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PHOTO RELEASE: Cofferdams Installed at Fresno River Bridge

MADERA, Calif. – Today, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and its design-build contractor Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons (TPZP) began the installation of three cofferdams in the dry channel of the Fresno River in Madera County at the site of the Fresno River Viaduct. The temporary structures – consisting of several steel sheets approximately 40 feet by 40 feet and 12 feet deep - will hold back the sand at the bottom of the river while TPZP crews excavate approximately 12 feet into the riverbed. This will allow for the installation of structural supports for the future viaduct.



The cofferdams will stand for approximately 3 weeks and will be removed once the foundational structures are in place. The Fresno River Viaduct is a 1,600-foot aerial structure that will span from Raymond Road to Watson Street in Madera County, crossing over the Fresno River and State Route 145, parallel to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks.



The viaduct is part of Construction Package 1 (CP 1), the first 29-mile construction area that stretches from Avenue 17 in Madera County to East American Avenue in Fresno County. It is the first of three viaducts that will be constructed in this package.

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra