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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

DECISION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM
CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

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Following, an initial public notice circulated on March 9, 2020, this Special Public Notice announces that the District Commander of the San Francisco District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”) has decided to accept and expend funds contributed by the California High Speed Rail Authority (Authority). The San Francisco District would allocate funds internally in order to expedite processing of the Authority’s Section 408 permission requests in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 408¹ (Section 408). Though the Authority would receive more expeditious reviews of their permission requests, procedural and substantive requirements of the DA permit application review process remain unchanged. The decision to accept funds does not constitute any endorsement or implied consent of the Authority’s proposed project(s); 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.

Procedures for reviewing requests for Section 408 permission are contained in Engineer Circular (EC) 1165-2-220. EC 1165-2-220 and additional information about Section 408 can be viewed at the San Francisco District’s webpage at: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Section408/>

¹ 33 USC 408 provides authority to the Secretary of the Army to grant permission for the alteration or modification of Corps projects when in the judgment of the Secretary such alteration or modification will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project.