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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EXPEDITED REVIEW OF RAIL PROJECTS,
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PROJECT CONSULTATIONS,
AND COORDINATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS:

1. In April 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the State Wetland Definition and Procedures for the Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State (Procedures).
2. The Procedures authorize the State Water Board to enter into a written agreement with state agencies, such as California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), that act as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency for one or more projects otherwise subject to section IV of the Procedures. The agreement can set out alternative procedures and requirements regarding the submission, review, or approval of project applications.
3. The Procedures require consideration of such an agreement proposed after the adoption date of the Procedures at a public meeting.
4. On July 24, 2020, the State Water Board released the draft resolution and draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that sets out alternative procedures and requirements regarding the submission and review of the Authority's applications for discharges of dredged or fill material to waters of the state for consideration by the State Water Board for a 30-day public comment period ending August 24, 2020.
5. Expedited permitting is necessary for the Authority to ensure compliance with the time period stipulated in the granting of federal funds for construction of the high-speed train system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, Attachment A to this Resolution, with the Authority, which sets out alternate requirements regarding the submission and review of Authority

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applications in accordance with the State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State, adopted on April 2, 2019 and revised April 6, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on December 5, 2023.

Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board