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California High-Speed Rail Authority
Attn: LaDonna DiCamillo, Southern California Regional Director
355 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2050
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Re: Palmdale to Burbank Segment, Support for Alternative SR14A in southern Palmdale

Ms. DiCamillo and Members, High Speed Rail Authority:

Thank you for this opportunity to express the Antelope Valley Conservancy's support of the preferred alignment through southern Palmdale, designated as Alternative SR14A.

For over a decade, AVC has advocated for the High Speed Rail project to find route alternatives that would avoid impacts to Una Lake, the surrounding wetland complex, and wildlife connectivity in this critical wetland area. AVC is grateful to see that the Build Alternative SR14A for the Palmdale to Burbank segment of the HSR would accomplish these goals. **Therefore, we strongly support the refined SR14A Build Alternative in southern Palmdale and encourage you to approve this route.**

Founded in 2005, Antelope Valley Conservancy is a California public benefit corporation with the primary mission of preserving natural habitat lands for the public good. AVC has been authorized by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to Hold Mitigation Lands and Endowments since 2008 and has fulfilled mitigation preservation and restoration services for CDFW, the State Water Boards, local counties and cities, as well as local government agencies and private landowners.

Antelope Valley Conservancy truly appreciates your consideration in leaving this small, historic lake and critical wetlands intact when constructing the High Speed Rail.

By Resolution of the
Board of Directors
ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Attested By Christina Andrews
Corporate Secretary