor has concluded the CHSRA has not successfully enforced policies it adopted to address ongoing deficiencies with its contract management and the CHSRA cannot demonstrate that the large amounts it has spent on its contracts have been necessary or appropriate; and
- (d) the California State Auditor has concluded that poor project management has caused a grant deadline extension to December 2022 and the CHSRA could miss the new deadline unless Central Valley construction progresses twice as fast as it has to date; and
- (e) the California State Auditor has concluded missing the new 2022 deadline could expose the State of California to the risk of having to pay back as much as \$3.5 billion in federal funds; and
- (f) the California State Auditor has concluded the CHSRA has partially offset Central Valley cost overruns, as well as those projected elsewhere in the system, by planning to share existing rail infrastructure where possible, however the CHSRA acknowledges that it has identified every feasible option to do so and therefore cannot continue to use this approach to offset costs; and
- (g) the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) intends to terminate Cooperative Agreement No. FR-HSR-0118-12-01-01 effective March 5, 2019 (Agreement); and
- (h) following termination FRA intends to promptly de-obligate the full \$928,620,000 stipulated under the Agreement; and
- (i) FRA has determined that CHSRA has materially failed to comply with the terms of the Agreement and has failed to make reasonable progress on the high-speed rail project and will not complete the project by the end of the Agreement's period of performance in 2022; and
- (j) during his recent State-of-the-State address, Governor Newsom presented a new proposal that represents a significant retreat from the state's initial vision and commitment and frustrates the purpose for which federal funding was awarded;
- (k) during his recent State-of-the-State address, Governor Newsom stated: "Let's be real. The project, as currently planned, would cost way too much and take too long. There's been too little oversight and not enough transparency... there simply isn't a path to get from Sacramento to San Diego, let alone from San Francisco to LA."

- (l) current construction is only from Madera to Shafter – a full 50 miles short of Merced to Bakersfield.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. The State of California's High-Speed Rail Project has wasted billions of dollars with minimal progress. Given the undisputed facts, the County of Kern requests immediate abandonment of the high-speed rail project and requests that any remaining state funds available from the project are redirected to local programs that will provide immediate benefit to our residents here in the Central Valley and throughout the state.
2. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the following:

County Administrative Office

County Counsel

District 1 Supervisor

District 2 Supervisor

District 3 Supervisor

District 4 Supervisor

District 5 Supervisor

Governor Gavin Newsom  
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California High-Speed Rail Authority  
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State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

State Senator Shannon Grove  
State Capitol, Room 305  
Sacramento, CA 95814

State Senator Melissa Hurtado  
State Capitol, Room 2054  
Sacramento, CA 2054

Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon  
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Assembly Member Vince Fong  
Capitol Office, Room 2002  
Sacramento, CA 94249

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Capitol Office, Room 4016  
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Capitol Office, Room 2174  
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Capitol Office, Room 2111  
Sacramento, CA 94249

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