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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

DECISION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM
THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

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Following an initial public notice circulated on April 21, 2010, this Special Public Notice announces that the District Commanders, of the Los Angeles and San Francisco Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") have decided to accept and expend funds contributed by the California High-Speed Rail Authority (the "Authority"). The Los Angeles District will allocate funds internally and distribute funds to the San Francisco District in order to expedite processing of the Authority's Department of the Army (DA) Section 408 permit applications. Though the Authority will receive more expeditious reviews of their permit applications, procedural and substantive requirements of the DA permit application review process remain unchanged. The decision to accept funds is in response to the multiple, large, and complex DA permit applications that will be submitted by the Authority, and the need to devote significant staff time to these applications in order to ensure the Authority and the public are best served throughout the permit evaluation process. The decision to accept funds does not constitute any endorsement or implied consent of Authority proposed projects; rather, it will enable Corps personnel to devote the attention required to these applications, in both a timelier and more thorough manner, benefiting both the Authority and the public.

Copies of the relevant documents related to this decision, as well as any permit decisions in the future, which are evaluated by Authority-funded Corps personnel, can be viewed at the Corps' Regulatory webpage at http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/regulatory/.