



**RETURN TO CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**

December 24, 2014



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Assesor Parcel Number(s): [REDACTED]

**Subject: Request for Permit to Enter**

Dear [REDACTED]

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building, and operating of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. As part of this effort, the Authority will be performing environmental studies in your area as required by state and federal law. The exact route of the rail has not yet been determined and these studies are an important component in evaluating the extent of the environmental impacts possible in the area and will be used to inform route alternatives.

You may have received a letter from the Authority in 2013 and/or 2014 requesting permission to access your property(s). As we move forward with surveys and environmental testing, we would like to obtain or renew permission to enter your property, described in the attached Permit to Enter (and shown on attached map) to gather data required for the project. The Authority's representatives and contractors, as well as representatives from other agencies, may need to enter your property depending on the scope of the surveys to be performed. We anticipate the surveys and testing may begin in January 2015, and could occur through January, 2017.

The Authority's representatives, will be responsible for conducting pedestrian biological and cultural resource surveys, visual inspections, geotechnical investigations, soil and ground water samplings, and noise measurements. These surveys **may** include: the collecting of cultural/biological plant material such as leaves and flowers, some hand digging of small soil pits and soil testing. Some or all of the information obtained during surveys may be made available for public review following completion of the surveys. As per all applicable rules and regulations, all excavated soils will be backfilled. Should intrusive investigations such as drilling or trenching be required, the Authority will work with you to determine the least impactful way to complete this work and will provide financial compensation when appropriate.

After permission is obtained, and prior to entry upon your property, a forty-eight (48) hour notice will be given to each owner/operator of the property. Every reasonable effort to contact you or someone residing on your property will be made before entry onto your parcel is attempted.

If you have any special conditions or instructions of which the survey teams should be aware, or if you would like to be present while the team(s) is (are) performing these studies, please include your name, telephone number and best time to contact you, along with any special instructions, on the

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attached Permit to Enter. Any special conditions and/or instructions will be followed, and fenced properties will remain secure during and after the surveys.

Please sign the Permit to Enter and return the signed copy either in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope or fax to (916) 322-0827. The second copy is for your files. Your response **within 5 business days** from receipt of this letter would be appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Rendon-Fuentes at (559) 445-5129, or Stephanie.RendonFuentes@hsr.ca.gov. If you need assistance to interpret or translate this letter in a language other than English, please call (800) 630-1039 for assistance.

Si necesita ayuda traduciendo o interpretando esta carta, hay personal disponible que habla español para ayudarle. Por favor llame al número arriba.

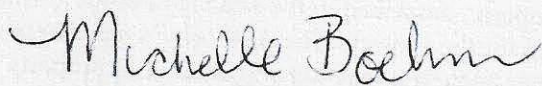
Եթե այս նամակի թարգմանության և իմաստը բացատրելու հարցում օգնության կարիք ունեք, Արևելյան հայերենով խոսող մեր աշխատակիցները կարող են Ձեզ օգնել: Խնդրում ենք զանգահարել վերոհիշյալ հեռախոսահամարով:

Если Вам нужна помощь в переводе данного письма, наши русскоговорящие сотрудники готовы Вам помочь. Пожалуйста, позвоните по вышеуказанному номеру

หากคุณต้องการให้เจ้าหน้าที่ที่พูดภาษาไทยของเราช่วยแปลหรือตีความจดหมายฉบับนี้ โปรดโทรไปที่หมายเลขด้านบน

이 통고서의 한글 번역 또는 해석이 필요하신 분들은 위의 번호로 전화주시기 바랍니다.

Sincerely,



Michelle Boehm  
Southern California Regional Director

Enclosures: Permit to Enter, Parcel Map(s), Return Envelope



# CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

December 24, 2014

Date

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County  
Code

Parcel #

Assessor Parcel Number(s): XXXXXXXXXX

Sir or Madam:

It is my (our) understanding that the following facts pertain to the property I (we) own located at: \_\_\_\_\_, and shown outlined on the attached map(s):

1. The property or a portion thereof **is currently shown** within proximity of one of the alternative alignments of the public project identified as the California High-Speed Rail System (System).
2. The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is requesting permission to enter upon the property described above and on the attached map to gather data required to complete the alternative analysis, conceptual design, and design work, as applicable. Any or all of the following environmental elements are being researched for the project: (i) jurisdictional waters delineation, (ii) biological resources, (iii) cultural resources, (iv) geotechnical conditions and/or (v) other environmental conditions relating to the property.
3. The purpose(s) for this request for permission to enter onto the property may include:
  - Extraction of soil and/or groundwater samples using current technology in order to determine whether the site has been contaminated by hazardous substances.
  - Visual inspections, surveys and/or record observations for environmental due diligence, and/or collection of cultural/biological/plant material (leaves, flower, etc: not whole plants) for the purpose of identifying environmental resources. Surveys performed may involve pedestrian "walk over" field inspections and marking of expected geotechnical drilling locations.
  - Hand excavation of test pits measuring approximately 1-foot in diameter and 2-6-feet deep to look for artifacts, archaeological features and/or evidence of prolonged hydrological saturation. All such disturbances will be backfilled to original condition.
  - Geotechnical investigations which may include hand augers, Cone Penetration Testing (CPT), and/or the use of truck-mounted drilling equipment. All such disturbances will be backfilled to original condition.
  - Geo-archaeological investigations involving the mechanical trenching of soils. All such disturbances will be backfilled to original condition.
  - Noise Measurements: Noise measurements may take the form of either Short-term (60 minutes or less) or Long-term (24 hours). The Authority's representatives would be present during the Short-term measurements, and Long-term measurements would be unattended except for equipment setup and takedown. There would be no physical disturbance to the property.
4. Authority or the Authority's representative(s) will be completing these studies using up to a 4 person team. An engineer and/or representative from other federal, State or local agencies may accompany and/or assist the team during the site visits.
5. Findings from the surveys conducted may be required to be made available for public review subsequent to their completion.
6. Investigations will be conducted commencing January 2015 and ending in January 2017. (Actual work is expected to take no more than 10 days per parcel. Said days may or may not be consecutive.)

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