



Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 16, 2010

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Jeff Forbes PHONE: (559) 636-5000						

SUBJECT: Support of a High Speed Rail station in Kings County, CA.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Approve a resolution in support of a High Speed Rail station in Kings County, CA.

SUMMARY:

On November 4, 2008 the voters of California approved Proposition 1A, paving the way for high speed rail in California. The High Speed Rail will go from Los Angeles to San Francisco in about 2 ½ hours. Currently a stop in Kings County, CA is proposed for the rail line, but is not guaranteed to be a part of the system. The plans show Fresno and Bakersfield as the closest stop to residents in Tulare County. It is anticipated that routes will be designated in 2012 and construction of test tracks to begin shortly thereafter.

Adding a stop on the High Speed Rail line in Kings County would benefit Tulare County in a number of ways. In addition to increasing the ease of travel for our residents, a nearby stop will create jobs in the area. The Rail Authority estimates 160,000 jobs statewide to plan, design and build the system. They also project the creation of 450,000 permanent jobs in California.

A High Speed Rail station in Kings County could also lead to an increase in tourist visits to Tulare County and Sequoia National Park. Additionally, a nearby rail stop could take cars and buses off the road, leading to an increase in the air quality of

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our Valley.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No net County Cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Supporting a High Speed rail station in Kings County is linked to the Safety and Security initiative of the Tulare County Strategic Business Plan. Supporting a local stop on the High Speed Rail system will improve and maintain adequate transportation infrastructure.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose to not support this resolution. This is not recommended because the residents of Tulare County will greatly benefit from a stop in Kings County.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Jeff Forbes
Board Representative III

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF A)
HIGH SPEED RAIL STATION IN KINGS))
COUNTY, CA)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

WHEREAS, California voters approved \$9.95 billion in bond funds to finance a high speed rail system for California in November 2008; and

WHEREAS, the rail will run from Sacramento through the San Joaquin Valley to San Diego, with a segment of the system branching out to the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the California High Speed Rail Authority is considering a high speed rail station in Kings County near Hanford; and

WHEREAS, a high speed rail station in Kings County would serve the residents in the entire region, including Visalia, Hanford, Tulare, and other local communities in the region; and

WHEREAS, a high speed rail station in Kings County will create jobs in the region, increase travel and commute opportunities for local residents and could lead to improved air quality in the Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, a local high speed rail station would benefit from regional connectivity that provides adequate access to the station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors supports the establishment of a High Speed Rail station in Kings County, CA.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD March 16, 2010, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk