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September 28, 2010

California High Speed Rail Authority  
Honorable Chairman Curt Pringle  
925 L Street, Suite 1425  
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: San Jose to Merced Section Alternative  
Analysis Report, June 2010

The Madera County Board of Supervisors would like to clarify our position in regards to the High Speed Rail Alignments presented in the Alternative Analysis Report made available June 2010. Our Board adopted a resolution on January 5, 2010 which states the following:

- The Board of Supervisors supports the continuing development of high speed rail on a statewide basis.
- The Board of Supervisors supports a unified approach for the Central Valley.
- The Board of Supervisors supports routes that use existing transportation corridors and rights-of-way.
- The Board of Supervisors continues to oppose any and all alignments where transportation corridors do not exist at the present time.

The Madera County Board of Supervisors would like to reaffirm the above resolution in opposition to the newly presented "Chowchilla bypass" option (west of Chowchilla), which does not follow existing transportation corridors and threatens valuable agricultural lands. Our Board opposes the Avenue 21 and Avenue 24 alignments as a viable east-west route. The Madera County Board of Supervisors support Highway 152 as a viable east-west route following an existing transportation corridor, avoiding impacts to the City of Chowchilla, the County landfill, and the new Fossil Discovery Center, as well as many local businesses and farms. Local farms are a main stay of our economy and if taken cannot be replaced. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Madera County Board of Supervisors

cc: Madera City Council  
Chowchilla City Council