

State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Mr. McLoughlin:

AMENDED CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION;
CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY; HIGH SPEED TRAIN MERCED TO FRESNO
PERMITTING PHASE 1 (FILE NO. SB13001IN, RM# 391375) U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS FILE NUMBER SPK-2009-01483

This amendment provides a twelve (12) month extension to the due date of the compensatory mitigation financial assurances instrument.

On March 12, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued a Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 water quality certification (Certification) for the High Speed Train Project – Merced to Fresno Permitting Phase 1 (Project). On April 7, 2014, the High Speed Rail Authority requested a time extension for providing a financial assurances instrument for compensatory mitigation to the State Water Resources Control Board as required in Additional Condition Number 50 and Attachment F of the March 12, 2014 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

Pursuant to title 23, section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations, Enclosed is the amended Certification for the Project. Attachments A through G of the enclosure are part of this Certification.

If you require further assistance, please contact Cliff Harvey at (916) 341-5483 or clifford.harvey@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures and cc: see next page.

Enclosures (8): CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Attachment A. Signatory Requirements

Attachment B. Project Information Sheet

Attachment C. Project Area Maps

Attachment D. Certification Deviation Procedures

Attachment E. Mitigation Ratios

Attachment F. Financial Assurances

Attachment G. CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations

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