

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
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ITEM 6

SUBJECT

HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT AND PERMITTING INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

DISCUSSION

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) and U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Railroad Administration propose to construct and operate a rail line to support an intercity High Speed Train (HST) system. The project will be constructed in nine segments with an undetermined number of permitting phases. The 800-mile system proposes to ultimately connect San Francisco and Los Angeles, and include extensions to Sacramento and San Diego. The automated system is proposed to be electrically powered, using high-speed, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail technology.

Construction of the system will be regulated by Clean Water Act section 401 Certifications issued for each project segment and the General Construction Permit. The operation of the system will be regulated by a proposed statewide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit, scheduled for adoption in Summer 2014.

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.