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# **STAFF ANALYSIS**

# STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

Friday, November 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. 1021 O Street, Room 3110, Sacramento, California

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# **CONSENT CALENDAR A**

# **CONSENT ITEM—1**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (3790) BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARKS - NORABELLA SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Authority: 2020 Budget Act, 3790-301-0392 (1), as reappropriated by the 2023 Budget

Act

2021 Budget Act, 3790-301-0001 (1)

#### Consider authorizing:

1) Acquisition of real property.

2) Execution of a Property Acquisition Agreement and any such documents as may be required to complete the acquisition.

## STAFF ANALYSIS ITEM—1

Department of Parks and Recreation
Big Basin Redwoods State Park - Norabella
Santa Cruz County

#### Action Requested

If approved, the requested action will authorize acquisition of real property and execution of a Property Acquisition Agreement and any such documents as may be required to complete the acquisition.

#### Scope Description

**This project is within scope.** This request will authorize the acquisition of approximately 153.40 acres (the Property) of undeveloped forest land for the expansion of Big Basin Redwood State Park by acquiring inholding lands. The Property is split by Big Basin Way (State Route 236) and along portions of Old Big Basin Road, Little Basin Road, and Lodge Road in Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz County. Sempervirens Fund, a California non-profit public benefit corporation (Sempervirens), has been acquiring inholding and adjacent properties to present ownership or stewardship lands of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The acquisition of the Property consists of one parcel in and around Big Basin Redwood State Park providing for an opportunity for the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) to expand, and eliminate private inholdings of the state park which would help eliminate or reduce the potential workload of managing inholdings, which include, but are not limited to, boundary patrols, trespass and encroachment issues, and resource damage associated with private owner's requested access, connections for utilities, and other private development.

The acquisition of the Property will improve wildlife corridors, providing unimpeded migration and movement potential in the habitat area for endangered or threatened

species, as well as important preservation of redwoods and forest lands. The Property will support publicly owned land that safeguards coastal redwoods, public use trails, wildlife habitat, creeks and waterfalls, cultural and natural resources, provide recreational opportunities for the park, and is a key piece to rebuilding the park according to the Reimagining Big Basin Plan.

#### Funding and Cost Verification

**This project is within cost.** The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$6,300,000 General Fund and \$6,300,000 State Parks and Recreation Fund for State Parks acquisitions. The Norabella property is consistent with the project funding. The Property will be acquired for \$2,415,000, which is within the funds available and in accordance with legislative intent.

#### **CEQA**

A Notice of Exemption was filed with the State Clearinghouse on June 24, 2022, and the 35-day statute of limitations period expired on July 29, 2022, without challenge. On October 16th, 2025, Parks confirmed no additional action is necessary under CEQA.

#### Condition of Property

The Property is located in Flood Zone X and undeveloped except for trails and roads that traverse the Property. Habitat consists mainly of mountainous timberland, with steep slopes. A stream and drainage traverse the site.

Utility lines traverse the Property NS and NW. There were no developed wells or septic tanks, or indication of underground storage tanks (UST) or aboveground storage tanks (AST). No stains or leaks were observed. Two steel storage containers were located on the Property, one with a burned ATV inside. There was minimal, miscellaneous trash/small equipment observed near one of the containers and reported microplastics near both.

Department of General Services' (DGS) Environmental Services Unit (ESU) staff observed the site to have been cleared of a large majority of the cluster (vehicles, outdoor kitchen, debris, microplastics, small equipment, and associated trash).

DGS ESU recommends that the two storage containers and miscellaneous trash/small equipment, and microplastics located near the containers to be removed prior to acquisition. Landowner confirmed the storage containers were removed as of June 2024.

An outside firm, under the direction of Parks, and on behalf of the State, completed an updated Phase I ESA report (Phase I) in November 2021. The Phase I, performed in conformance with the scope and limitations of ASTM Designation E 1527-13, found the Property free of any meaningful quantity of trash, no hazardous substances or practices that use hazardous substances were observed, and no obvious conditions indicative of releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, petroleum and petroleum products and controlled substances on, at, in, or to the subject Property.

Based on the recommendations of the Phase I, a limited Phase II Subsurface Investigation (Phase II) was performed. The Phase II noted some observations and concluded that no further investigation of the Property at this time is recommended.

Based on the review of historic information, provided environmental reports, and the site reconnaissance, no further environmental evaluation is recommended in association with the transaction.

On October 16, 2025, Parks confirmed there have been no changes in circumstances that would change the conclusion of the Summary of Conditions Letter.

## Other

- Site selection was approved on April 30, 2024.
- There are no historic issues and no implied dedication associated with this Property.
- Neither DGS nor Parks is aware of any lawsuits pending on the Property. The
  property acquisition agreement will require delivery of title to the state free and
  clear of any liens.
- There is no relocation assistance required for this Project.
- The Property location is consistent with the state's planning priorities in accordance with Government Code Section 65041 et seq., as the site supports efficient development patterns near existing developed areas with adequate transportation and other essential utilities and services.

#### Project Schedule

The anticipated close of escrow under the PAA is within 60 days of the Board's action.

**Staff Recommendation:** 

Approve acquisition of real property and execute the Property Acquisition Agreement and any such documents as may be required to complete the acquisition.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR B**

# **CONSENT ITEM—1**

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA (0250)
NEW SANTA ROSA CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE
SONOMA COUNTY

Authority: 2009 Budget Act, Item 0250-301-3138 (9)

2014 Budget Act, Item 0250-301-3138 (11)

2015 Budget Act, Item 0250-301-3138 (4), as reappropriated by 2016 Budget

Act

2018 Budget Act, Item 0250-301-3138 (2)

2018 Budget Act, Item 0250-301-0660 (4.2), as reappropriated by 2020

Budget Act

2024 Budget Act, Item 0250-301-0660(2)

Consider approving an augmentation

\$2,194,000

(1.1 percent of total project appropriations)
(15.2 percent cumulative)

# **STAFF ANALYSIS—ITEM 1**

Judicial Council of California New Santa Rosa Criminal Courthouse Sonoma County

#### Action Requested

If approved, the requested action will approve an augmentation.

#### **Scope Description**

**This project is within scope.** The authorized scope for this project is to construct a new fifteen-courtroom building, approximately 169,000 square feet in the City of Santa Rosa. The project will consolidate court operations from two facilities, relieve the current space shortfall, increase security, and replace inadequate and obsolete buildings in Sonoma County.

#### <u>Funding and Cost Verification</u>

This project is not within cost. The current authorized total project cost is \$226,926,000. The funding source for this project consists of appropriations from Judicial Council's Immediate and Critical Needs Account for acquisition (\$14,737,000, with natural savings of \$8,039,000 for a net of \$6,698,000), preliminary plans (\$7,670,000), and working drawings (\$11,252,000), and appropriations from the Public Buildings Construction Fund (\$160,734,000) as authorized in the 2018 Budget Act and reappropriated by the Budget Act of 2020. At the time of contract approval, Executive Order 20/21-24 authorized an augmentation of \$18,449,000, which represented 9.0 percent of the total project appropriation for construction. In 2023, Executive Order 23/24-10 approved an additional \$10,625,000, accounting for 5.16 percent. Subsequently, a supplemental appropriation of \$11,498,000 was approved in the 2024 Budget Act for construction.

The Judicial Council requests an augmentation of \$2,194,000 for construction of this project to extend soft costs through December 2025 (and some post-construction expenses through February 2026). The augmentation is driven by the need to pay additional soft costs due to delays to the project. The project was originally expected to be completed in September 2023. At the State Public Works Board meeting on February 9, 2024, the Judicial Council noted some delays relating to weather issues and steel procurement and estimated the project completion would occur in December 2024 as part of its augmentation request. However, additional delays, including the delivery of elevator fronts and exterior cladding from the manufacturers, as well as delays in receiving bullet resistant glazing at the entry lobby, have now extended the completion date to December 2025, which necessitates additional expenditures for soft costs. The categories that need to receive additional payments include architectural and engineering services, the construction management agency, the inspector of record, entities conducting special inspections and material testing services, the State Fire Marshal, legal fees, the consultant project manager, the owner controlled insurance program, and to pay for delays and storage fees for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

On October 24, 2025, the Department of Finance notified the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Budget and fiscal committees in each house of its intent to approve the augmentation and recommend that the Board approve this action no sooner than 20 days from that date.

\$226,926,000 Total authorized project cost

\$229,120,000 Total estimated project cost

\$226,926,000 Costs previously allocated: \$6,698,000 for acquisition,

\$7,670,000 for preliminary plans, \$11,252,000 for working drawings, and \$201,306,000 for construction (\$159,988,000 contract, \$8,090,000 contingency, \$10,515,000 A&E, and

\$22,713,000 other project costs)

\$ 2,194,000 Augmentation to be allocated: \$2,194,000 for construction

(\$2,194,000 other project costs)

#### **CEQA**

The Judicial Council filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse on July 27, 2011, and the 30-day statute of limitations expired without challenge. On November 16, 2023, the Judicial Council confirmed no additional action is necessary under CEQA.

#### Real Estate Due Diligence

An outside contractor, on behalf of the Judicial Council, completed a Summary of Conditions Letter for this project on April 25, 2016, and a supplemental letter was completed on May 19, 2017. No issues that would adversely affect the beneficial use and quiet enjoyment of the project were identified in either letter. On October 3, 2025, the Judicial Council confirmed there have been no changes in circumstances that would change the conclusion of the Summary of Conditions Letter.

#### Project Schedule

Approve preliminary plans July 2017
Complete working drawings October 2020
Start construction May 2021

Complete construction December 2025

Staff Recommendation: Approve an augmentation.

## CONSENT ITEM—2

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE SPECIAL SCHOOLS (6100)
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF-RIVERSIDE: ATHLETIC COMPLEX REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Authority: 2022 Budget Act, 6100-301-0001(3)

2023 Budget Act, 6100-301-0001(1)

2024 Budget Act, 6100-301-0660(1), as reappropriated by the 2025 Budget

Act

#### Consider recognizing a scope change

## STAFF ANALYSIS ITEM—2

Department of Education, State Special Schools California School for the Deaf-Riverside: Athletic Complex Replacement and Expansion Riverside County

# <u>Action Requested</u>

If approved, the requested action will recognize a scope change.

#### Scope Description

This project is not within scope. The authorized scope of this project includes the addition of a soccer field and the modernization of the original grass sports fields and all related infrastructure at CSDR. The project will be constructed in two phases with design goals for LEED Silver, Zero Net Energy, and compliance with Title IX. A new practice field will be installed where 16 modular buildings are being demolished. The football, track, baseball, and softball fields will be modernized. A canopy with photovoltaic panels will be installed over the football field/track home bleachers. A concessions/restroom building, secured storage area for equipment, field fencing, and asphalt paving for new parking areas and access roads will be added. The requested scope change would relocate the new practice field planned for the site of the 16 demolished buildings. It was determined during the design process that the site of the demolished buildings was not large enough for this purpose and the new practice field could be incorporated within the larger football field with net neutral cost impacts. Additionally, the photovoltaic panels would be extended to the canopies in the concessions area in alignment with the Zero Net Energy design goals of the project.

## Funding and Cost Verification

**This project is within cost.** The 2022 Budget Act provided \$280,000 General Fund (GF) for the study phase, and \$2,191,000 GF for preliminary plans. The 2023 Budget Act provided \$2,263,000 GF for working drawings which was later reverted. The 2024 Budget Act provided \$2,704,000 Public Buildings Construction Fund for the working drawings phase to replace the reverted 2023 GF appropriation. Total estimated project costs at the time of the 2024 Budget Act were \$60,566,000 (\$2,704,000 working drawings, \$55,391,000 construction).

On October 24, 2025, the Department of Finance notified the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Budget and fiscal committees in each house of its intent to approve the augmentation and recommend that the Board approve this action no sooner than 20 days from that date.

\$60,566,000	Total authorized project cost
\$60,566,000	Total estimated project cost
\$2,471,000	Project costs previously allocated: \$280,000 for study phase, \$2,191,000 for preliminary plans
\$58,095,000	Project costs to be allocated: \$2,704,000 for working drawings, \$55.391,000 for construction

#### CEQA

The Department of General Services (DGS), on behalf of the California Department of Education, State Special Schools Division (CDE-SSS), filed a Notice of Determination with

the State Clearinghouse on September 10, 2025 and the 35-day statute of limitations expired without challenge.

#### Real Estate Due Diligence

DGS, on behalf of CDE-SSS, has completed Real Estate Due Diligence for this project. It was determined that there is a water line easement that is situated on an extended linear portion of the project's footprint. Analysis of the easement suggests that it will not be an issue for this project.

#### Project Schedule

Approve preliminary plans
Complete working drawings
Start construction
November 2025
May 2027
September 2027

Complete construction June 2029

Staff Recommendation: Recognize a scope change.

# BOND ITEMS BOND ITEM-1

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION (5225)
ADULT LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
MADERA COUNTY

Authority: Sections 15820.92 – 15820.926 of the Government Code (SB 1022)

#### Consider adoption of a resolution to:

- Authorize actions to be taken to provide for interim financing and declare the
  official intent of the Board to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the Public
  Buildings Construction Fund from the proceeds of the sale of bonds.
- 2) Authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds.
- 3) Authorize and direct the Executive Director and Deputy Directors to take any and all such actions and to execute and deliver any documents as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

Total Bond Allocation \$19,000,000

## STAFF ANALYSIS ITEM—1

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Project Madera County

#### Action Requested

If approved, the requested action would adopt a resolution authorizing actions to be taken to provide for interim financing, authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds, and other related actions.

#### Scope Description

**This project is within scope.** This project consists of the design and construction of an expansion and renovation of the existing Madera County jail located on county-owned land in Madera, California. The expansion and renovations will provide approximately 22,000 square feet of additional housing, program, and support services spaces to the current county jail.

This expansion includes the addition of a new on-grade behavioral health housing unit adjacent to the existing two-story housing unit, constructed as part of the Madera County Assembly Bill 900, Phase I project. The expansion will add 20 single-occupancy, high-security beds to accommodate inmates with mental health, acute substance abuse, or other health concerns. The expanded housing will also provide adjacent dayrooms, two outdoor recreation yards, classrooms, exam rooms, video visitation areas, storage spaces, and other support spaces.

This project scope also includes renovations to the decommissioned kitchen area in the existing county jail to provide classroom spaces, a computer lab, and additional staff support and storage spaces. In addition, the current intake/booking area will be renovated to provide a new lobby, two additional safety cells, interview rooms, and a booking work counter.

The project will also include all standard and necessary appurtenances for building operations and the upsizing of existing water systems including piping, pumps, and accessories; a new cooling tower; a new chiller; and a new emergency generator. The building expansion will be constructed primarily of concrete masonry units and steel for long-term durability.

#### Funding and Project Cost Verification

**This project is not within cost.** Section 15820.922 of the Government Code appropriated \$412,474,000 lease revenue bond financing authority to partially finance the design and construction of adult local criminal justice facilities. The Board of State and Community Corrections conditionally awarded \$19,000,000 from this appropriation to Madera County for this project. All acquisition/study costs and any design and construction costs in addition to this award amount will be paid by the county.

On July 22, 2019, State Public Works Board (PWB) took an action establishing the scope, cost, and schedule of this project, allocating \$18,783,000 to partially finance the design and construction cost of this project. At the time of establishment, the total estimated project cost was \$20,347,000. On April 22, 2022, PWB approved preliminary plans and requested scope change for this project with a total estimated project cost of \$24,149,000, which was an increase of \$217,000 state cost and \$3,802,000 total cost. Subsequent to that action, a new project cost estimate was prepared in association with the receipt of construction bids and in preparation to award the construction contract. Based on this revised estimate, the current total estimated project cost is \$27,813,000, which is an increase of \$3,664,000.

This recognized revised project cost was approved on October 22, 2025. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is requesting the approval of this request at the November 14, 2025, PWB meeting.

\$27,813,000	Total authorized project cost
\$27,813,000	Total estimated project cost
\$19,000,000	State costs allocated: \$856,000 for preliminary plans, \$586,000 for working drawings, and \$17,558,000 for construction (\$16,439,000 contract, \$359,000 A&E, \$660,000 other project costs, and \$100,000 agency retained)
\$8,813,000	Local costs allocated: \$79,000 for study, \$40,000 for preliminary plans, \$55,000 for working drawings, and \$8,639,000 for contract (\$6,456,000 contract, \$1,145,000 contingency, and \$1,038,000 other project costs)

## **CEQA**

The County of Madera filed a Notice of Determination with the Madera County Clerk on September 26, 2007, and the 30-day statute of limitations expired without challenge. On September 4, 2025, CDCR confirmed no additional action is necessary under CEQA.

#### Real Estate Due Diligence

The Department of General Services, on behalf of the County of Madera, completed a Summary of Conditions Letter for this project on September 1, 2021, and updated it on July 29, 2025, and no issues that would adversely affect the beneficial use and quiet enjoyment of the project were identified.

#### Project Schedule

Approve preliminary plans April 2022 Complete working drawings April 2025

Start construction November 2025

Compete construction April 2027

Staff Recommendation: Approve and adopt a reimbursement resolution for interim

financing, authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds, and other

related actions.

# **BOND ITEM-2**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (6100)

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF—RIVERSIDE: ATHLETIC COMPLEX REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Authority: 2022 Budget Act, 6100-301-0001(3)

2023 Budget Act, 6100-301-0001(1)

#### Consider adoption of a resolution to:

- Authorize actions to be taken to provide for interim financing and declare the
  official intent of the Board to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the Public
  Buildings Construction Fund from the proceeds of the sale of bonds.
- 2) Authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds.
- Approve and direct the Executive Director and Deputy Directors to take any and all such actions and to execute and deliver any documents as may be needed to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

Total Bond Allocation \$2,704,000

## STAFF ANALYSIS ITEM—2

Department of Education

California School for the Deaf—Riverside: Athletic Complex Replacement and Expansion Riverside County

#### Action Requested

If approved, the requested action would adopt a resolution authorizing actions to be taken to provide for interim financing, authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds, and other related actions

#### Scope Description

This project is within scope. The project consists of the addition of a soccer field and the modernization of the original grass sports fields and all related infrastructure at CSDR. The project will be constructed in two phases with design goals for LEED Silver, Zero Net Energy, and compliance with Title IX. The football, track, baseball, and softball fields will be modernized. A canopy with photovoltaic panels will be installed over the football field/track home bleachers, and the concessions area. A concessions/restroom building, secured storage area for equipment, field fencing, and asphalt paving for new parking areas and access roads will be added.

#### Funding and Cost Verification

**This project is within cost.** The 2022 Budget Act provided \$280,000 General Fund for the study phase, and \$2,191,000 General Fund for preliminary plans. The 2023 Budget Act provided \$2,263,000 General Fund for working drawings which was later reverted. The 2024 Budget Act provided \$2,704,000 Public Buildings Construction Fund for the working drawings phase to replace the reverted 2023 General Fund appropriation. Total estimated project costs at the time of the 2024 Budget Act were \$60,566,000 (\$2,704,000 working drawings, \$55,391,000 construction).

\$60,566,000 Total authorized project cost

\$60,566,000 Total estimated project cost

\$2,471,000 Project costs previously allocated: \$280,000 for study phase,

\$2,191,000 for preliminary plans

\$58,095,000 Project costs to be allocated: \$2,704,000 for working drawings,

\$55,391,000 for construction

#### CEQA

The Department of General Services (DGS), on behalf of the California Department of Education, State Special Schools Division (CDE-SSS), filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse on September 10, 2025 and the 35-day statute of limitations expired without challenge.

#### Real Estate Due Diligence

DGS, on behalf of CDE-SSS, has completed Real Estate Due Diligence for this project. It was determined that there is a water line easement that is situated on an extended linear portion of the project's footprint. Analysis of the easement suggests that it will not be an issue for this project.

## Project Schedule

Approve preliminary plans November 2025

Complete working drawings May 2027

Start construction September 2027

Complete construction June 2029

Staff Recommendation: Adopt resolution.

# **MINUTES**

Consider approving the minutes from the October 10, 2025, meeting.

Staff have reviewed the minutes from the October 10, 2025, meeting and recommend approval.

Staff Recommendation: Approve minutes from the October 10, 2025, meeting.

# ACTION ITEMS

HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY (2665)
MERCED TO BAKERSFIELD SEGMENT
FRESNO COUNTY

Authority: 2012 Budget Act, Item 2665-306-0890 (1), as reappropriated by the

2018 and 2021 Budget Acts

2012 Budget Act, Item 2665-306-6043 (1), as reappropriated by the

2018 Budget Act

2014 Budget Act, Item 2665-306-3228 (1)

2021 Budget Act, 2665-301-6043 (1)

2024 Budget Act, 2665-301-9332 (1)

Section 39719(b) (2) of the Health and Safety Code

Section 39719.1 of the Health and Safety Code

Section 39719.4(b) of the Health and Safety Code

Section 15854 of the Government Code

Consider the adoption of a Resolution of Necessity authorizing the use of eminent domain by the High-Speed Rail Authority to acquire the following property or interests in property for the High-Speed Train System:

1) Parallamo, LLC, Property (Fresno County)

Authority Parcel Numbers: FB-10-1763-1, FB-10-1763-2, FB-10-1763-3,

FB-10-1763-4, FB-10-1763-5, and FB-10-1763-6

Assessor Parcel Number: 467-050-28S

# STAFF ANALYSIS ITEM—1

High-Speed Rail Authority Merced to Bakersfield Segment Fresno County

#### Action Requested

Adopt a Resolution of Necessity authorizing the use of eminent domain by the High-Speed Rail Authority to acquire property or interests in property for the High-Speed Train System.

#### Background

Under California Eminent Domain Law, the Board is the governing body of the High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) for purposes of adopting Resolutions of Necessity that are required for the Authority to initiate eminent domain proceedings. To adopt a Resolution of Necessity the Board must consider that the following conditions have been met:

- (A) The public interest and necessity require the project;
- (B) The project is planned or located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury;
- (C) The property sought to be acquired is necessary for the project; and,
- (D) The offer required by Government Code section 7267.2 has been made to the owner or owners of record or the offer has not been made because the owner cannot be located with reasonable diligence.

The property is within the right of way for the 171-mile Merced to Bakersfield Segment and is within the preferred alignment as previously approved by both the High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors and the Federal Railroad Administration. Acquisition of this property will allow the Authority to move forward with construction of the High-Speed Train System (HSTS).

The Authority notified the Board's staff that on September 26, 2025, the respective property owner was provided with a first written offer to purchase the subject property, as

required by Government Code section 7267.2. The Authority has informed the Board's staff that negotiations to acquire the property are continuing; however, to keep the project on schedule, the adoption of a Resolution of Necessity to authorize the use of eminent domain is required at this time.

On October 23, 2025, Notices of Intent to adopt a Resolution of Necessity were mailed by Board staff to the owners. These notices were sent in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 1245.235. Staff expedited this request to adopt a Resolution of Necessity to best ensure these additional property interests can be included at an upcoming trial for the greater parcel. Public Works Board counsel for High-Speed Rail notes that the property owner concurs with the shortened time frame.

#### **Property Specific Information:**

1. Parallamo, LLC, Property (Fresno County)

Authority Parcel Numbers: FB-10-1763-1, FB-10-1763-2, FB-10-1763-3,

FB-10-1763-4, FB-10-1763-5, and FB-10-1763-6

Assessor Parcel Number: 467-050-28S

Partial Acquisition: Approximately 0.34 acre in easement

The property interests identified by the Authority Parcel Numbers are needed to provide access for three permanent utility easements and three temporary construction easements at the intersection of Ventura Street and H Street.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution of Necessity authorizing the use of eminent

domain by the Authority to acquire the above-described

property or interests in property for the HSTS.

## **ACTION ITEM—2**

# HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY (2665) MERCED TO BAKERSFIELD SEGMENT KERN COUNTY

Authority: 2012 Budget Act, Item 2665-306-0890 (1), as reappropriated by the

2018 and 2021 Budget Acts

2012 Budget Act, Item 2665-306-6043 (1), as reappropriated by the

2018 Budget Act

2014 Budget Act, Item 2665-306-3228 (1)

2021 Budget Act, 2665-301-6043 (1)

2024 Budget Act, 2665-301-9332 (1)

Section 39719(b) (2) of the Health and Safety Code Section 39719.1 of the Health and Safety Code

Section 39719.4(b) of the Health and Safety Code

Section 15854 of the Government Code

Consider the adoption of a resolution rescinding the following Resolution of Necessity (RON) authorizing the use of eminent domain by the High-Speed Rail Authority to acquire the following property or interest in property for the High-Speed Train System:

Resolution of Necessity 2025-03487
 Magnolia Almonds Property (Kern County)
 Authority Parcel Numbers: FB-15-0630-1 and FB-15-0630-4

Assessor Parcel Number: 047-220-49

# STAFF ANALYSIS ITEM—2

High Speed Rail Authority Central Valley Segment Kern County

#### Action Requested

If approved, adopt a resolution rescinding the Resolution of Necessity (RON) authorizing the use of eminent domain by the High-Speed Rail Authority to acquire property or interest in property for the High-Speed Train System.

Magnolia Almonds Property: On May 9, 2025, the Board adopted the RON authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire the subject property. During ongoing negotiations, Magnolia Almonds sold the property, rendering the existing RON invalid.

**Staff Recommendation:** 

Adopt a resolution rescinding of the Resolution of Necessity authorizing the use of eminent domain by the Authority to acquire the above-described property or interests in the property for the High-Speed Train System.

# OTHER BUSINESS NONE

# **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

# **REPORTABLES**

# **REPORTABLE ITEMS**

# For November 14, 2025, Board Meeting

Actions Authorized by Staff from September 30, 2025, through October 31, 2025 As Authorized by Resolution of the Board dated December 13, 2019

Department/Org Code	Project Title/County	Project Authority	Action	Amount/(Percent)
Department Of Motor Vehicles (2740)	El Centro: Field Office Replacement Imperial County	2022 Budget Act, 2740-301-0001 (2), as reappropriated by the 2025 Budget Act 2024 Budget Act, 2740-301-0660 (2), as reappropriated by the 2025 Budget Act	Approve Site Selection	
Department of Parks and Recreation (3790)	Rio de Los Angeles State Park, Public Use Facilities at Bowtie Los Angeles County	2021 Budget Act, 3790-005-0001	Establish Cost, Scope, and Schedule	
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (5225)	Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Project Madera County	Sections 15820.92 – 15820.926 of Government Code (SB 1022)	Recognize Revised Project Costs	\$27,813,000 total authorized project costs Increase of \$3,664,000 local costs Increase of \$0 state costs

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California Community Colleges (6870)	Los Angeles Community College District  Los Angeles Mission College, Plant Facilities Warehouse and Shop Replacement Los Angeles County	2021 Budget Act, Item 6870-301-6087 (37) 2022 Budget Act, Item 6870-301-6087 (18) 2023 Budget Act, Item 6870-301-6087 (6)	Recognize Revised Project Costs	\$40,585,000 total authorized project costs  Decrease of \$6,180,000 local costs  Decrease of \$30,000 state costs