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Mr. David Valenstein  
Federal Railroad Administration  
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1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Valenstein:

This letter is written in response to request for concurrence on the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train (HST) Section 404 (b)(1) Alternatives Analysis for the HST route selection. Based on our review of the information in the documents you provided we believe you have reasonably demonstrated that there are no other routes to accommodate the Bay Area to Central Valley High Speed Train. Based on this evaluation, the Corps concludes there are no other practicable alternatives to the Pacheco Pass, San Francisco and San Jose Termini with less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem or without other significant adverse environmental consequences.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Bob Smith of our Regulatory Branch at 415-503-6792. Please address all correspondence to the Regulatory Branch and refer to the File Number at the head of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jane M. Hicks", is written over a horizontal line.

Jane M. Hicks  
Chief, Regulatory Division

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