



# AGENDA

## STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2013

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Calendar  
Item No. 6d.

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Darrel L. Pyle, City Manager

DATE: January 22, 2013

SUBJECT: High Speed Rail Authority Staff Recommendation

**APPROVED**

DEPARTMENT HEAD \_\_\_\_\_

CITY ATTORNEY \_\_\_\_\_

CITY MANAGER DP

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discuss and direct staff in response to the HSR Environmental Matrix which will serve as the basis for the HSR staff recommendation to the HSR Authority Board regarding the final alignment through Kings County.

### BACKGROUND:

On Friday, December 21, 2012, Ms. Diana Gomez, Director of the High Speed Rail project segment between Stockton and Bakersfield, and her staff met with City staff at City Hall to discuss their recommendation to the Authority Board regarding the final alignment through Kings County. City staff was informed that on February 14, 2013, HSR staff will recommend to the Authority Board a Western alignment through Hanford based on the criteria identified in the attached matrix.

HSR staff indicated that the Western alignment will negatively impact fewer dairies and will not impact the Baker Commodities Rendering Facility. A Western alignment will also not disturb the Ponderosa housing community, as outlined in their EIR findings.

Ms. Gomez indicated that without any further input from the City of Hanford, HSR staff will make a recommendation to follow the Western alignment. If the City of Hanford would like to influence this recommendation, such notification will have to be received by HSR staff by February 1, 2013.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is not an additional fiscal impact on the budget since this was approved in FY 2012-13 Annual Budget adopted on June 26, 2012 as a result of any direction.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- HSR Comparison of Environmental Effects Between BNSF Alternative and Hanford West Bypass Alternative.

**DRAFT SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**COMPARISON OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS BETWEEN BNSF ALTERNATIVE  
(HANFORD EAST) AND HANFORD WEST BYPASS ALTERNATIVE**

Parameter	Alternative	
	BNSF Alternative (Hanford East)	Hanford West Bypass
Direct Permanent Impacts to Waters of the U.S. Regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (acres)	12.44	10.76
Indirect Permanent Impacts to Waters of the U.S. Regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (acres)	34.71	39.11
Use of Property Protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act	1	1 (Least Harm to 4(f) Properties)
Important Farmland Converted to Non-agricultural Use (acres)	1,075	809
Williamson Act Land Converted to Non-agricultural Use (acres)	582	96
Number of Confined Animal Facilities Impacted	15	4
Number of Receptors Severely Impacted by Noise and Vibration	178	287
Commercial and Industrial Business Displacements	3	7
Housing Unit Displacements	62	50
Divides Community of Ponderosa Road	Yes	No