

RESOLUTION NO. 15-219

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF LOCATING THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL
HEAVY MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN MADERA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Madera joins the County of Madera in support of locating the California High Speed Rail Maintenance Facility in Madera County; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Madera is in the center of the State and represents the backbone of the California High Speed Rail project, bearing the placement of the wye and the most track miles of any county in the initial operating segment; and,

WHEREAS, the stated policy goal of the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is to provide benefit to those communities who are accommodating the system and Madera County is the only County who has yet to be designated any facility in the system; and,

WHEREAS, locating the Heavy Maintenance Facility (HMF) in Madera County would serve as a much needed stimulus to the struggling local economy and create an estimated 20,000 jobs for the next five years, create approximately 1,500 permanent jobs when the facility is completed, generate additional property taxes for the County, and would provide the most measurable economic benefit to offset the loss of important agricultural land and employment opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, a HMF placed in Madera County would serve the labor markets of the largest labor forces in the San Joaquin Valley including Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus Counties, making Madera County the only regional site under consideration and providing the CHSRA with the largest number of local employees to staff the HMF.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA HEREBY finds, orders and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Madera joins Madera County in support of the location of the HMF for the California High Speed Rail System within the County of Madera.
2. The City Council of the City of Madera respectfully request the CHSRA mandate that a site in Madera County, whether existing or an alternative, that meets the criteria as described in the technical memoranda developed by the CHSRA, meets the delivery schedule, and is cost competitive, be given priority and placed in Madera County.
3. The City Council directs that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the CHSRA for consideration when evaluating the alternatives for the HMF.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Madera this 21st day of October, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Poythress, Oliver, Rigby, Bomprezzi, Medellin, Holley, Robinson.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:


ROBERT L. POYTHRESS, Mayor

ATTEST:


SONIA ALVAREZ, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


BRENT RICHARDSON, City Attorney