

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of May 7, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) intends to terminate Cooperative Agreement No. FRHSR- 0118-12-01-01 effective March 5, 2019 (Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, following termination FRA intends to promptly de-obligate the full \$928,620,000 stipulated under the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 Los Angeles"; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California's High Speed Rail Project has wasted billions of dollars with minimal progress.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the state to immediately abandon the High Speed Rail Project and requests that any remaining state funds available from the project be redirected to local programs that will provide immediate benefit to our residents here in Humboldt County and throughout the state.

Dated: May 7, 2019

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REX BOHN, Chair,  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, second by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors:  
NAYS: Supervisors:  
ABSENT: Supervisors:  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
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County of Humboldt         )

I, Ryan Sharp, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

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Ryan Sharp  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County  
of Humboldt, State of California