

**APPENDIX B**  
**Correspondence**



## **Agency Correspondence**



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31 January 2003

In Reply Refer To  
FHWA021021A

Gary N. Hamby  
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RE: HDA-CA, FILE NO. 10-MER-99 PM 0.0/10.6, DOCUMENT NO. P 42275 [SECTION 106  
CONSULTATION ON THE UPGRADE OF A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 99, MERCED  
COUNTY]

Dear Mr. Hamby,

This letter is a response to your request that I review the June 2002 *Historic Property Survey Report: Freeway Upgrade on State Route 99 between the Chowchilla River and McHenry Road in Southern Merced County* (HPSR). Your request and my comments here are made pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations that implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f), as amended.

You request in your letter of 18 October 2002 that I concur that correspondence with Native American groups and local organizations is adequate, that the area of potential effects (APE) is adequately defined and identification efforts are satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.1(a) to (b), that cultural resource studies conducted to date are adequate, that archaeological sites CA-Mer-381/H and CA-Mer-383 are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), that twenty historic architectural properties are not eligible for such inclusion, and that the proposed undertaking would affect historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(2).

On the basis of my review of the HPSR, I concur that the FHWA's efforts to involve the public and to identify other consulting parties, pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 800.3(e) and (f), are adequate.

I concur that the FHWA's effort to determine and document the APE for the undertaking is adequate pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(1) provided that the implementation of the undertaking will not disturb the natural ground in the APE below the present depth of the plowed agricultural zone. I understand the undertaking's APE to be the sum of the areas described as the "area considered for direct effects to all cultural resources in the APE" and the "portion of the

APE considered for indirect effects" in the 2. *Area of Potential Effects* section of the HPSR and depicted as "Architectural History APE" and "Archaeological APE" on Maps 3a through 3d of the HPSR (*Merced 99 Freeway—Area of Potential Effects, EA 10-4157000/415800 MER-99 PM 0.0-10.6*).

I concur that the FHWA's effort to identify historic properties is adequate pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(b).

I acknowledge and agree that prior consensus determinations between the FHWA and the State Historic Preservation Officer on 29 February and 26 May 2000 found, respectively, CA-Mer-352H and CA-Mer-356 to be ineligible for inclusion in the National Register. I further acknowledge and agree with the FHWA's determinations in the 1986 California Historic Bridge Inventory that Dutchman Creek Bridge [California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Bridge No. 39 0001L], Deadmans Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0002L), Duck Slough Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0004), Duck Slough Overflow Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0005), Mariposa Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0081), South Dutchman Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0108L), and South Dutchman Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0108R) are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

I concur with the FHWA's determinations that

8040 Highway 99, Plainsburg, CA  
7560 Highway 99, Plainsburg, CA  
7251 Plainsburg Road, LeGrand, CA  
6744 Plainsburg Road, LeGrand, CA  
5533 Athlone Road, LeGrand, CA  
5535 Athlone Road, LeGrand, CA  
6464 LeGrand Road, LeGrand, CA  
5772 LeGrand Road, LeGrand, CA  
5861 Worden Avenue, LeGrand, CA  
5525 Worden Avenue, LeGrand, CA  
3237 S Pioneer Road, LeGrand, CA  
3134 Highway 99, Merced, CA  
3311 S Pioneer Road, Merced, CA  
3163 S Pioneer Road, Merced, CA  
2978 Highway 99, Merced, CA  
2530 Highway 99, Merced, CA  
Southern Pacific Railroad R.O.W. segment in the APE  
Dutchman Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0001R)  
Deadmans Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39 0002R)  
Athlone Road/Deadman Creek Bridge (Caltrans Bridge No. 39C0235)

are *not* eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

I concur with the FHWA's determinations that

CA-Mer-381/H

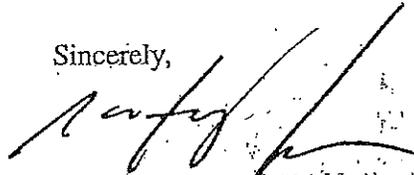
CA-Mer-383

are eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion D.

I concur finally with the FHWA's finding that the subject undertaking will affect historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(2).

Please direct any questions or concerns that you may have to Project Review Unit archaeologist Mike McGuirt at 916.653.8920 or at [mmcguirt@ohp.parks.ca.gov](mailto:mmcguirt@ohp.parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Dr. Knox Mellon  
State Historic Preservation Officer

WKM:mdm



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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March 2, 2009



Carrie Pourvahidi  
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RE: SCH#2009021107 Merced to Bakersfield High-Speed Train Project EIR/EIS: Merced and Kern Counties.

Dear Ms. Pourvahidi:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
  - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
  - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
  - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
  - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
  - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
  - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
  - A Sacred Lands File Check. **USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle name, township, range and section required.**
  - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. **Native American Contacts List attached.**
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
  - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

Katy Sanchez  
Program Analyst

CC: State Clearinghouse

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 March 2, 2009

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Yowlumne  
 Kitanemuk

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 Koso  
 Yokuts

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Ohlone/Costanoan

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Miwok  
 Pauite  
 Northern Valley Yokut

Tejon Indian Tribe  
 Kathy Morgan, Chairperson  
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Yowlumne  
 Kitanemuk

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Merced and Kern Counties  
March 2, 2009

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Kawaiisu

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Pauite  
Northern Valley Yokut

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Bay Miwok

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Choinumni  
Mono

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Kawaiisu  
Tubatulabal  
Koso  
Yokuts

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Yowlumne  
Kitanemuk

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Ohlone/Costanoan  
Northern Valley Yokuts

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Foothill Yokuts  
Mono

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**Native American Contact**  
Merced and Kern Counties  
March 2, 2009

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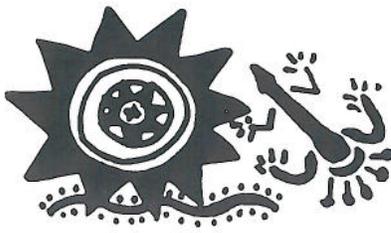
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Richland, WA 99352-4486

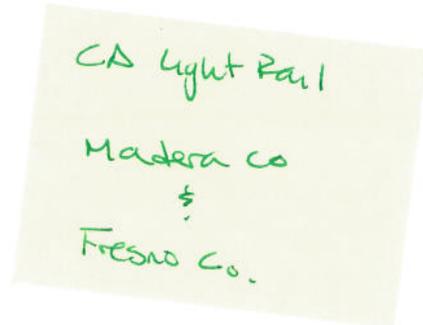
**(RS# 09-149)**

**DATE:** May 7, 2009

**RE:** High Speed Rail Project

**Counties:** Fresno & Madera

**Map(s):** Berenda, Bonita Ranch, Chowchilla, Gregg, Herndon, Kismet, Le Grand, Madera, & Plainsburg 7.5's



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### **CULTURAL RESOURCES RECORDS SEARCH**

The following are the results of a search of the cultural resources files at the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center. These files include known and recorded archaeological and historic sites, inventory and excavation reports filed with this office, and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Historic Property Data File (2/4/09), the California Register, the California Historical Landmarks, the California Inventory of Historic Resources, and the California Points of Historical Interest.

### **PRIOR CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORIES WITHIN THE PROJECT SITE AND A ONE-HALF MILE RADIUS**

There have been eighty-seven (87) previous cultural resource studies conducted within the project area and a one-half mile radius. A list is enclosed. Surveys and their associated report numbers are plotted on the project map.

(RS # 09-149)

**KNOWN AND/OR RECORDED CULTURAL RESOURCES ON THE PROJECT SITE  
AND A ONE-HALF MILE RADIUS**

There are twenty (20) recorded cultural resources within the project area and a one-half mile radius. A list is enclosed. Resources and their associated primary numbers are plotted on the project map.

There are no known cultural resources within the project area that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register, California Inventory of Historic Resources, California Points of Historic Interest, or the California State Historic Landmarks.

**COMMENTS**

Enclosed are complete copies of the site records. If you have any questions, comments, or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (661) 654-2289.

By



Brian E. Hemphill, Ph.D.  
Coordinator

Date: May 7, 2009

Fee: \$225.00/hr. (Priority Service)

Please note that invoices for Information Center services will be sent under separate cover from the California State University, Bakersfield Accounting Office.

Madera Co. Reports: MA-	Madera Co. Sites: P-20-	Fresno Co. Reports: FR-	Fresno Co. Sites: P-10-
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## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INFORMATION CENTER

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*Alpine, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus & Tuolumne Counties*

**Date:** 1/26/2011

**CCIC File #:** 7865I

**Project:** California Highspeed Train  
A1 Segment, Merced County

Cindy Arrington  
Parus Consulting  
2022 Verano Street  
Sacramento, CA 95838

**Office:** 1508 Eureka Road, Suite 170  
Roseville, CA 95661

Dear Ms. Arrington:

We have conducted a **Priority Response** records search as per your request for the above-referenced project areas located on the El Nido, Le Grand, Merced, Plainsburg, Planada and Owens Reservoir USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle maps in Merced County.

Search of our files includes review of our maps for the specific project area (as specified on maps provided by the client), and review of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the California Register of Historical Resources, the *California Historical Landmarks* (1996), and the *California Points of Historical Interest* listing (May 1992 and updates), the Directory of Properties in the Historic Property Data File (HPDF) and the Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility (Office of Historic Preservation current computer lists dated 10-05-2010 and 9-30-2010), the CALTRANS State and Local Bridge Survey (1989 and updates), GLO Plats, and other pertinent historic map data available at the CCIC for each specific county.

**Note:** The CCIC does not have a **Resource Database** available at this time.

The following details the results of the records search (copies of records, historic maps, and title pages of reports attached):

**Prehistoric or historic resources within the project areas and buffer:**

(1) Three recorded historical resources:

<b>Primary #</b>	<b>Trinomial</b>	<b>Resource Attributes</b>
P-24-000085	CA-MER--	Koff Lateral (point segment); HPDF 10-05-10:17; 6Y
001881	--	Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad)
001909	--	Merced Irrigation District and appurtenant features

(2) *Caltrans Structure Maintenance and Investigations, Historical Significance – Local Agency Bridges* (2009) lists the following five bridges:

<b>Bridge #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Historical Significance</b>	<b>Year Constructed/Rebuilt</b>
39C-0009	Miles Creek	not eligible NRHP	1938
0061	Duck Slough	“ “ “	1940/1967
0174	Duck Slough Creek	“ “ “	1973
0192	Dutchman Creek #2	“ “ “	1930/1980
0193	Dutchman Creek #1	“ “ “	1960

(3) Copies of the following GLO Plats are provided for your use:

<b>Township/Range Sheet #</b>	<b>Date/s</b>
7S/14E 44-477	1853-54
7S/15E 44-478	1853-54
8S/14E 44-552	1853-54
8S/15E 44-553	1853-54
8S/16E 44-554	1853-54

**Note:** GLOs plats for T9S/R16 & 17E are not on file.

(4) Copies of the following historic maps are provided for your use:

<b>Map Name</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Date/s</b>
El Nido	7.5'	1960
Le Grand	7.5'	1947 & 1961
Merced	15'	1962
Merced	7.5'	1948
Plainsburg	7.5'	1960
Planada	7.5'	1961
Owens Reservoir	7.5'	1962

**Note:** These maps reference historic roads, ditches, laterals and siphons within the various project areas. The only lateral that the HPDF references is the Hadley Lateral (10-05-10:32, 6Y), but we have no record on file that accompanies that OHP Project Review evaluation.

(5) The HPDF (10-05-10:32-33; 6Y) references numerous buildings in Planada— records for these evaluation references are not on file. We have provided copies of the pertinent pages for your use in the event any of them fall within your project areas.

**Resources known to have value to local cultural groups:** None have been formally reported to the CCIC.

**Previous investigations within the project areas and buffer:** Twelve investigations, referenced as follows:

<b>CCIC Report #</b>	<b>Author/Date</b>
ME-00423	Clellow (1976)
00654	Napton & Greathouse (1977)
00692	Syda (1991)
01776	Dougherty & Werner (1991)
02418	Napton (1994)
02930	Jensen & Associates (1996)
03628	Pierce (1999)
03995	Nelson (2000)
05420	Peak & Associates, Inc. (2004)
06345	SWCA Environmental Consultants (2006)
06441	Varnier (2007)
06995	Tang (2009)

**Comments:** In accordance with State law, if any historical resources are found during project-related activities, work is to stop and the lead agency and a qualified professional are to be consulted to determine the importance and appropriate treatment of the find.

We understand that you will be conducting an archaeological survey of the proposed project that is the subject of this records search. We look forward to receiving one copy of your report of findings which should include two copies each of site records for all historical resources.

We thank you for contacting this office regarding historical resource preservation. Please let us know when we can be of further service. Please sign and return the attached **Access Agreement**. Billing is attached, payable within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. A. Greathouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

E. A. Greathouse, Coordinator, CCIC  
Central California Information Center  
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The following pages detail the results of the records search (copies of records and title pages of reports attached):

**Note:** All of the areas subject to record search and addressed in *this* letter are outlined in pink highlighter on your enclosed search maps. Any other area has been searched and addressed in the letter for the A1 Segment.

**Prehistoric or historic resources within the project areas and buffer:**

<b>Primary #</b>	<b>Trinomial</b>	<b>Resource Attributes</b>
<b>P-24-000084</b>	<b>CA-MER- --</b>	Segment of Givens Lateral Canal
000232	142	Prehistoric tool scatter
001860	438H	Steel culvert with concrete headwalls.
001881	--	BNSF Railroad line; formerly AT & SF Railroad. Unrecorded where it passes through the A2 search area. Copied for your reference: 2/02/09 record by CRM TECH.
001909	--	Merced Irrigation District (historic district). Covers a huge area; but no individual canals have been recorded or evaluated within the A2 search area in relation to this historic district. See copy of record already attached to search #7865 I (for the A1 Segment). The district does not have an entry on the HPDF or ADOE printouts. The associated report has not yet been submitted to the CCIC.

**Other:**

- (1) Bridge #39C-83 (Healey Road at Duck Slough). Built in 1935 but altered in 1976. Considered by Caltrans to be ineligible for the NRHP. Page attached from the June 2009 Caltrans lists.

Note: this bridge is the only one from the Caltrans bridge inventories for Merced County that is plotted on our maps within the A2 search area. But numerous other bridges may possibly be found for this search area on their lists (*Historical Significance—Local Agency Bridges, Historical Significance—State Agency Bridges, and Local Agency Bridge List*), which can all be found on the Caltrans webpage.

- (2) Historic maps copied for your reference:

1953 Army Map Service copy (1:25000) from the 1948 Winton USGS 7.5' (1:24000)  
1961 Atwater USGS 15'  
1948 Merced USGS 7.5'  
1962 Merced USGS 15'  
1960 Chowchilla USGS 7.5'

GLO Plats:	T6S/R13E	Sheet #44-406	Date	1852-1853
	T7S/R13E	44-476		1852-1853
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	T8S/R15E	44-553		1852-1854
	T9S/R15E	44-626		1854

**Resources known to have value to local cultural groups:** None have been formally reported to the CCIC.

**Previous investigations within the project areas and buffer:** 19 reported as follows:

<b>CCIC Report #</b>	<b>Author/Date</b>
ME-630	Napton (1980)
672	Peak & Associates (1982)
697	Varnier (1975)
2644	Earth Tech (1995)
2743	Self (1995)
2930	Jensen (1996)
2972	Napton (1997)
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3995	Nelson (2000)
5600	Brady and Lanner (2003)
6345	SWCA Environmental Consultants (2006)
6359	Byrd and Darcangelo (2006)
6468	Byrd and Waechter (2007)
6672	URS Corporation (2006)
6839	Monastero and Baloian (2008)
6858	Holman (2008)
7201	Caltrans, Central California Cultural Resources, Fresno, CA (2005)

**Comments:**

In accordance with State law, if any historical resources are found during project-related activities, work is to stop and the lead agency and a qualified professional are to be consulted to determine the importance and appropriate treatment of the find.

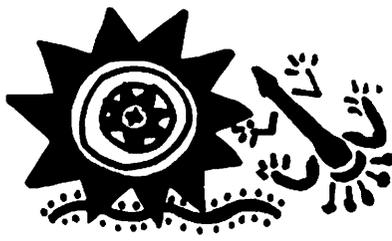
We understand that you will be conducting an archaeological survey of the proposed project that is the subject of this records search. We look forward to receiving one copy of your report of findings which should include two copies each of site records for all historical resources.

We thank you for contacting this office regarding historical resource preservation. Please let us know when we can be of further service. Please sign and return the attached **Access Agreement**. Billing is attached, payable within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

Sincerely,



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**(RS# 11-034)**

**DATE:** January 27, 2011

**RE:** CAHST A1 Segment

**County:** Fresno & Madera

**Map(s):** Brenda, Fresno North, Fresno South, Gregg, Herndon, Kismet, Le Grand, Madera, & Raynor Creek 7.5's

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According to the information in our files, there have been three (3) cultural resource studies conducted within the project areas, MA-35, 216, and 739. There have been twelve (12) additional studies conducted within the one mile radii, FR-135, 151, 271, 2002, 2112, 2279, 2287, 2348, MA-110, 115, 211, and 265. Survey locations and their associated report numbers are on the project maps.

### **KNOWN CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROJECT AREAS AND THE ONE MILE RADII**

There are no recorded cultural resources within the project areas. There is one (1) recorded cultural resource within the one mile radii, P-20-2662. The resource and its associated primary number are plotted on the project map.

(RS# 11-034)

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### COMMENTS

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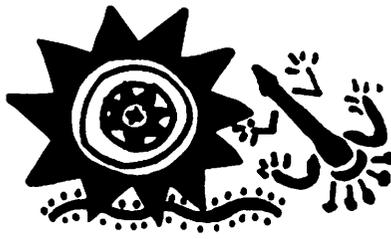
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**County:** Madera

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### **KNOWN CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROJECT AREAS AND THE ONE MILE RADII**

There are no recorded cultural resources within the project areas. There are nine (9) recorded cultural resource within the one mile radii, P-20-349, 2489, 2491, 2511, 2519, 2802, 2803, 2804, and 2805. The resources and their associated primary numbers are plotted on the project map.

(RS# 11-031)

Site P-20-2519 is California Point of Historic Interest MAD-005: Robertson Boulevard. There are no other cultural resources within the project area and radius that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register, California Inventory of Historic Places, California Points of Historic Interest, or the California State Historic Landmarks.

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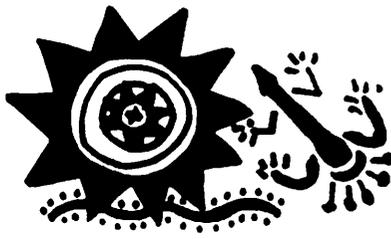


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**(RS# 11-033)**

**DATE:** January 27, 2011

**RE:** CAHST Ave 21 WYE Segment

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**Map(s):** Berenda, Bliss Ranch, Chowchilla, & Kismet 7.5's

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According to the information in our files, there have been no cultural resource studies conducted within the project areas. There has been one (1) study conducted within the one mile radii, MA-260. Survey location and its associated report number are on the project maps.

### **KNOWN CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROJECT AREAS AND THE ONE MILE RADII**

There are is one (1) recorded cultural resource within the project areas, P-20-2519. There is one (1) recorded cultural resource within the one mile radii, P-20-2489. The resources and their associated primary numbers are plotted on the project map.

(RS# 11-033)

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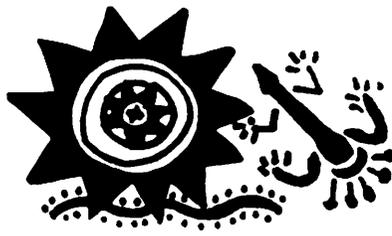
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July 31, 2010

Merced County Historical Society and  
Merced County Courthouse Museum  
21st and N Streets  
Merced, CA 95340

**RE: HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES, CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT,  
MERCED TO FRESNO**

To Whom It May Concern:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) proposes to construct, operate, and maintain an electric-powered, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail High-Speed Train (HST) System on over 800 route miles, capable of operating speeds of up to 220 miles per hour on dedicated, fully grade-separated tracks, with state-of-the-art safety, signaling, and automated train control systems. As part of this effort, the Authority, in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration, is preparing an Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Merced to Fresno section of the HST System. This letter is being sent to you in to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800), regarding historic properties.

In 2001, the Authority and FRA began the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the California HST System and, in 2005, completed the Final Program EIR/EIS for the proposed HST System. In 2008, the Authority and FRA completed a second program EIR/EIS to evaluate alignments and station locations within the broad corridor between and including the Altamont Pass and the Pacheco Pass to connect the Bay Area and Central Valley portions of the HST system. The alignments and station options carried forward from the Program EIR/EISs are now being further evaluated at a site-specific level of detail in nine project EIR/EISs. For additional project information, please visit the CHSRA website at: <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov>

The consultants working on behalf of the Authority include historians and architectural historians who are conducting a survey of known and potential historic buildings and/or structures in the project study area. AECOM is the consultant preparing a technical study of the historic architectural and engineering resources in the project study area for the Merced to Fresno section.

Historical resources are those properties potentially eligible for, determined eligible for, or listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources. If you or your organization has any concerns regarding historic architectural resources within the project study area, please respond in writing to the point of contact listed below citing your concerns within the next thirty days:

Sincerely,

Madeline Bowen  
Historian / Architectural Historian  
AECOM

## **Consulting Party Correspondence**





December 15, 2011

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The Honorable Stan Thurston, Mayor  
Merced Civic Center  
678 West 18th Street  
Merced, California 95340

Dear Mayor Thurston:

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JERRY BROWN  
GOVERNOR



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Sincerely,



Dan Leavitt  
Deputy Director  
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of the City of Merced

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Mayor Thurston

Please return to Bryan Porter c/o The California High-Speed Rail Authority in the envelope provided.

cc: City of Merced Design Review Board/Commission  
and Historic Preservation Commission  
678 West 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340



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The Honorable Brett Frazier, Mayor  
City of Madera  
c/o City Clerk  
205 West Fourth Street  
Madera, California 93637

Dear Mayor Frazier:

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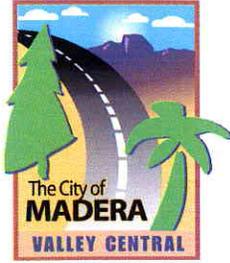
Dan Leavitt  
Deputy Director  
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of Madera County

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Mayor Frazier

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January 4, 2012

Dan Leavitt  
Bryan Porter  
California High Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street Ste 800  
Sacramento Ca 95814

RE: Section 106 Historic Property Evaluation – City of Madera Consulting Party

Gentlemen,

Thank you for your invitation to serve as a consulting party for the Section 106 Historic Resources evaluation being conducted for the High Speed Train project. Please accept this letter as the City of Madera's acceptance of your invitation. Please direct further notice and correspondence on this matter to David Merchen, Community Development Director.

David Merchen, Community Development Director  
City of Madera  
205 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Madera, Ca 93637  
(559) 661-5430  
dmerchen@cityofmadera.com

We look forward to working with your team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Frazier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brett Frazier, Mayor,  
City of Madera





December 15, 2011

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Norman L. Allinder  
Planning Director  
Madera County Planning Department  
2037 W. Cleveland Ave M.S. G  
Madera, California 93637

Dear Mr. Allinder:

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JERRY BROWN  
GOVERNOR



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Dan Leavitt  
Deputy Director  
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of Madera County

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Norman L. Allinder  
Planning Director

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The Honorable Ashley Swearengin, Mayor  
City of Fresno  
2600 Fresno Street, Room 2075  
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Mayor Swearengin:

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Sincerely,



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Deputy Director  
California High-Speed Rail Authority

I accept the invitation on behalf of the City of Fresno



Mayor Swearengin

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cc: Karana Hattersley-Drayton  
Historic Preservation Project Manager  
City of Fresno Historic Preservation Program  
Development and Resource Management Department  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, California 93721



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Bart Bohn, County Administrative Officer  
c/o Gail Johnson  
Fresno County  
Hall of Records  
2281 Tulare, Suite 304  
Fresno, California 93721

Dear Mr. Bohn:

As you are aware, the California-High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) proposes to construct and operate a statewide high-speed train system comprised of nine independent sections between major metropolitan areas of California. Among the environmental reviews being conducted for this project is Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In order to ensure a consistent approach to Section 106 and the evaluation and consideration of historic resources throughout California, a programmatic agreement (PA) was negotiated between the Federal Railroad Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

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California High-Speed Rail Authority

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Mr. Bohn

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## **Tribal Consultation Correspondence**





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December 17, 2009

Sierra Tribal Consortium  
57128 Rd. 225  
North Fork, CA 93643

**Subject: Proposed California High Speed Train Project Merced to Fresno Section**

Dear Tribal Consortium,

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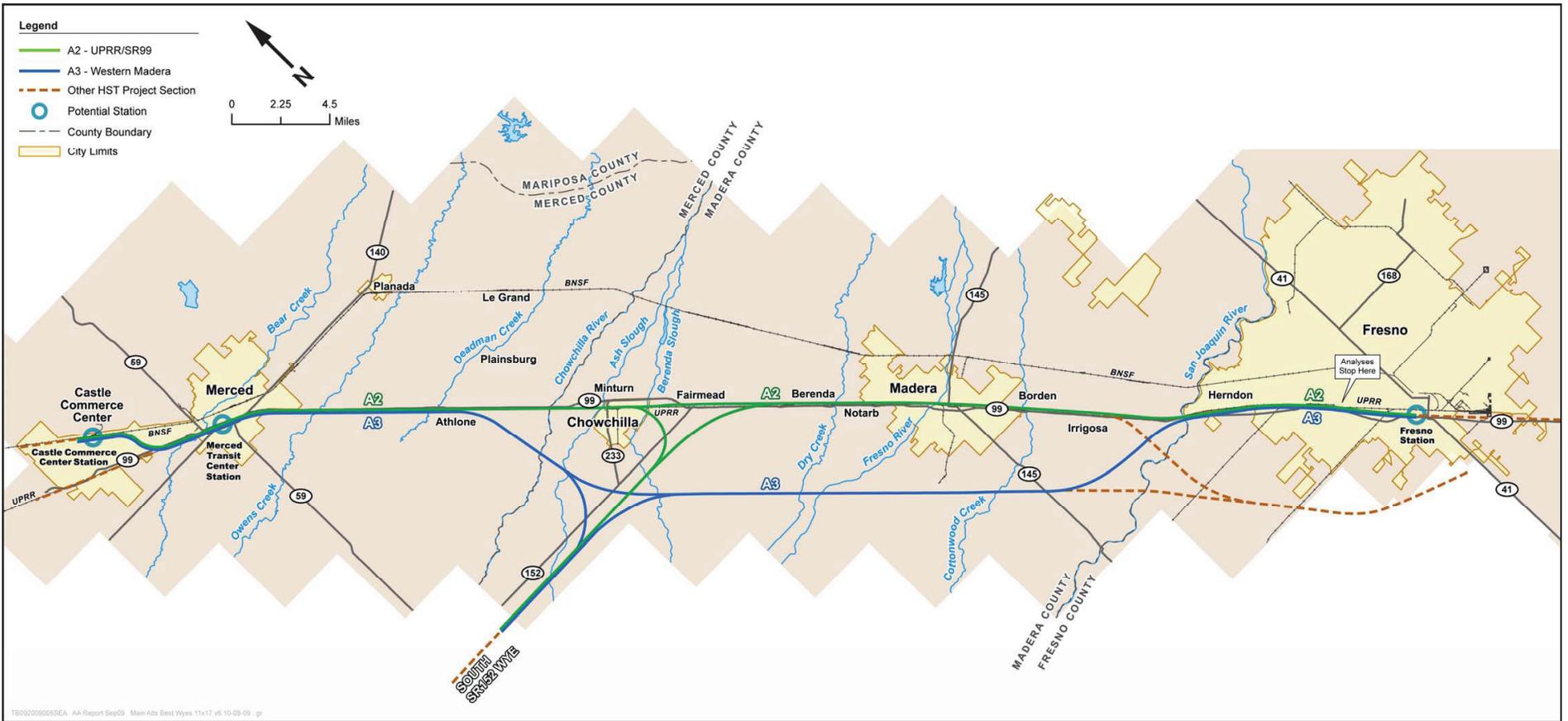
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Thank you for your time and cooperation regarding this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. I can be reached by writing to AECOM/DMJM Harris 2335 American River Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95825, or calling me directly at 425/283-8806.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ketelsen  
Lead NEPA Manager

Enclosure



Map of the Project Section

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Valentin Lopez, Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
3015 Eastern Ave. #40  
Sacramento, CA 95821

**Subject: Proposed California High Speed Train Project Merced to Fresno Section**

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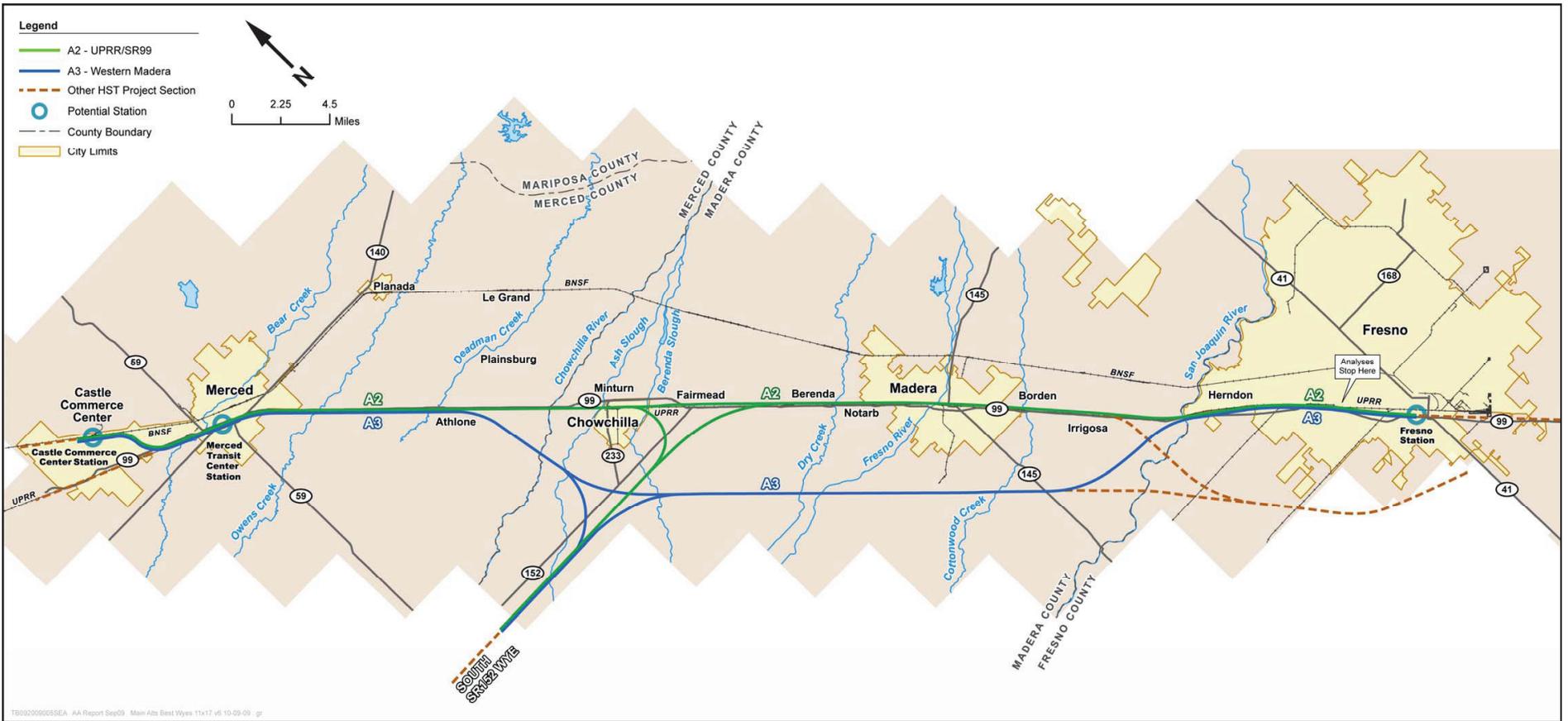
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Rosemary Smith, Chairperson  
Choinumni Tribe of Yokuts  
1505 Barstow  
Clovis, CA 93611

**Subject: Proposed California High Speed Train Project Merced to Fresno Section**

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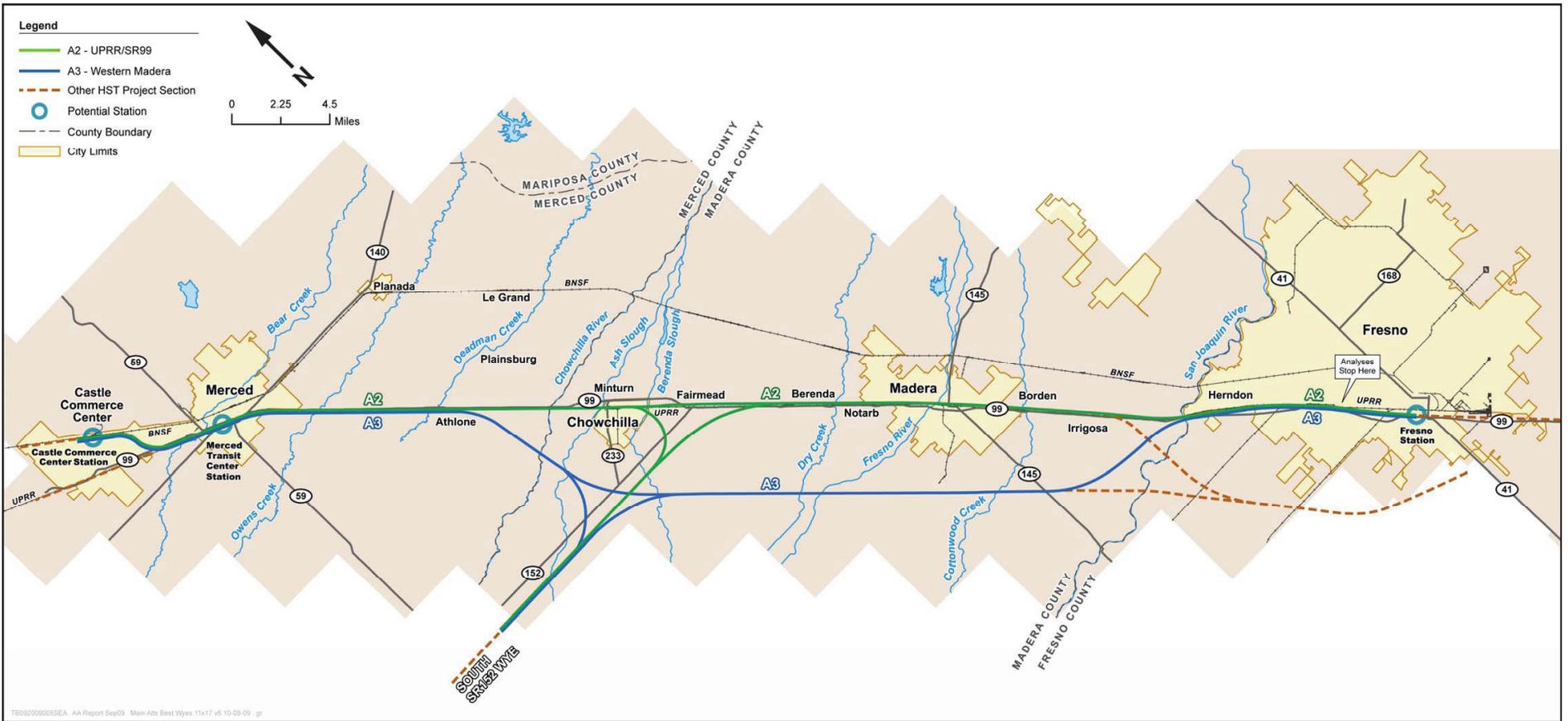
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Lorrie Planas  
Choinumni Tribe, Choinumni/Mono  
2736 Palo Alto  
Clovis, CA 93611

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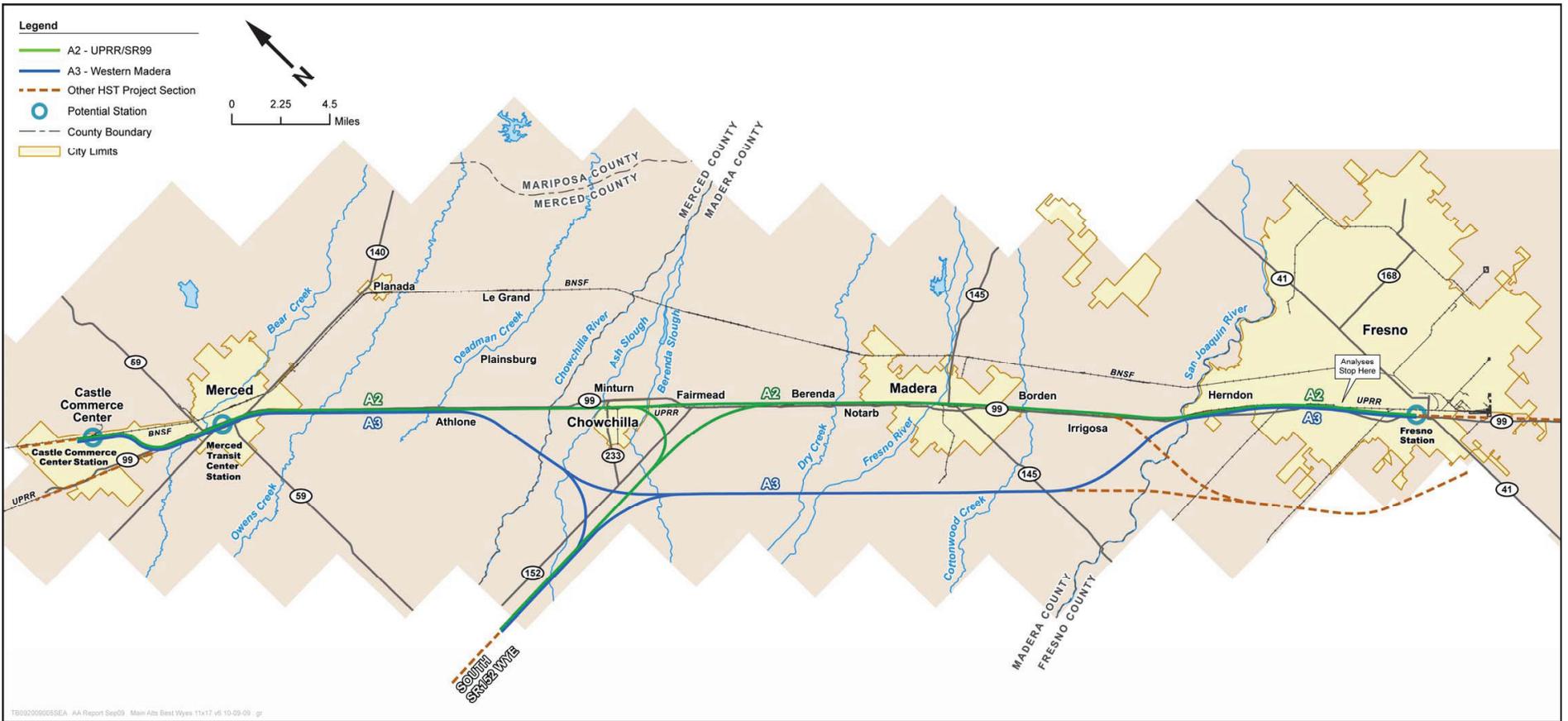
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Jerry Brown  
Chowchilla Tribe of Yokuts  
10553 N. Rice Road  
Fresno, CA 93720

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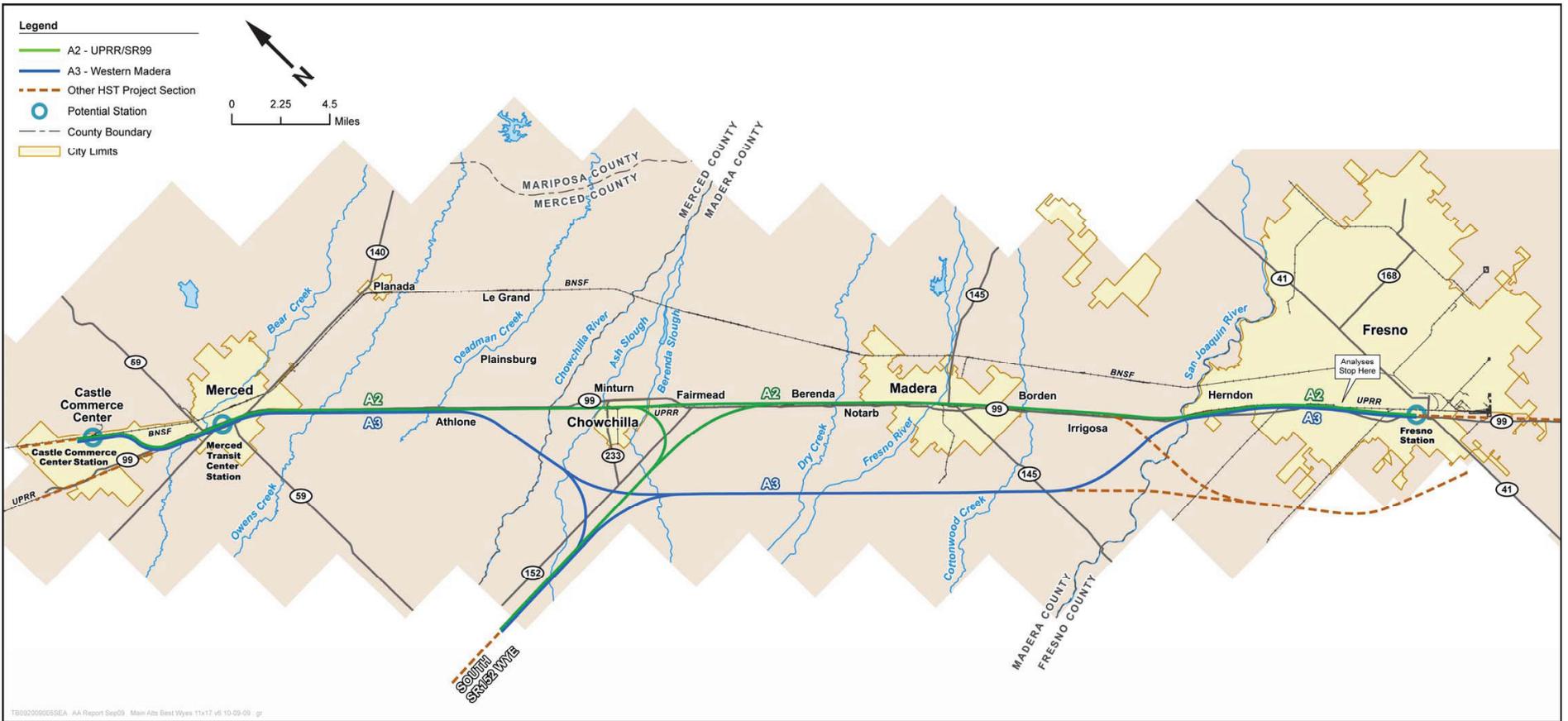
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Emmaline Hammond  
Chukchansi Tribe  
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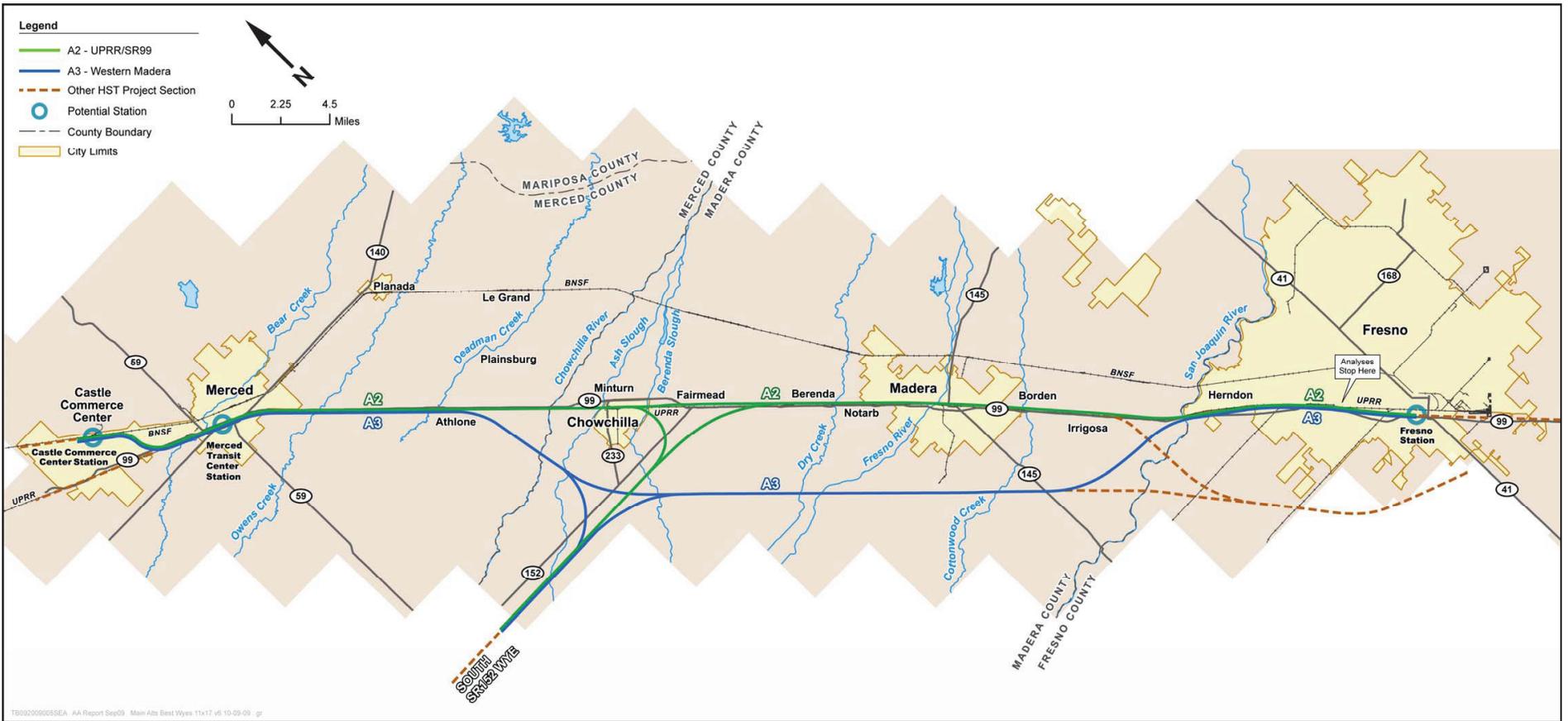
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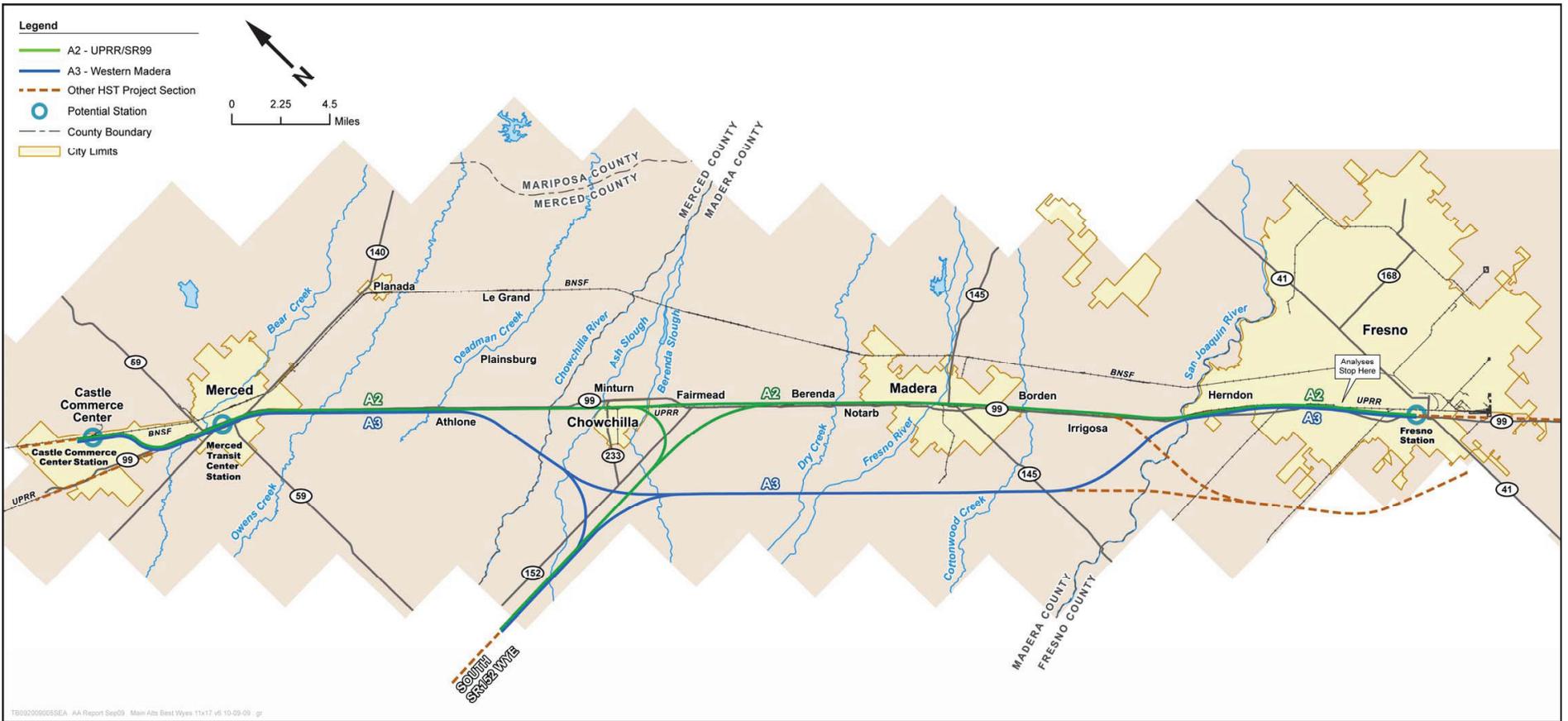
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Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
P.O. Box 306  
Auberry, CA 93602

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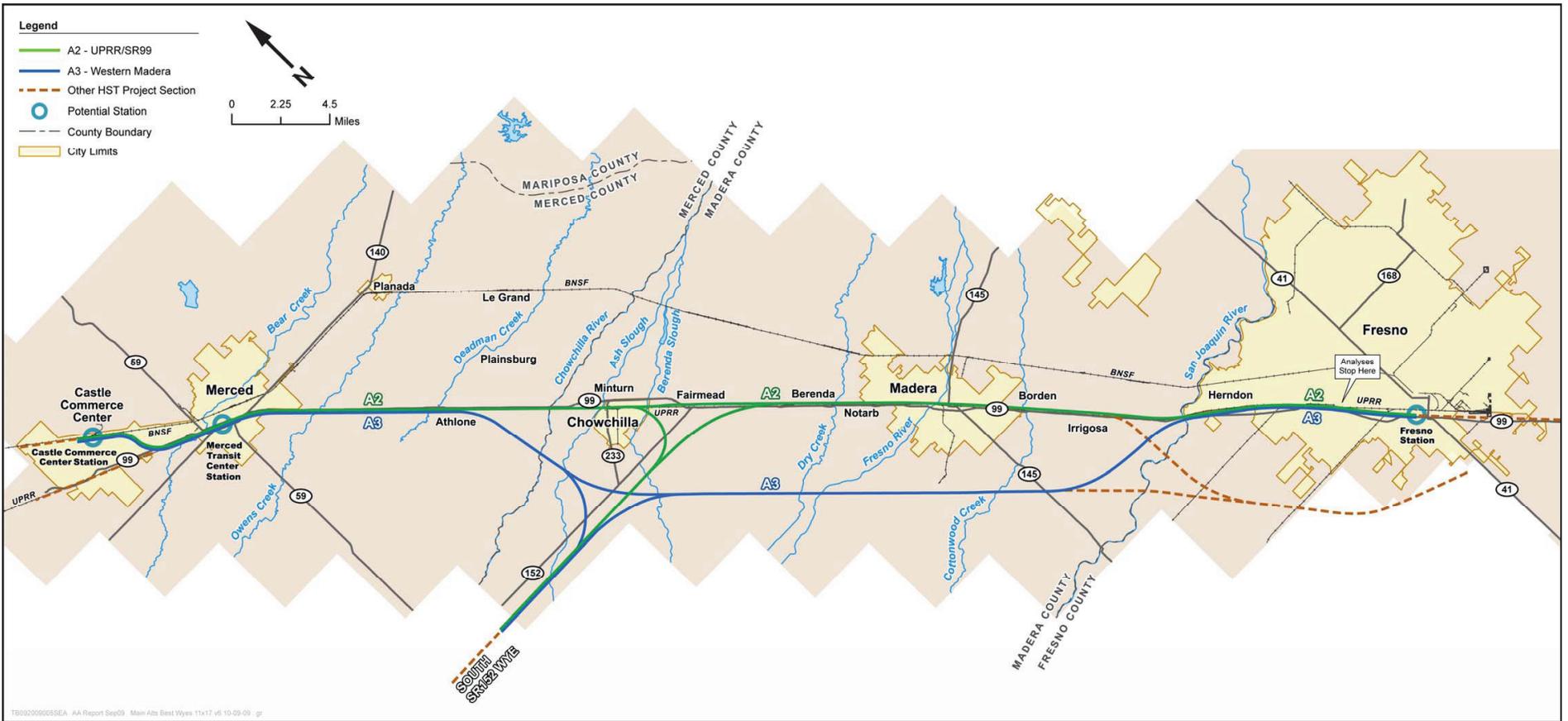
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**Subject: Proposed California High Speed Train Project Merced to Fresno Section**

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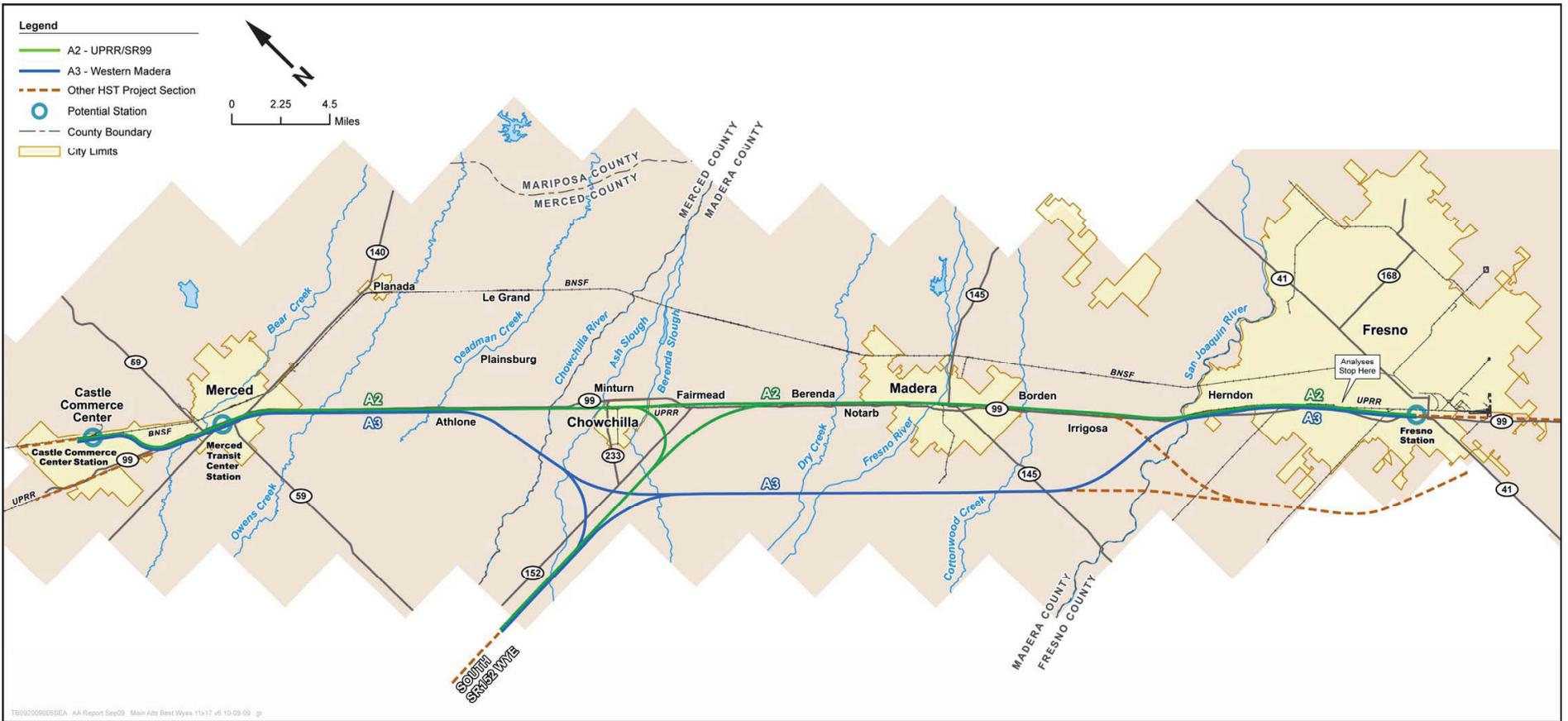
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Benjamin Charley, Sr., Chairperson  
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Box 45  
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**Subject: Proposed California High Speed Train Project Merced to Fresno Section**

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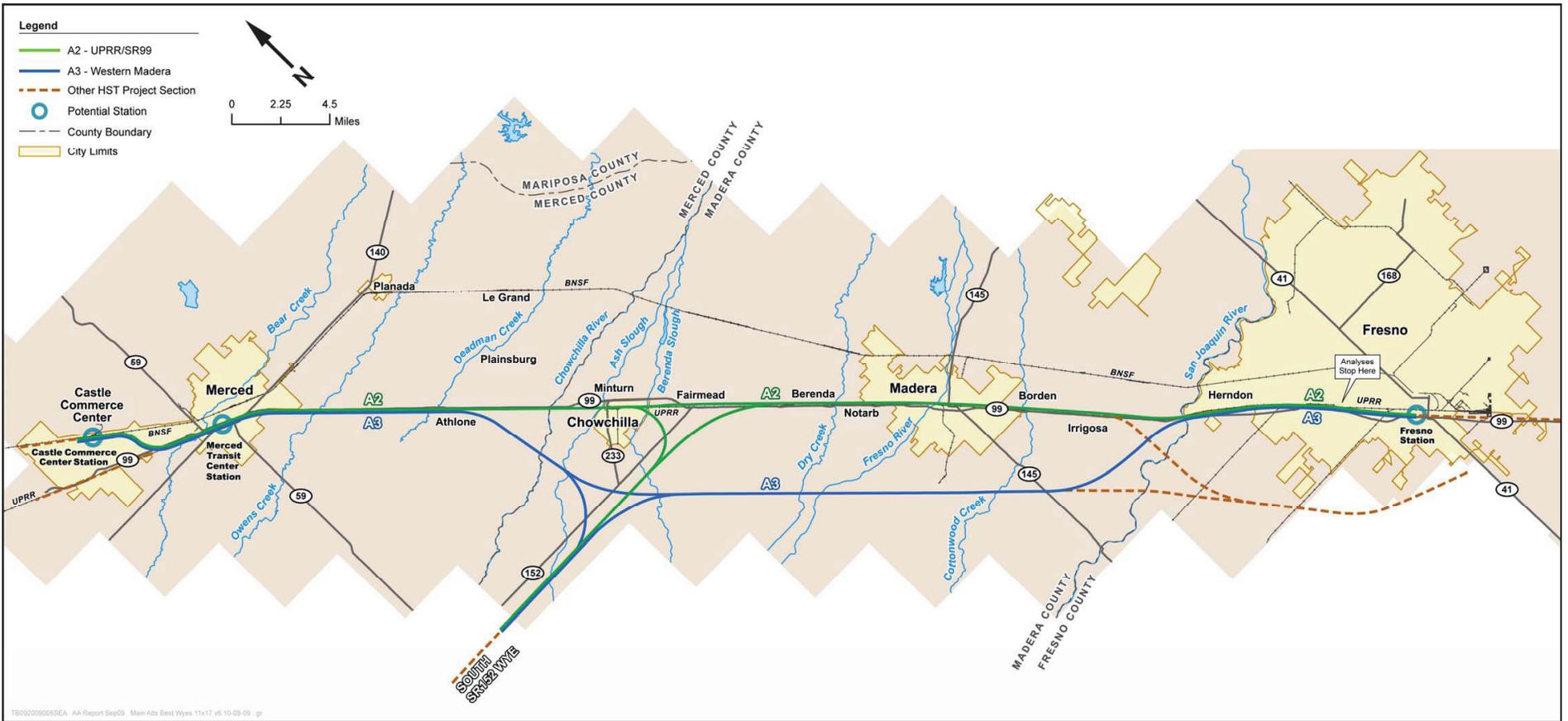
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Kenneth Woodrow, Chairperson  
Esohm Valley Band of Indians  
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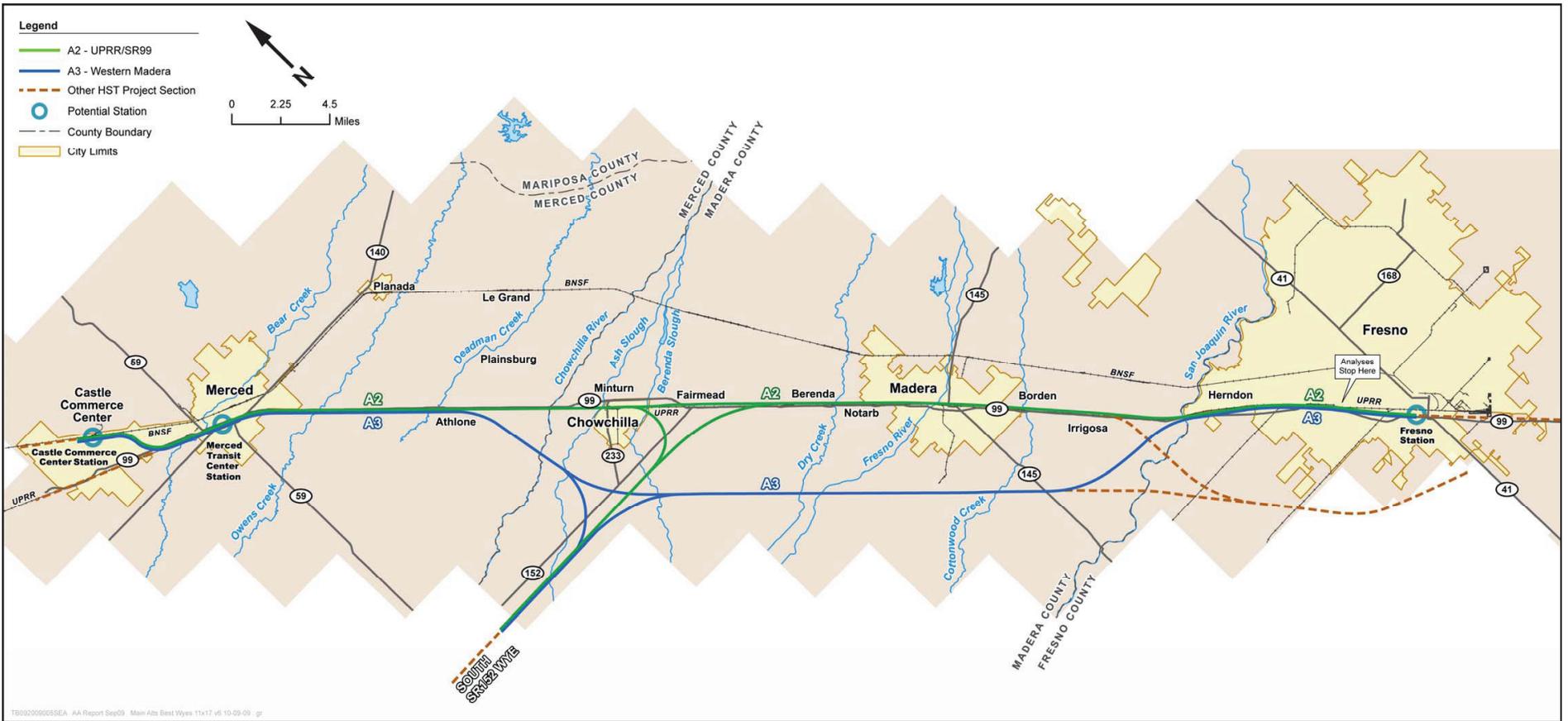
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John Davis, Chairman  
Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe  
1064 Oxford Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93612-2211

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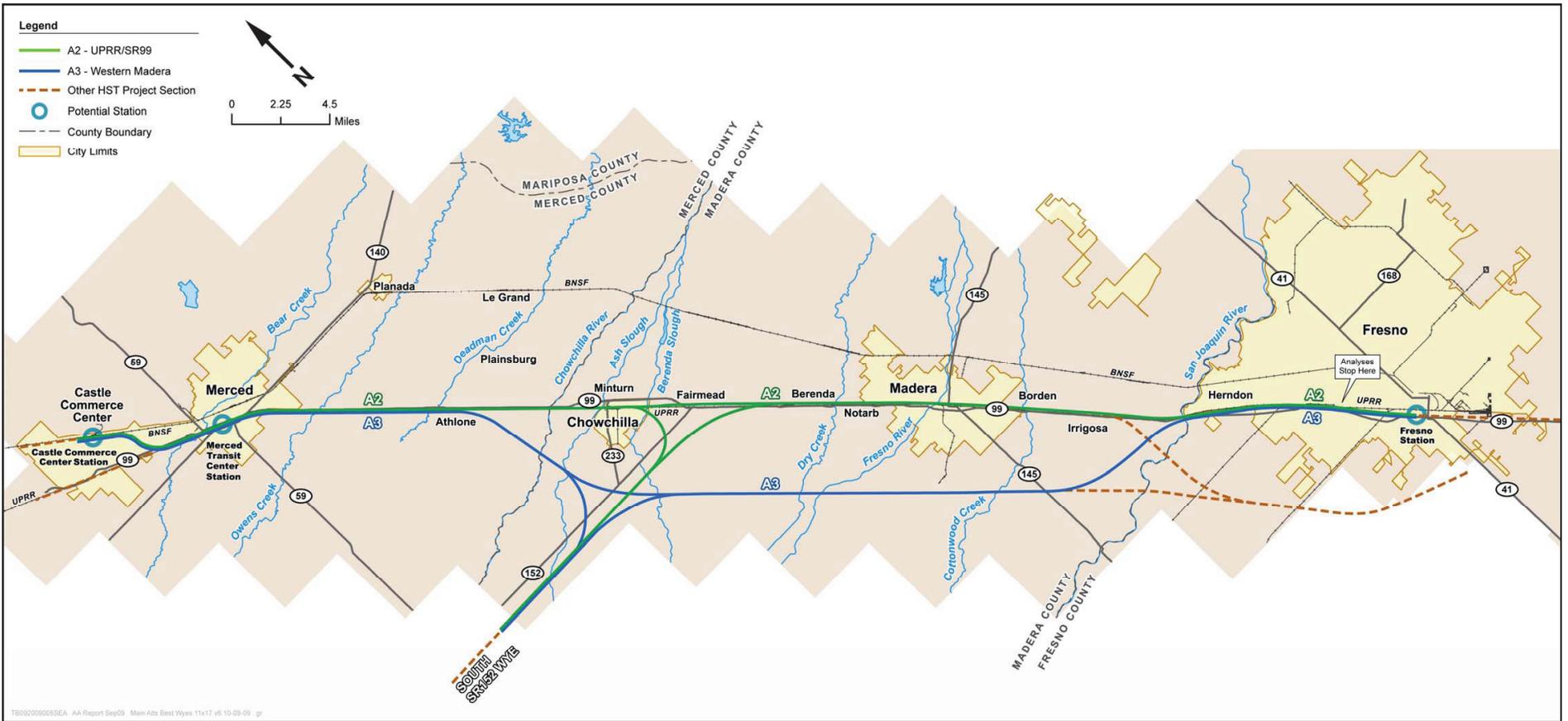
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Ron Goode, Chairperson  
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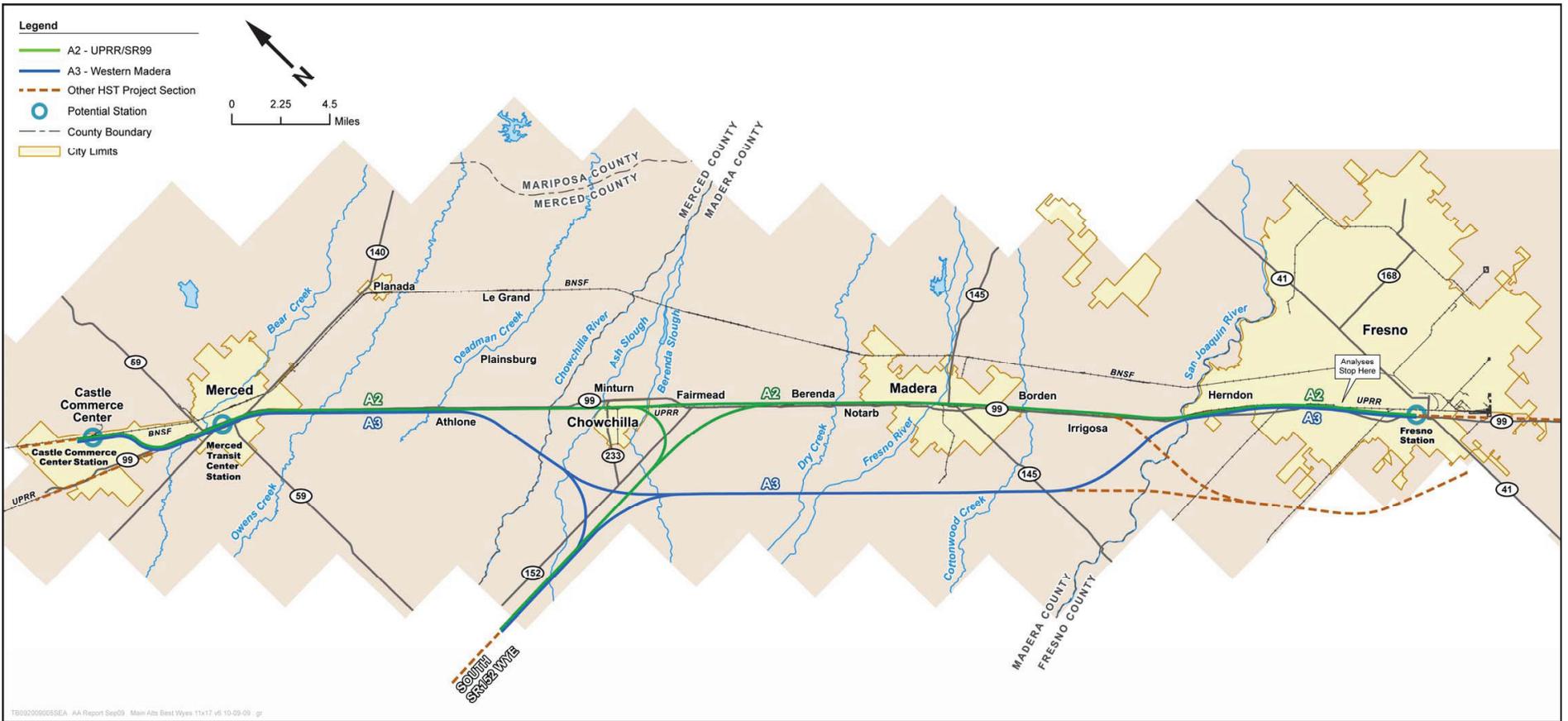
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North Fork Rancheria  
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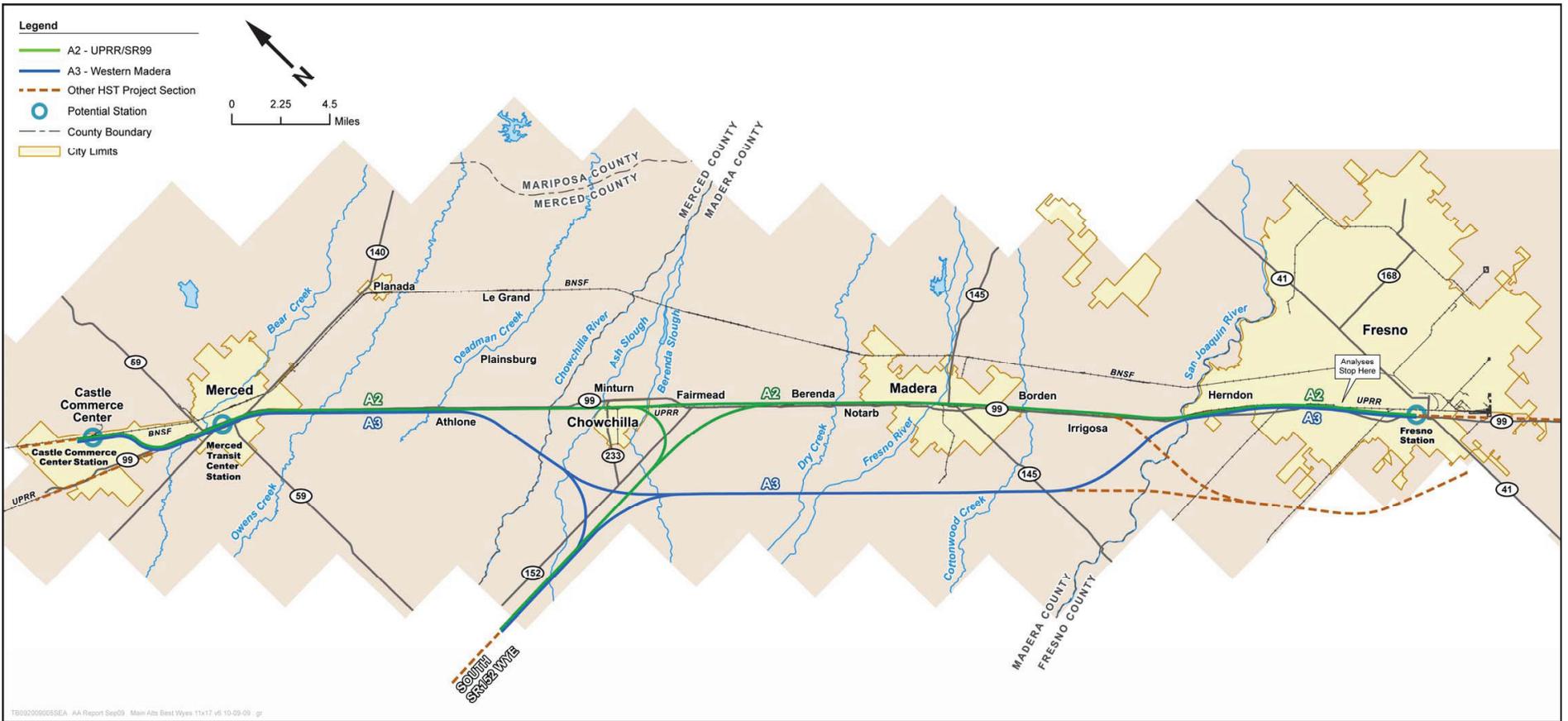
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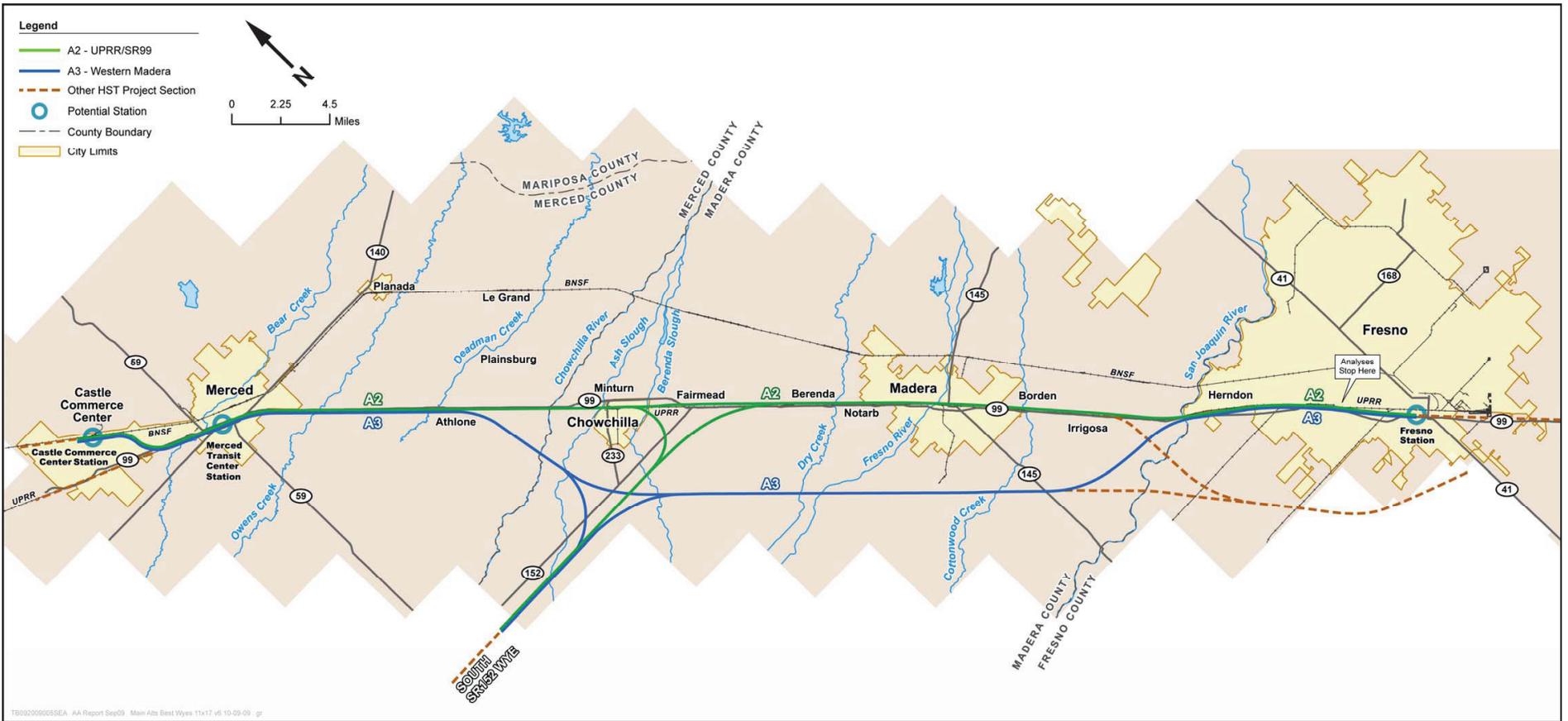
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Lawrence Bill, Interim Chairperson  
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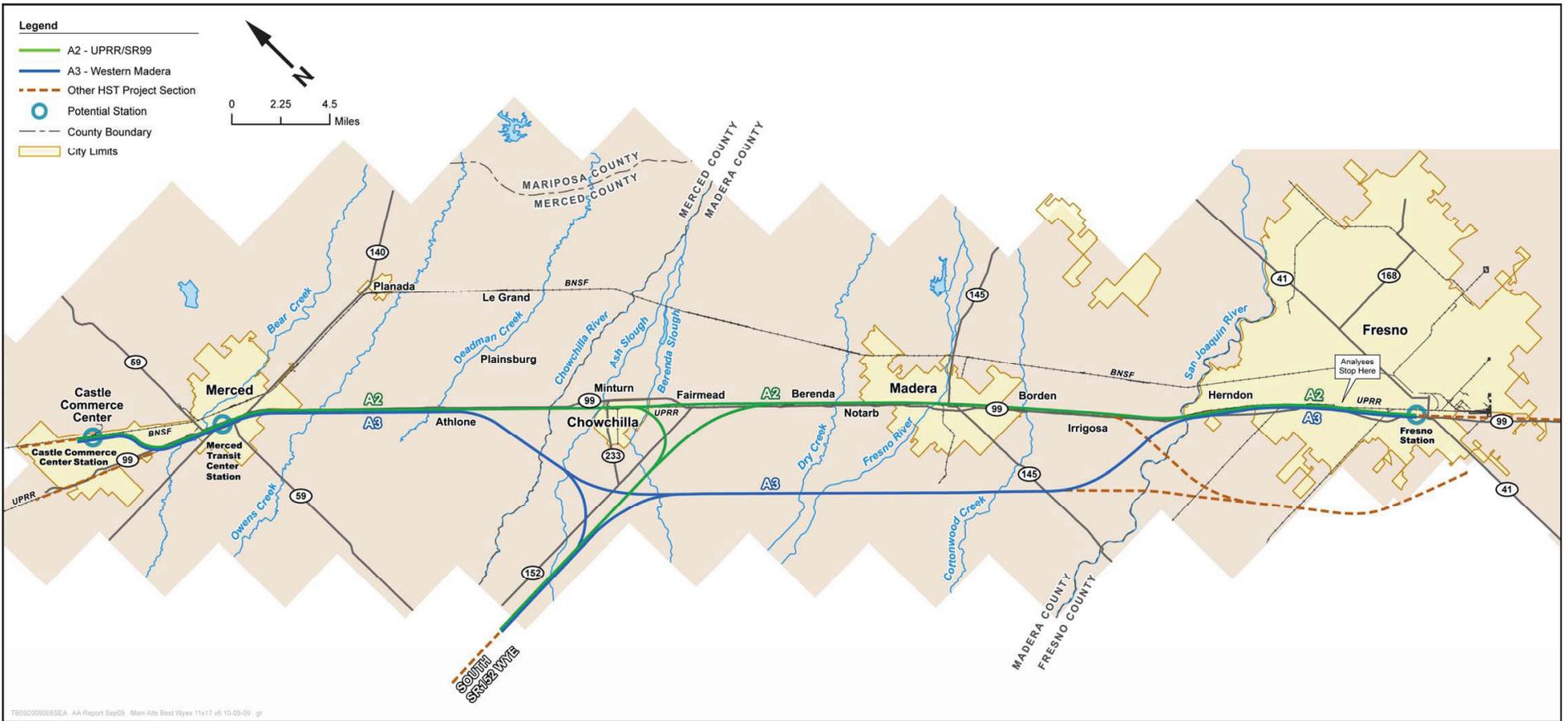
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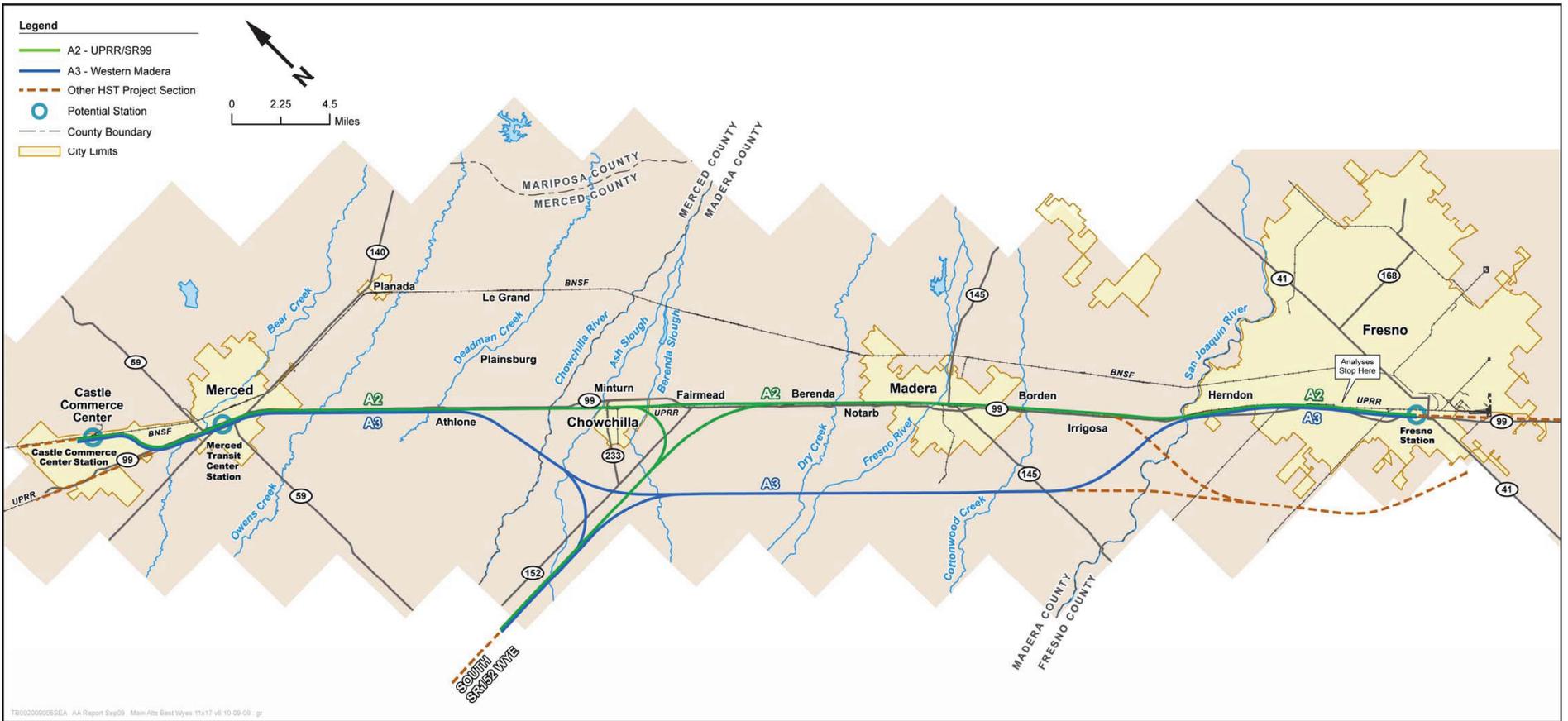
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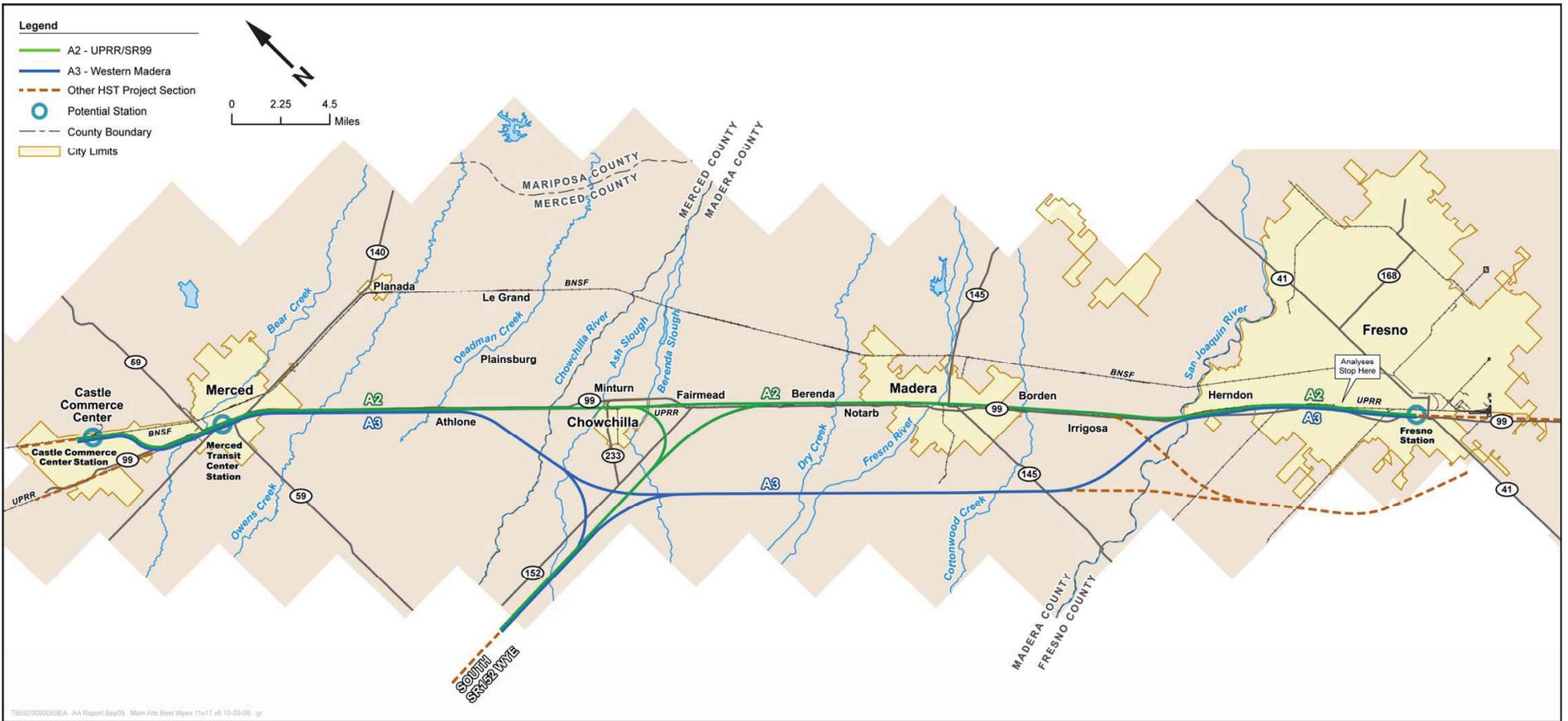
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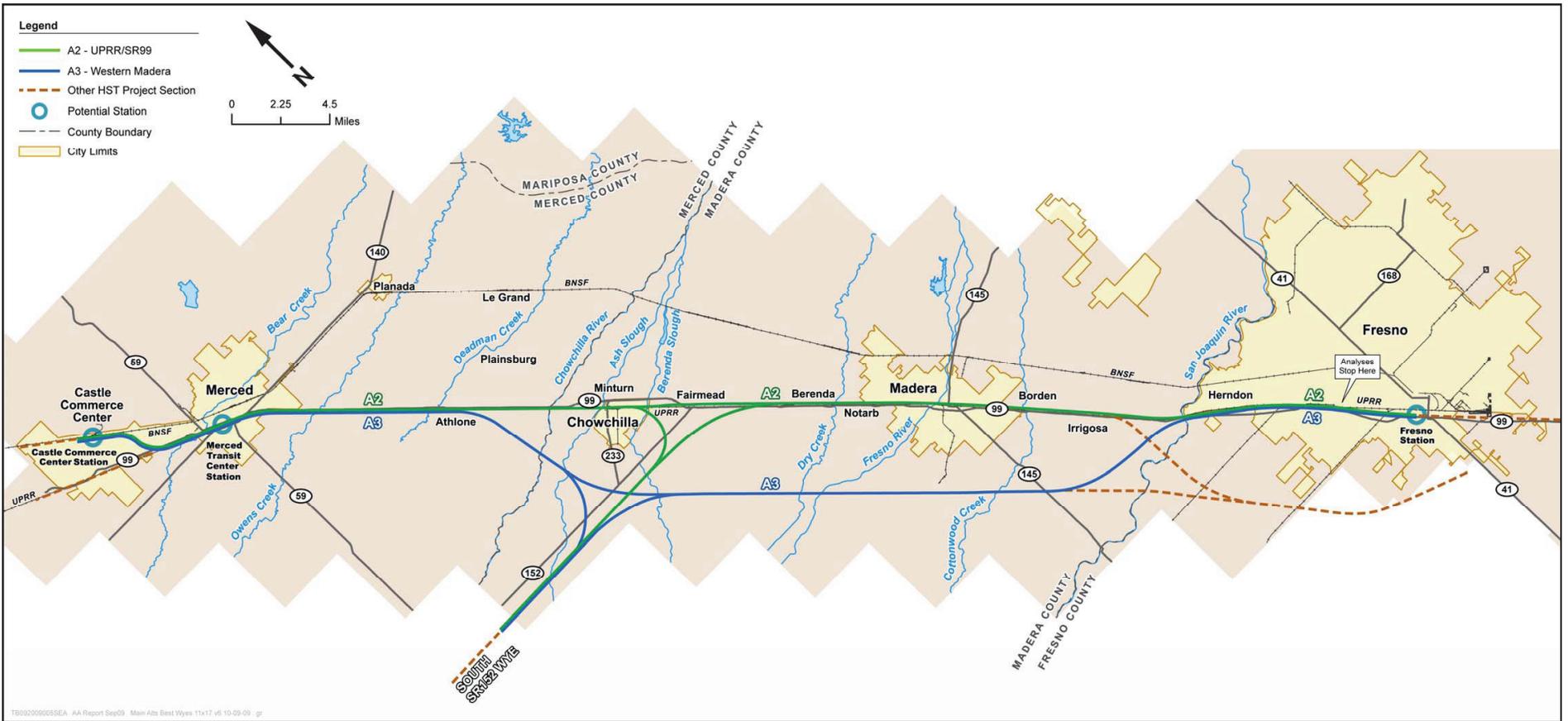
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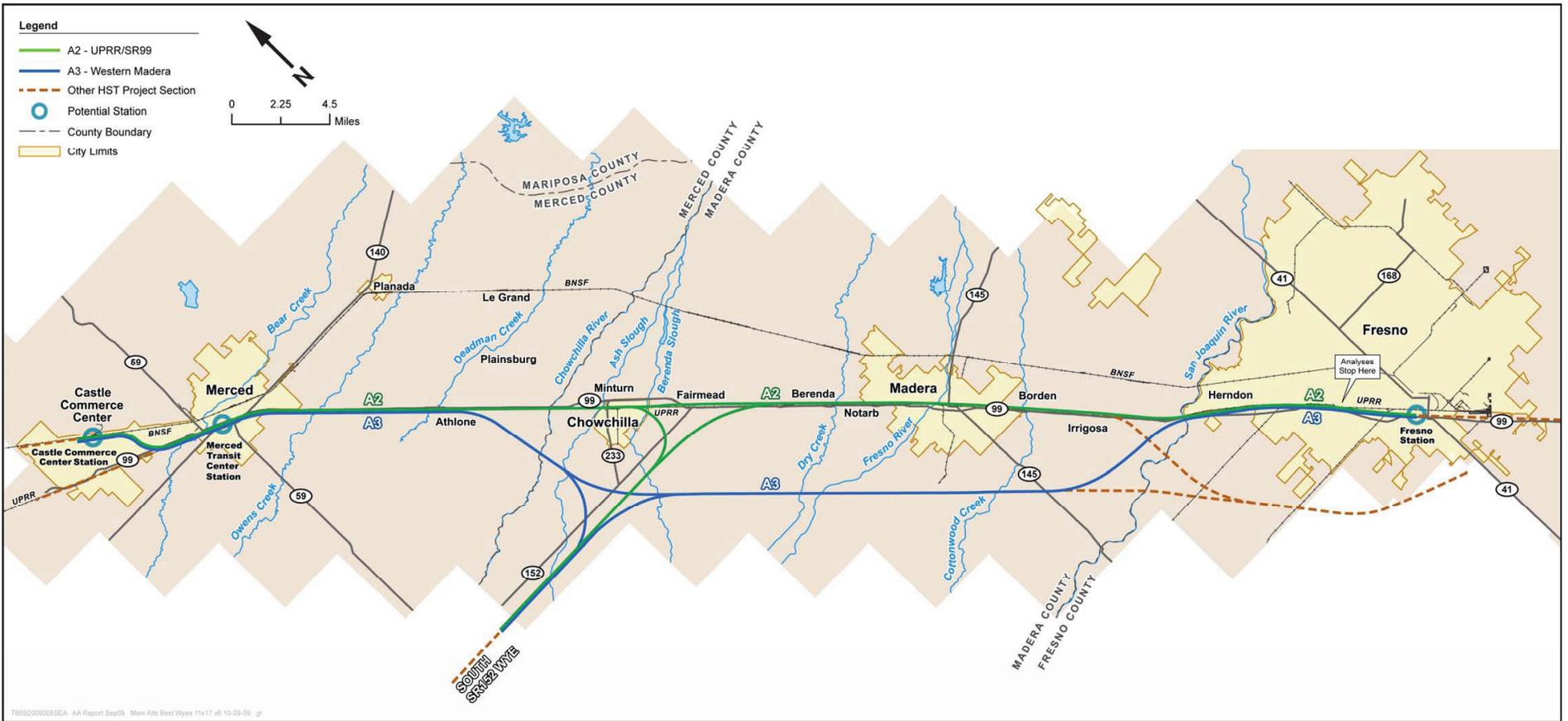
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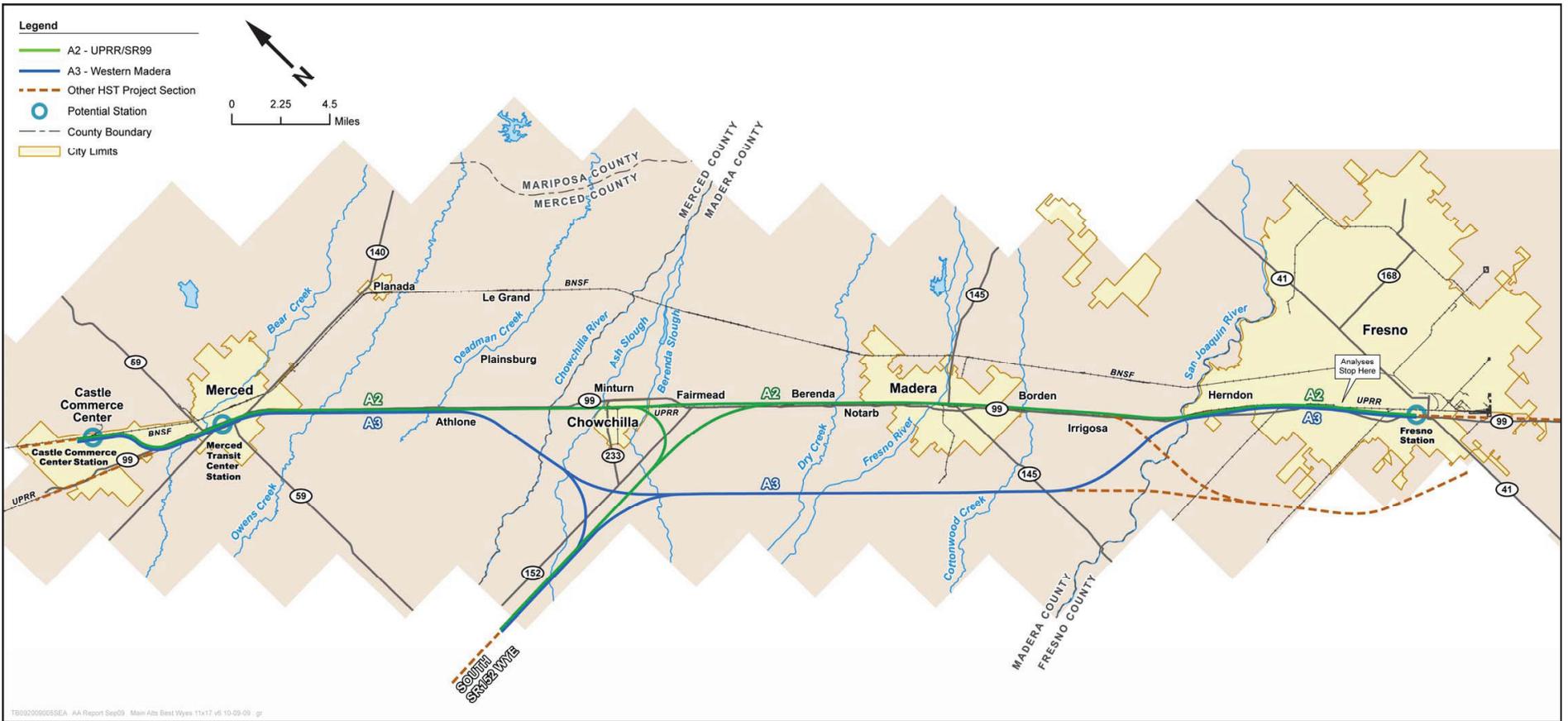
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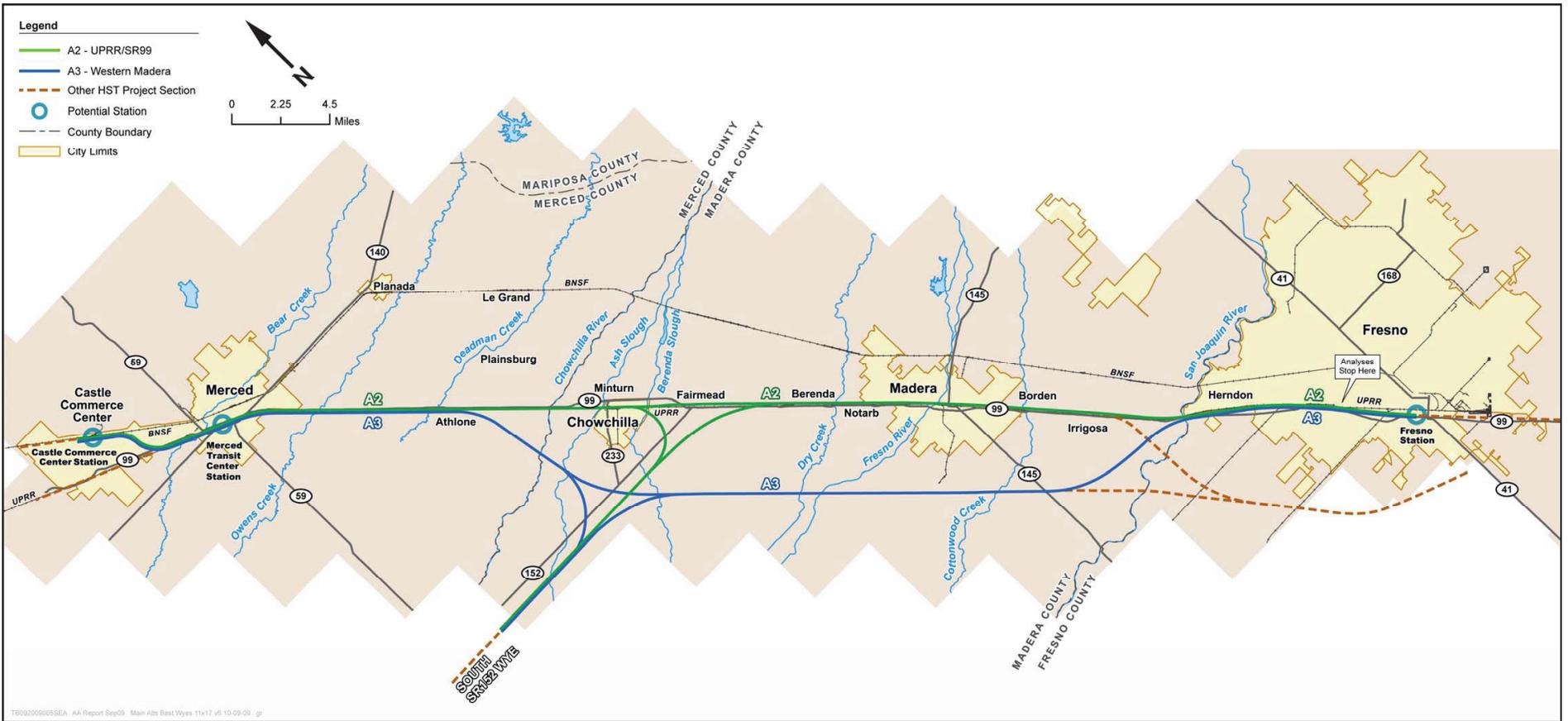
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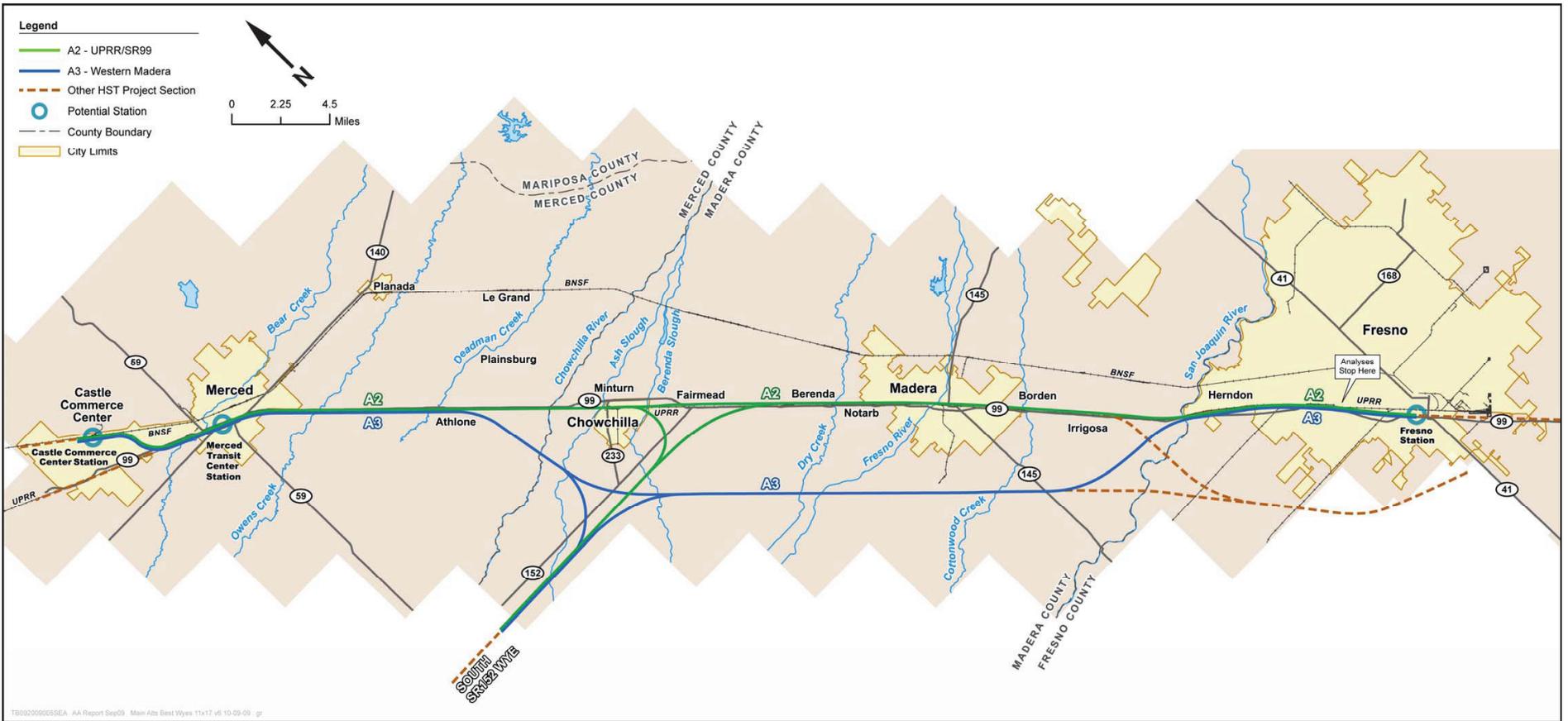
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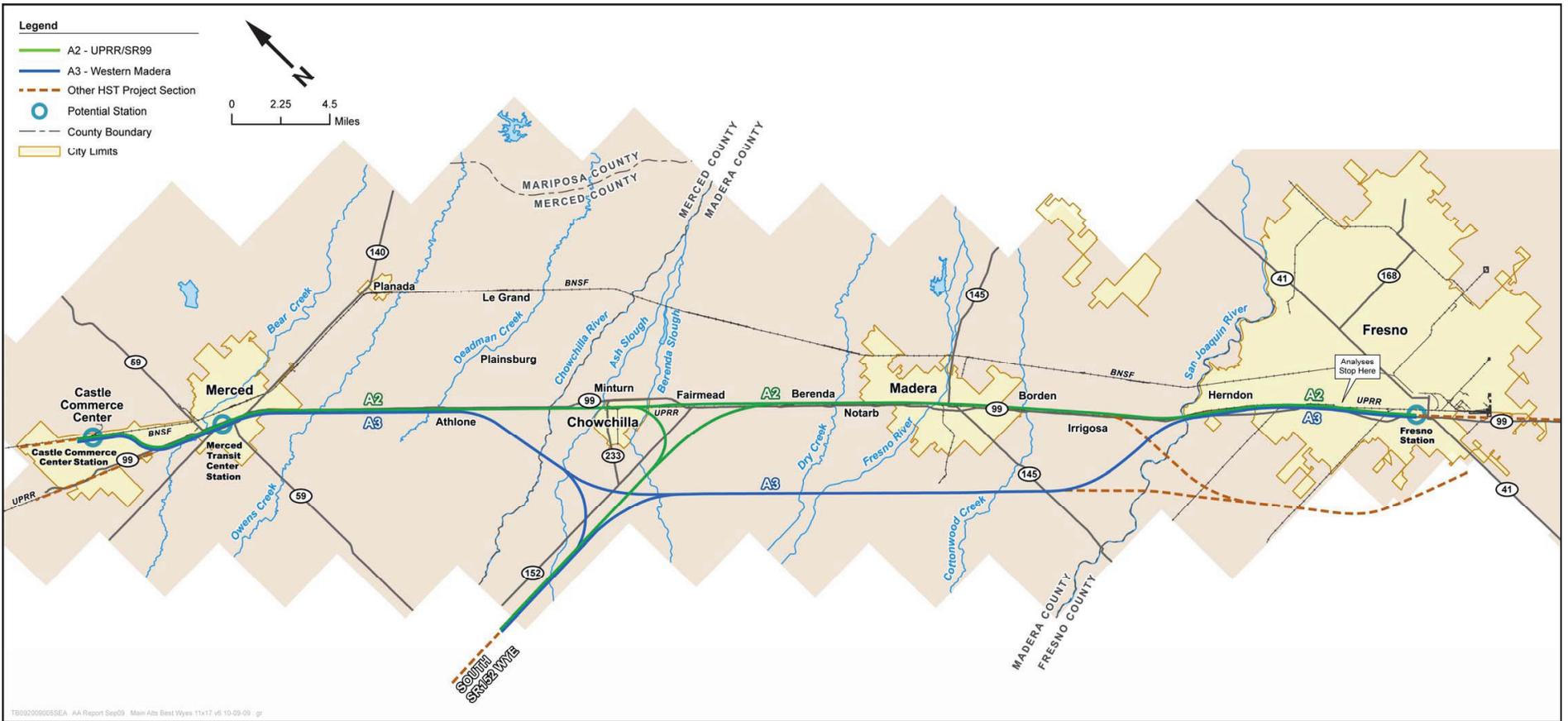
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724 W. Fountain Way  
Fresno, CA 93705

Re: Initiation of Native American Tribal Government Consultation  
for the California High-Speed Train Projects

Dear Mr. Redmoon:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have initiated the preparation of a joint Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for each of the nine (9) proposed sections of the California *High-Speed Train (HST) System*. The Authority proposes to construct, operate, and maintain an electric-powered, steel-wheel-on-steel-rail HST System on over 800 route miles, capable of operating speeds of up to 220 miles per hour on dedicated, fully grade-separated tracks, with state-of-the-art safety, signaling, and automated train control systems. As the lead state agency, the Authority *is contacting you to begin consultation for these Tier 2, project EIR/EISs.*

In 2001, the Authority and FRA began the first phase of a tiered environmental review process for the California HST System and, in 2005, completed the Final Program EIR/EIS for the proposed HST System. The Authority and FRA, with the assistance of the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), considered properties recorded in the NAHC Sacred Lands file as part of the Statewide Program EIR/EIS. Traditional cultural properties that could be potentially impacted or affected by the system were identified, and letters were sent to Native Americans on the contact lists provided, as required by 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(4) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The letters provided information about the proposed program alternatives and requested information about any archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties, or sacred sites that could be affected. Targeted interested groups included non-governmental organizations (e.g., the Sierra Club), community planning organizations (e.g., San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association [SPUR]), and public interest discussion/research groups (e.g., Los Angeles Town Hall).

During the program environmental review, the NAHC, through an interagency agreement with the Authority, facilitated a series of informational meetings with tribal representatives and notified tribal representatives about the meetings and the Program EIR/EIS environmental process. The Authority and the FRA conducted face-to-face meetings with tribal representatives on September 9, 2003, at Frazier Park in the

Tehachapi Mountains; on September 10, 2003, at the San Luis Recreation Area in Gustine; and on October 9, 2003, at the Temecula Community Center. HST alignment options and potential station locations, potential impacts on cultural resources, the level of detail of the Program EIR/EIS studies, and need for potential subsequent project-specific studies were discussed at each of these workshops.

In approving the Statewide Program EIR/EIS, the Authority and FRA selected the HST Alternative, selected certain corridors/general alignments and general station locations for further study, incorporated mitigation strategies and design practices, and specified further measures to guide the development of the HST System at the site-specific level of environmental review to avoid and minimize potential adverse environmental impacts.

In 2008, the Authority and FRA completed a second program EIR/EIS to evaluate alignments and station locations within the broad corridor between and including the Altamont Pass and the Pacheco Pass to connect the Bay Area and Central Valley portions of the HST system. As part of the process for the second program EIR/EIS on the Bay Area to Central Valley portion of the HST system, the Authority and FRA notified over 50 Native American tribal organizations and held a face-to-face meeting on August 24, 2007, to discuss the Bay Area to Central Valley Draft Program EIR/EIS.

The alignments and station options carried forward from the Program EIR/EISs are now being further evaluated at a site-specific level of detail in the nine project EIR/EISs. The alignments selected for further study in the HST sections are described in the attached Notices of Preparation (NOP), and project termini are illustrated in the attached figures.

The Authority's regional teams of consultants are assisting the Authority and FRA in preparing the EIR/EISs and in completing archaeological inventories of the project areas in accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA (16 USC 470). The regional teams will be contacting tribes to start the process identifying specific areas along the path of the proposed projects that are of concern to your tribe. In addition, the regional teams, on behalf of the Authority, will work with tribes and will be prepared to share more detailed information on the project alignments so that you can provide substantive comment. If you have any knowledge regarding traditional cultural properties, sacred sites, resource collecting areas, or any other areas of concern, we would like to hear from you or a member of your tribe so that project teams can contact you. Please indicate in the following table, your interest in participating in each of the nine California HST project sections by checking the appropriate box. We would appreciate receiving the completed form no later than April 15, 2010.

**Consultation Preference for each project EIR/EIS**  
 (check the appropriate box):

<i>We want to participate</i>	<i>We are not concerned about this project/do not need to participate</i>	<b>California HST Section:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>San Francisco to San Jose</i>
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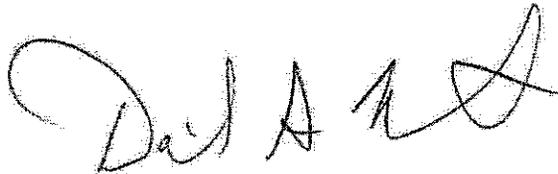
Knowing that some information is not available outside of the Native American Community, we encourage your participation in the environmental review for the HST projects. Providing comments now does not limit your ability to comment at a later time. The Authority and FRA will ensure that any information that you provide to us will remain subject to the confidentiality provisions of the NHPA (Section 304).

At your request, the Authority's staff can be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with the proposed HST System and to discuss possible resolution of any resource conflicts related to the proposed project. Please contact Dan Leavitt of the Authority at the following addresses if you have any questions or if you wish to request a meeting on these projects or related issues.

Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director  
 California High-Speed Rail Authority  
 925 L Street, Suite 1425  
 Sacramento, CA 95814  
 (916) 324-1541  
[dleavitt@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:dleavitt@hsr.ca.gov)

Comments, suggestions or concerns should be provided to Dan Leavitt by phone or by letter no later than April 15, 2010 so that we may include your views in our environmental review process. In addition, you may contact him or Bryan Porter of his staff at (916) 384-9522 should you have any concerns or questions regarding the overall environmental process.

Sincerely,

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Dan Leavitt  
Deputy Executive Director

Enclosures:

1. California HST System Notices of Preparation (NOP) for Tier 2 EIR/EISs
2. Figures illustrating locations for HST project segments

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Mr. Robert G. Ledger  
Acting Chairman  
Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
321 North Thesta Street  
Fresno, CA 93701

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

Dear Mr. Ledger:

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California High-Speed Rail Authority

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August 3, 2010

Sierra Tribal Consortium  
57128 Rd. 225  
North Fork, CA 93643

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Emmaline Hammond  
Chukchansi Tribe  
PO Box 852  
Oakhurst, CA 93644

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Valentin Lopez  
Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
3015 Eastern Ave. #40  
Sacramento, CA 95821

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Benjamin Charley, Sr.  
Chairperson  
Dunlap Band of Mono Indians  
Box 45  
Dunlap, CA 93621

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

Dear Mr. Charley, Sr.:

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Rosemary Smith  
Chairperson  
Choinumni Tribe of Yokuts  
1505 Barstow  
Clovis, CA 93611

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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Choinumni Tribe, Choinumni/Mono  
2736 Palo Alto  
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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Jerry Brown  
Chowchilla Tribe of Yokuts  
10553 N. Rice Road  
Fresno, CA 93720

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Karin Wilson Kirkendal  
Dumna Tribal Government  
1003 S. 9th Street  
Fresno, CA 93702

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Keith F. Turner  
Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
PO Box 306  
Auberry, CA 93602

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Patricia Ann Murphy Brattland  
Dumna/Foothill Pomo  
600 Coldstream Dr.  
El Cajon, CA 92020

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Kenneth Woodrow  
Chairperson  
Esohm Valley Band of Indians  
1179 Rock Haven Ct.  
Salinas, CA 93906

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August 3, 2010

John Davis  
Chairman  
Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe  
1064 Oxford Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93612-2211

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Ron Goode  
Chairperson  
North Fork Mono Tribe  
13396 Tollhouse Road  
Clovis, CA 93619

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

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Elaine Fink  
Chairperson  
North Fork Rancheria  
PO Box 929  
North Fork, CA 93643

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Katherine Erolinda Perez  
Northern Valley Yokuts  
PO Box 717  
Linden, CA 95236

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

Dear Ms Perez:

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Lawrence Bill  
Interim Chairperson  
Sierra Nevada Native American Coalition  
PO Box 125  
Dunlap, CA 93621

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Anthony Brochini  
Chairperson  
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation  
PO Box 1200  
Mariposa, CA 95338

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Angie Osborne  
Traditional Choinumni Tribe  
2787 N. Piedra Road  
Sanger, CA 93657

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Connie Lewis  
Chairperson  
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians  
PO Box 337  
Auberry, CA 93602

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Travis Coleman  
Chairperson  
Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
PO Box 209  
Tollhouse, CA 93667

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Judy Fink  
Tribal Chairperson  
North Fork Mono Rancheria  
PO Box 929  
North Fork, CA 93643

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August 3, 2010

Durta Graham  
Chairperson  
Picayune Rancheria of Chuckchansi  
46575 Road 417  
Coarsegold, CA 93614

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

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Clarence Atwell  
Chairperson  
Santa Rosa Rancheria  
PO Box 8  
Lemoore, CA 93245

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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

August 3, 2010

Lee Ann Walker Grant  
Chairperson  
Table Mountain Rancheria  
PO Box 410  
Friant, CA 93626-0177

RE: Tribal Meeting to Review the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno Section Alternatives– August 16, 2010, 1 to 4pm.

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August 3, 2010

Silvia Burley  
California Valley Miwok Tribe  
1163 E March Lane, Ste D PMB#812  
Stockton, CA 95210

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September 30, 2010

Valentin Lopez, Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
3015 Eastern Avenue, #40  
Sacramento, CA 95821

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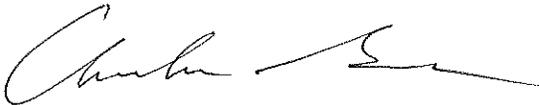
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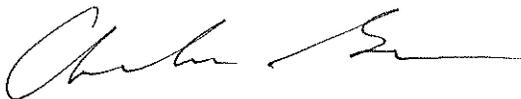
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Cultural Resources Manager for the Dumna Tribal Council  
724 W. Fountain  
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Robert Ledger  
Chairman, Dumna Tribe  
321 North Thesta  
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January 24, 2011

Mr. X  
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**Roelof van Ark**  
Chief Executive  
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Re: Native American consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.2(c)(2)(ii)) for the California High Speed Train System

Dear Mr. X:

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In brief, in addition to defining participant's roles and responsibilities, the MOAs will include the Authority's obligation to prepare two treatment plans, one of which is an Archaeological Treatment Plan that will include, as appropriate and when requested by consulting parties, pre-construction

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exploration plans, protection measures, monitoring requirements, unanticipated discoveries response plans, re-burial plans, curation, and public interpretation.

The schedule for each of the nine EIR/EISs and MOAs is dependent upon a developing construction schedule, with the first tracks to be built in the Central Valley using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Consequently, the schedule to complete the project-wide PA has been expedited. Therefore, please let me know if you would like to participate in the PA **by February 18**. Regarding the MOAs, those of you in the Central Valley will be asked to consult in the MOAs in the very near future. Others will be contacted later in the year.

To let me know if you would like to participate in the PA, please respond in writing or email to:

Lupe Jimenez  
Senior Environmental Planner  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
925 L Street, Suite 1425  
Sacramento, CA 95814

[ljimenez@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:ljimenez@hsr.ca.gov)

Thank you.

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Lupe Jimenez  
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Enclosures:

Map of the nine sections or undertakings

Flowchart of proposed Native American consultation process



May 16, 2011

Clarence Atwell, Chairperson  
Santa Rosa Rancheria  
PO Box 8  
Lemoore, CA 93245

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Reuben Barrios, Chairperson  
Santa Rosa Rancheria – Tachi Yokut  
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May 16, 2011

Vernon Castro, Chairperson  
Table Mountain Rancheria  
PO Box 140  
Friant, CA 93626

Dear Mr. Castro,

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May 12, 2011

Elaine Fink, Chairperson  
North Fork Mono Rancheria  
33143 Road 222  
North Fork, CA 93643

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Ryan Garfield, Chairperson  
Tule River Indian Tribe  
PO Box 589  
Porterville, CA 93258

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Liz Hutchins Kipp, Chairperson  
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians  
37387 Auberry Road  
Auberry, CA 93602

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Reggie Lewis, Chairperson  
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi  
46575 Road 417  
Coarsegold, CA 93614

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Robert Marquez, Chairperson  
Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
PO Box 209  
Tollhouse, CA 93667

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Neil Peyron, Chairperson  
Tule River Indian Tribe  
PO Box 589  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93102

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Donna Begay, Tribal Chairwoman  
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley  
PO Box 226  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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PO Box 125  
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Patricia Ann Murphy Brattland  
Dumna/Foothil Pomo  
600 Coldstream Dr.  
El Cajon, CA 92020

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Anthony Brochini, Chairperson  
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation  
PO Box 1200  
Mariposa, CA 95338

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Chowchilla Tribe of Yokuts  
10553 N. Rice Road  
Fresno, CA 93702

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1064 Oxford Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93612

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Delia Dominguez  
Kitamemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians  
981 N. Virginia  
Covina, CA 91722

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Chumash Council of Bakersfield  
PO Box 902  
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Tejon Indian Tribe  
23437 Via Gayo  
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Robert L. Gomez, Jr  
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Bakersfield, CA 93306

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May 16, 2011

Ron Goode, Chairperson  
North Fork Mono Tribe  
13396 Tollhouse Road  
Clovis, CA 93619

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Emmaline Hammond  
Chukchansi Tribe  
PO Box 852  
Oakhurst, CA 93644

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Les James, Spiritual Leader  
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation  
PO Box 1200  
Mariposa, CA 95338

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Edward Ketchum  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
35867 Yosemite Ave.  
Davis, CA 95616

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Karin Wilson Kirkendal, Chairperson  
Dumna Tribal Government  
1003 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Kawaiisu Tribe  
PO Box 20849  
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Valentin Lopez, Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
3015 Eastern Ave. #40  
Sacramento, CA 95821

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Kathy Morgan, Chairperson  
Tejon Indian Tribe  
2234 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Wasco, CA 93280

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Angie Osborne  
Traditional Choinumni Tribe  
2787 N. Piedra Road  
Sanger, CA 93657

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Katherine Erolinda Perez  
North Valley Yokuts Tribe, Northern Valley Yokuts,  
Bay Miwok, Ohlone/Costanoan  
PO Box 717  
Linden, CA 95236

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Lorrie Planas  
Choinumni Tribe, Choinumni/Mono  
2736 Palo Alto  
Clovis, CA 96311

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Jim Redmoon, Cultural Resources Manager  
Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
724 W. Fountain  
Fresno, CA 93705

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Kern Valley Indian Council  
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Kathy Van Meter, Cultural Resources Team Leader  
Tejon Indian Tribe  
14035 Rosedale Hwy #112  
Bakersfield, CA 93314

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Ron Wermuth  
PO Box 168  
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Harold Williams, Chairperson  
Kern Valley Indian Council  
15775 Setimo Creek Road  
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Eshom Valley Band of Indians  
1179 Rock Haven Ct.  
Salinas, CA 93906

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Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe  
2248 Vartikian  
Clovis, CA 93611

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Traditional Choinumni Tribe  
2415 E. Houston Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93720

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37387 Auberry Mission Road  
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Tubatulabals of Kern Valley  
P.O. Box 226  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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Sierra Nevada Native American Coalition  
P.O. Box 125  
Dunlap, CA 93621

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Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
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Tollhouse, CA 93667

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600 Coldstream Drive  
El Cajon, CA 92020

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San Miguel Band of Mission Indians  
26569 Community Center Dr.  
Highland, CA 92346

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Table Mountain Rancheria  
P.O. Box 410  
Friant, CA 93626

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Benjamin Charley, Sr.  
Dunlap Band of Mono Indians  
P.O. Box 45  
Dunlap, CA 93621

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Tehachapi Indian Tribe  
32835 Santiago Road  
Acton, CA 93510

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Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe  
1064 Oxford Avenue  
Clovis, CA 93612

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North Fork Mono Rancheria  
P.O. Box 929  
North Fork, CA 93643

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Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians  
981 N. Virginia  
Covina, CA 91722

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46575 Road 417  
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Elaine Fink  
North Fork Mono Rancheria  
33143 Road 222  
North Fork, CA 93643

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Santa Rosa Tachi Rancheria  
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Lemoore, CA 93245

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Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
P.O. Box 209  
Tollhouse, CA 93667

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Arianne Garcia  
Chumash Council of Bakersfield  
P.O. Box 902  
Bakersfield, CA 93302

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Tejon Indian Tribe  
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Tule River Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 589  
Porterville, CA 93258

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Table Mountain Rancheria  
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Friant, CA 93626

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California Valley Miwok Tribe  
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Stockton, CA 95212

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Chukchansi Tribe  
P.O. Box 852  
Oakhurst, CA 93644

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Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation  
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Planada, CA 95365

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Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians  
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3535 E. Platt  
Fresno, CA 93702

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Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi  
46575 Road 417  
Coarsegold, CA 93614

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Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
3015 Eastern Ave. #40  
Sacramento, CA 95821

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Kathy Montes-Morgan  
Tejon Indian Tribe  
2234 4th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280

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Mary Motoloa  
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi  
46575 Road 417  
Coarsegold, CA 93614

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Angie Osborne  
Traditional Choinumni Tribe  
2787 N. Piedra Road  
Sanger, CA 93657

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Lester Osborne  
Sierra Nevada Native American Coalition  
P.O. Box 125  
Dunlap, CA 93621

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Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
P.O. Box 209  
Tollhouse, CA 93667

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Table Mountain Rancheria  
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Tule River Indian Tribe  
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2736 Palo Alto  
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Jim Redmoon  
Dumma Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
6175 N. Figarden Drive #238  
Fresno, CA 93722

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Raschel Reznor  
California Valley Miwok Tribe  
10601 Escondido Pl.  
Stockton, CA 95212

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Kern Valley Indian Council  
P.O. Box 401  
Weldon, CA 93283

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Kawaisu Tribe of Tejon Reservation  
P.O. Box 1547  
Kernville, CA 93238

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Table Mountain Rancheria  
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Wukchumni Tribe  
929 N. Lovers Lane  
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Choinumni Tribe of Yokuts  
1505 Barstow  
Clovis, CA 96311

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Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
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Wukchumni Council  
36787 Road 197  
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Dunlap Band of Mono Indians  
P.O. Box 44  
Dunlap, CA 93621

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Julie Turner  
Kern Valley Indian Council  
P.O. Box 1010  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
P.O. Box 306  
Auberry, CA 93602

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Dumna Cultural Preservation Association  
P.O. Box 1386  
Fresno, CA 92716

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Tina Williams  
Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians  
P.O. Box 209  
Tollhouse, CA 93667

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Harold Williams  
Kern Valley Indian Council  
15775 Setimo Creek Road  
Caliente, CA 93518

Dear Harold Williams,

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July 13, 2011

Karin Wilson-Kirkendal  
Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government  
1003 S. 9th St.  
Fresno, CA 93702

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Kenneth Woodrow  
Eshom Valley Band of Indians  
1179 Rock Haven Court  
Salinas, CA 93906

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P.O. Box 589  
Porterville, CA 93258

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Fresno, CA 93728

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December 21, 2011

David Alvarez  
Traditional Choinumni Tribe  
2415 E Houston Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93720

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

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Representatives from the Authority and their consultants (AECOM, CH2M HILL, ICFI), who are performing a range of environmental analyses for the Merced to Fresno Section, including those related to cultural resources, will be in attendance. Refreshments will be provided.

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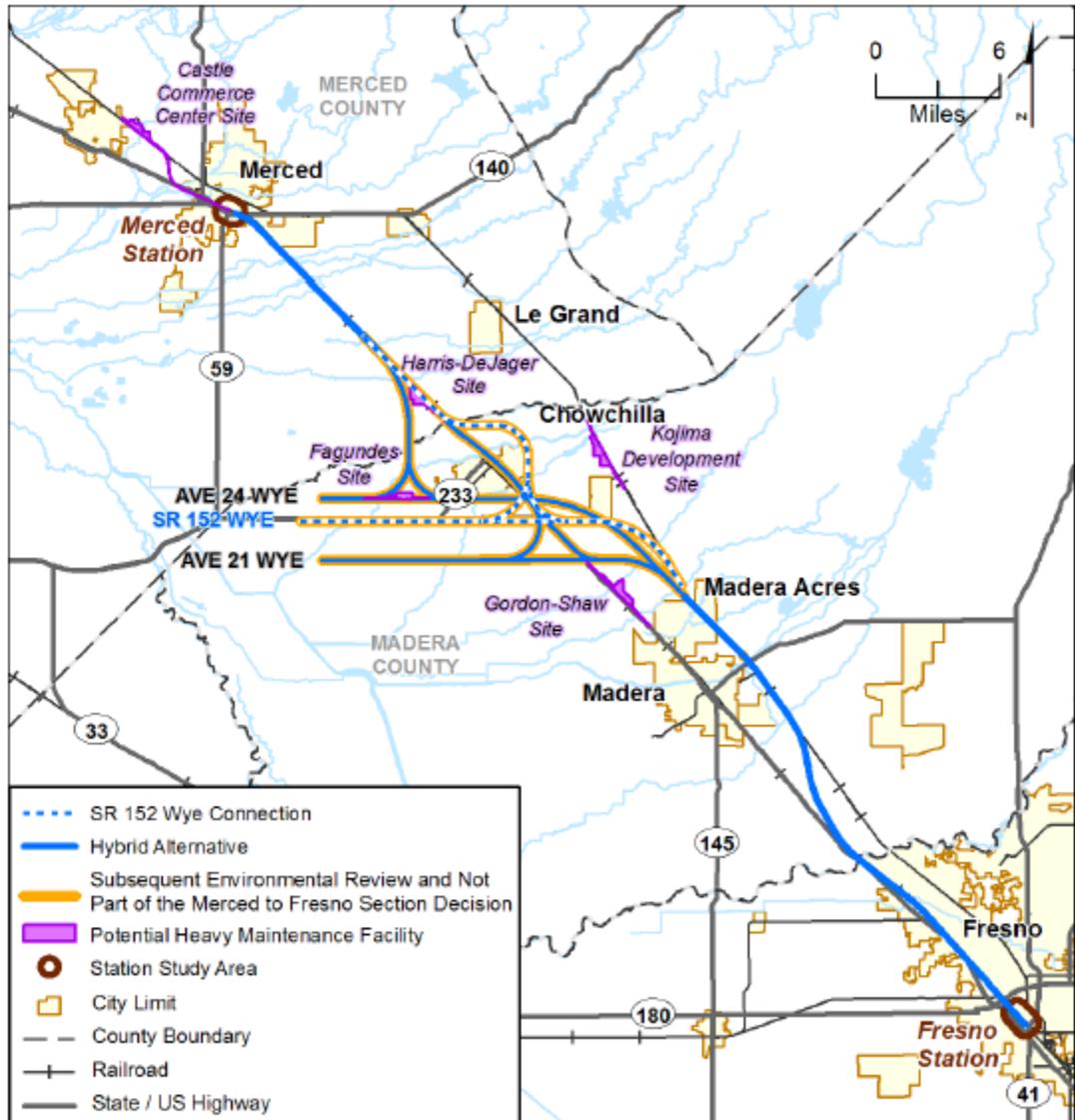
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Staff-Recommended Preferred Alternative: Hybrid Alternative





## **Incoming Tribal Correspondence**





**Chowchilla Tribe of Yokuts**

**Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director  
California High-Speed Authority  
925 L Street, Suite 1425  
Sacramento, CA 95841**

**Dear Mr. Leavitt:**

**Please include our Tribe in all consultation matters concerning the High Speed rail through Madera, Chowchilla and Merced areas. Thank you**

**Jerry Brown**

**Chairman**

**Chowchilla Tribe of Yokuts**

**Consultation Preference for each project EIR/EIS**  
*(check the appropriate box):*

**California HST Section:**

We want to participate

We are not concerned about this project/do not need to participate

We want to participate	We are not concerned about this project/do not need to participate	California HST Section:
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Knowing that some information is not available outside of the Native American Community, we encourage your participation in the environmental review for the HST projects. Providing comments now does not limit your ability to comment at a later time. The Authority and FRA will ensure that any information that you provide to us will remain subject to the confidentiality provisions of the NHPA (Section 304).

At your request, the Authority's staff can be available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have with the proposed HST System and to discuss possible resolution of any resource conflicts related to the proposed project. Please contact Dan Leavitt of the Authority at the following addresses if you have any questions or if you wish to request a meeting on these projects or related issues.

Mr. Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director  
 California High-Speed Rail Authority  
 925 L Street, Suite 1425  
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 (916) 324-1541  
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January 18, 2012

Attn: Melissa Elefante DuMond, AICP Environmental Specialist  
Office of Passenger and Freight Programs  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE (West Bldg. Mail Stop 20)  
Washington, DC 20590



**Re: California High Speed Train System: Hybrid Alternative for Merced to Fresno Section of the HST System**

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians appreciates your observance of Tribal Cultural Resources and their preservation in your project. The information provided to us on said project(s) has been assessed through our Cultural Resource Department, where it was concluded that although it is outside the existing reservation, the project area does fall within the bounds of our Tribal Traditional Use Areas. At this time the Soboba Band does not have any specific concerns regarding this project, but wishes to defer to the to other tribes closer to the project area.

[SPECIAL NOTE (for projects other than cell towers): *If this project is associated with a city or county specific plan or general plan action it is subject to the provisions of SB18-Traditional Tribal Cultural Places (law became effective January 1, 2005) and will require the city or county to participate in **formal, government-to-government** consultation with the Tribe. If the city or county are your client, you may wish to make them aware of this requirement. By law, they are required to contact the Tribe.*

Sincerely,

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# Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government

The Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government would like to inform you that James (Jim) Redmoon is no longer Representing the Dumna Tribe, In any and all Cultural Representation as the Tribes Cultural Resource Manager, any further notifications or communications to the Tribe thru James (Jim) Redmoon in Cultural Resources should be referred to the Dumna Tribes New Cultural Resource Manager Eric Smith. Any questions and comments should be referred to our Tribal Chairman Robert G Ledger Sr. 

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Date 12/06/11

# Meeting Minutes

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## California High Speed Train – Merced to Fresno Section

### Native American (Informal) Consultation Meeting

**ATTENDEES:** Jeff Abercrombie/HSRA  
Marty Rosen/ICFI  
Stephen Weidlich/AECOM  
Ted Cooley/AECOM  
Rebecca Apple/AECOM  
Robert Marquez/Cold Springs Rancheria  
Eric Smith/Cold Springs Rancheria  
Richard Hogan/Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation  
John Baty/Big Sandy Rancheria  
Lawrence Bill/ Sierra Nevada Native American Coalition  
Lester Osborne/Sierra Nevada Native American Coalition

**TO:** Melissa DuMond/FRA  
Ann Koby/PMT  
Bryan Porter/PMT  
Karin Lilienbacker/CH2M HILL

**FROM:** Tabachnick, Alan/AECOM

**DATE:** June 7, 2011

On June 1, 2011, a meeting was conducted to obtain input from Native Americans as part of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) consultation process. The meeting was held in Fresno and lasted from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

#### Attendees:

Marty Rosen (ICF), Stephen Weidlich (AECOM), Ted Cooley (AECOM), Alan Tabachnick (via phone) (AECOM), Rebecca Apple (via phone) (AECOM), Jeff Abercrombie (HSRA), Bryan Porter (via phone) (PMT), Melissa DuMond (via phone) (FRA), Robert Marquez (Chairperson) and Eric Smith (EPA Coordinator), Richard Hogan (Director, Cold Springs Rancheria), John Baty (Tribal Council Treasurer, Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation), Lawrence Bill (Chairperson, Big Sandy Rancheria), and Lester Osborne (Vice-Chairperson), Sierra Nevada Native American Coalition

#### Overall

Mr. Rosen facilitated the meeting, which had several objectives:

- Obtain input from interested Native American tribal representatives on the California High Speed Train Project, Merced to Fresno section.

- Update the tribal representatives on the status of the cultural resources investigations for the project and provide an update on the status of the environmental analysis.
- Ask the representatives to delineate on project maps their areas of interest and potential responsibility if archaeological remains are discovered during construction.

Mr. Abercrombie presented an overview of the current status of the project from a design perspective as well as from an overall NEPA perspective.

Mr. Tabachnick, via phone, presented an overview of the Section 106 process, and he explained that the meeting's focus was obtaining Native American input on cultural resources during all phases of the project so the most informed decisions could be made.

Mr. Cooley presented the results of the archaeological studies for the proposed alternatives. Mr. Tabachnick presented the results of the historic structures documentation, and elaborated on the technical reports being prepared for the project. Mr. Tabachnick also noted last year's consultation meeting and revisions to the project since that time.

### **Cultural Resources Questions and Concerns**

One of the primary cultural resources concerns regarded handling of the monitoring process during construction, and the process for repatriation should any human remains be discovered. It was agreed by the attendees that the chances of encountering human remains during construction, including artifacts, collections, and cemeteries, is very high in the Central Valley. Tribal representatives would like a project fund to be established that would be used to purchase land near discovery sites of human remains and that would be used for repatriation of burials and archaeological collections.

Another comment/question was in regard to the origin of aggregate for the project and its potential impact on sensitive cultural resources. There were substantial concerns that these materials might be taken from a sacred place called Jessie Morrow Mountain.

Comments were made regarding the presence of Native Americans in future archaeological work in the corridor, as monitors, etc.

### **General Environmental Questions and Concerns**

Funding – Questions were posed concerning funding for various parts of the project, including the main lines, the stations, the power generation, the parking garages, and transit oriented development in the cities.

Power Generation - Another comment/question was in regard to the power supply needed for the project, and how PG&E would handle it. Local issues involving PG&E were discussed, and there were questions about the costs of power generation and energy.

There were concerns about project construction impacts to water quality, air quality, condition of local roads, forested lands, farmlands, and the local economy.

There were concerns about the current condition of streams and waterways and how the project could further impact those systems.

Tribal representatives were concerned with traffic impacts on the local and regional system and about associated projects that would further impact the environment.

Secondary and Cumulative Impacts – A number of attendees mentioned concerns about the impact of the project on the region, drawing increased development and potentially sprawl in the Valley that could cause additional environmental impacts. All such impacts should be considered in the environmental process.

### **General Consultation Issues**

There was substantial discussion about the consultation process with Native Americans on the project, and how appropriate federal and state agencies should all be involved with the process. There were comments that this meeting should not be considered formal “consultation” under Section 106. Tribal representatives would like greater involvement in the project development process, and more participation with all of the stakeholders, including the counties, municipalities, FRA, HSRA, FWS, COE, etc.





## Meeting Memorandum

**Date:** August 30, 2011

**To File:** Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield Project Files

**Copy:** Karin Lilienbecker and Tom Baily

**From:** Bryan Porter

**Subject:** Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield Tribal Coordination Meeting, July 27, 2011

### Meeting Attendees:

- David Alvarez
- Avis Trunkin, North Fork Rancheria
- Jerbert Rimlom
- Joseph Garfield, Tule River Tribe
- Dr. Karen Wynn, Picayune Tribal Cultural Council
- Bob Pennell, Table Mountain Rancheria
- Nancy Ayala, Picayune Rancheria Chukclanis Indian Tribal Council
- Rosemary Smith
- Lupe Jimenez, HSRA
- Melissa DuMond, FRA
- Bryan Porter, PMT
- Matt Franck, CH2M Hill
- Alexandra Fraser, URS
- Stev Weidlich, AECOM
- Marty Rosen, ICF

The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a half-day workshop to provide Native Americans and tribal representatives a status update for the Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield high-speed train (HST) projects. The meeting, held at the University Square Hotel in Fresno, was facilitated by Marty Rosen, with presentations provided by Matt Franck and Alexandra Fraser representing the Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield regional teams, respectively.

Marty began the workshop explaining that today's meeting is being held to address a number of project-related issues raised earlier at a tribal coordination meeting held in early June. Following these introductory remarks, Melissa DuMond with FRA also welcomed the group and provided some background information regarding the Authority's and FRA's development of a Section 106 programmatic agreement (PA) that will guide the rail program's tribal outreach and coordination efforts for both federally recognized and non-federally recognized tribes. Melissa emphasized that FRA and the Authority want to actively collaborate with the tribes to identify and address issues of concern in the planning and development of the HST projects (e.g., avoiding sacred sites and other sensitive areas along the proposed alignments).

Matt Franck then gave a brief presentation about the Merced to Fresno HST project, indicating that three north-south alignment alternatives (referred to as the SR 99/UPRR, BNSF, and Hybrid alternatives) are being evaluated between Merced and Fresno. Stations would be located in both Merced and Fresno. In addition, three east-west alternatives (referred to as the Ave 24, Ave. 21, and SR 152 wye alternatives) that would connect the SF Bay Area to the Central Valley have been identified but are to be evaluated as part of the San Jose to Merced HST section. Matt said that a draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/S) has been prepared and is to be released for public review and comment in mid-August. After a 45 day comment period that will end in late September, a single preferred alignment alternative will be selected and a final EIR/EIS will be prepared for adoption by the Authority Board in January 2012. Following the Authority's approval of the environmental document, FRA is to issue its Record of Decision in April.

Alexandra Fraser then provided a similar presentation, describing the Fresno to Bakersfield HST project and preparation of a draft EIR/S. For this section, there is one primary alignment under study—adjacent to the BNSF—but that a number of design options, or bypasses, have been identified to minimize environmental impacts. Stations would be located in Bakersfield and Hanford.

At this stage, Matt and Alexandra responded to questions from the group. These included the following:

- What happens south of Bakersfield? Bryan Porter explained that the Authority and FRA are also conducting similar studies for seven other sections of the proposed 800-mile system, one of which is a section between Bakersfield and Palmdale to the south.
- How many people will be hired for project construction? Does the Authority have a tribal employment office? What will be done to encourage DBE/Small Business participation? Matt and Alexandra indicated that for Merced to Fresno, approximately 2,910 to 5,040 and for Fresno to Bakersfield, 1,300 to 3,900 workers per year would be hired. Bryan said that the Authority has not established a tribal employment office, since actual project construction would not commence until at least 2013. He also indicated that the Authority is now in the process of adopting procurement rules that will govern DBE/Small Business participation.
- What is being planned for Native American monitoring during construction? Marty said that the Authority and FRA intend to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and a Treatment Plan for each HST section that will require implementation of measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigation impacts to cultural resources, including sensitive Native American and archaeological sites. One of these measures will require onsite monitoring during project construction.
- Where will the dirt come from for construction of embankments needed for the trackway? Matt said that much of the material will come from the project site itself. No sifting of the dirt is planned. Soil and other construction materials (e.g., aggregate, ballast for the trackway, etc.) may need to be obtained from existing, licensed quarries and transported to the site, either by rail or by truck. On-site monitoring would be an important part of the trackway construction.
- What about potential impacts to threatened or endangered species? Alexandra said that the Authority and FRA are obligated to follow the federal and California Endangered Species Acts. The two agencies are now working closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game on identifying mitigation measures to offset project-related impacts to wildlife. In addition, the Authority is considering the use of mitigation banks and the purchase of property for mitigation purposes. Alexandra then described some of the measures that will be taken to protect the San Joaquin kit fox that is found in both the Merced to Fresno and Fresno to Bakersfield HST sections.

Matt also described the need to avoid vernal pools, indicating that a large vernal pool complex exists near Le Grand along the BNSF alignment alternative. Also, the project will need to minimize impacts with crossing the San Joaquin River north of Fresno.

- How will the project avoid impacts to vegetation used for traditional basket weaving (e.g., tules from wetland areas) and for medicinal purposes? Alexandra said that the teams have conducted extensive flora and fauna studies for the two corridors. She encouraged the meeting attendees to submit these kinds of questions during the formal comment period for the two draft EIR/S documents.
- What other cultural resource studies have been conducted. Stev Weidlich and Alan Tabachnick said that through literature reviews, the use of aerial photography, and from ground surveys, several technical documents have been prepared including: a Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR), a Historic Architecture Survey Report (HASR), and an Archaeological Survey Report (ASR). These documents have been used to develop the EIR/S analysis that will ultimately help the Authority and FRA identify a preferred alignment alternative.

Marty said that before additional geo-archaeological work is done in the two corridors, the tribes should be consulted. Marty emphasized that none of the technical documents prepared by the Authority and FRA and released for public review and comment will include any site specific information that could jeopardize known sacred sites or other sensitive tribal areas. As a result, it is important that the tribes work closely with the Authority and FRA to avoid these areas and to protect these important resources.

**Meeting Memorandum****Date:** January 13, 2012**To File:** Merced to Fresno Project Files**Copy:** Matt Franck, Sarah Allred**From:** Stev Weidlich and Dan Harris**Subject:** Merced to Fresno Tribal Coordination Meeting, January 10, 2012

## Meeting Attendees:

- Rosemary Rey, Yaqui/Apache
- Jerry Brown, Chowchilla Tribe of Yokuts
- Ken Woodrow, Eshom/Wuksachi
- Val Lopez, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
- Eleanor Castro, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
- Stev Weidlich, AECOM
- Dan Harris, AECOM
- Rebecca Apple, AECOM
- John Lawrence, AECOM
- Sarah Allred, CHSRA
- Matt Franck, CH2M Hill
- Bryan Porter, PMT (phone)

The purpose of this meeting was to consult with Native Americans and tribal representatives to provide a status update for the Merced to Fresno high-speed train (HST) project. The meeting, held at the University Square Hotel in Fresno, was facilitated by Stev Weidlich, with presentations provided by Matt Franck representing the Merced to Fresno regional team for the California High Speed Rail Authority, John Lawrence and Rebecca Apple representing AECOM's archaeological team, and Sarah Allred representing CHSRA. These notes follow the format of the meeting agenda.

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Val Lopez requests clarification of identity and background of a guest at the meeting because he is concerned about sensitive information being discussed. His concern is seconded and elaborated and the guest's response eases concerns.
- Ken Woodrow says this is the first meeting he's heard about and requests info on Fresno to Bakersfield Native American consultation.
- Brian (on phone) elaborates on the environmental document review process and Sarah (CHSRA) further elaborates.

**Description of staff-recommended Merced to Fresno preferred Alternative**

- Federal concurrence will make it officially the selected alt or LEDPA.
- Questions about where the alignments diverge at the San Joaquin river crossing. Matt clarifies and questions are raised concerning specifics of rail construction which Matt also clarifies.

- Val mentions the crossing is a very sensitive area and wants to know more about how remains will be considered and handled. He makes the analogy that that area is like Arlington National Cemetery. He wants an estimate on how many remains are anticipated. John describes treatment plan which will help answer that question but states the question can't be answered right now. Val says the appropriate measures that would be taken should be identical to those taken if you put a rail through Arlington National Cemetery. He stresses that **any** measures are not favorable and seems to suggest that **any** activity disturbing the land is not desirable.
- Ken asks about wildlife issues like ponds and migrant bird routes. Matt clarifies that these concerns are less prevalent for the M-F section, but are more present for the San Jose section.
- Ken is concerned that F-B section isn't consulting area tribes. This brings up what meetings have preceded this one and Stev describes previous meetings and separation of URS work and our work. The July 2011 meeting included F-B folks and Ken and Val requests those notes to be emailed to them. Matt clarifies that F-B was equal in progress to M-F until they realized they had another alternative to consider. Brian elaborates and says F-B will have alignment chosen by December 2012. Matt and Brian talk about timeline for F-B and San Jose sections. Val says he wants to be included in those sections as well.
- Val stresses that the project must keep HMF s away from any waterways. Matt further describes options for HMF sites. Val says that Harris-DeJager site is culturally sensitive. Val again stresses being at least 400 feet away from any waterway.

#### **Updates and status of Cultural Resources Investigation**

- John Lawrence – Presentation on the archaeological investigations.
- Six NHRP sites in preferred alternative
- Val requests clarification of 23% surveyed and John responds.
- Jerry Brown comments that the entire area is culturally sensitive and talks about people who have done surveys in the area. He says the project will uncover a lot of village sites, burials, and artifacts. John admits that we are at "the tip of the iceberg" and Jerry concurs.
- Val asks how the surveyed areas were identified and how the size of the site is determined with a survey. John describes process of investigation. Val is concerned that if an item is found, only that location would be protected and that the project needs to include more than that, to include the entire cultural landscape.
- John is scrutinized for lack of California knowledge, being from Pennsylvania and only working in California.
- Stev – Tribal Consultation Efforts

- Val was at 2009 meeting and that he never received the materials he was promised. He called Meg(?) and never got anything and talked to Brian Porter and he never followed up as well. He does not believe these are proper consultations (the 2009 meetings). Nobody ever got back to them and he is not at all happy about that. He claims to have lots of evidence that the meetings were never followed up on and of meetings where nobody showed up. He does not agree with the Tribal Consultation Efforts slide. Val has been involved since 2004 with Dan Leavitt. He wants the rail off all culturally sensitive sites. Sarah offers that everything will be done to ensure none of the above occurs again. A long discussion ensues about non-natives receiving sensitive information at a 2009 meeting in Gilroy. Val strongly feels that HST should legally pursue those who misrepresented themselves at previous meetings and those who misrepresent themselves to the NAHC.
- Val mentions that Native American participants in the project (including meetings) should be compensated financially for their time because they have to give up a day of work to attend. Sarah asks if a weekend meeting would be better. Val responds that having one at night in addition to another one might be a good idea. Val says if they were compensated, they could give HST more time and attention. Stev says individual meetings might be more productive as an official consultation. Val says it's too late for a lot of things but adds that the alignment along the Railroad is a good idea. Val says, "To have effective consultation you need to establish a relationship, friendship, and trust."
- Rosemary Rey says that having consult meetings at the tribe's location is a very good idea and that offering free food and gifts to tribal members would go a long way in establishing a positive relationship.
- Ken notes that Tuesdays are Tribal Council days.
- Jerry notes that M-F is primarily Chowchilla Yokuts area and other tribes may be deferring to Jerry - that's why turn-out is so low. He also says that it's not polite for tribes to attend other tribe's territory meetings. Val clarifies that he (his tribe) wants to make sure the Yokuts are represented and defers to Jerry. Jerry discusses how the Chowchilla Yokuts have been in the area for 2000 years. He says he is not going to stop the project; he is concerned about proper procedure when burials are uncovered. He wants to re-inter his people, not let other people do it. Val says it would be good if the project bought land and gave it to the tribe for reburials. Jerry and Val stress avoidance of sites on the Chowchilla wyes. Val talks about the necessity for consultation about each site identified.
- They want to look at sites, want to be with us on surveys.
- Val mentions having a problem with the archaeology firms hired to do the work (in general). He says that his tribe has a list of preferred firms that they trust and the project should use them. Using firms outside the area makes him suspicious about motives.

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#### **Strategies for conducting future field work**

- Rebecca presents plans for future survey and testing including some excavation testing for presence/absence. Any discoveries made will be left in place.
- Ken asks what kind of physical impacts will the rail create (like vibrations, etc.). Matt answers that vibrations weren't considered a problem. Rebecca clarifies that vibrations would impact physical structures, but when in an open area there should be no problem. Ken asks about the type of electricity stations, transmission lines, etc. that will be needed. Ken is primarily concerned where the energy will be coming from. Matt answers his question satisfactorily.

#### **Action items and wrap-up**

- Ken Woodrow requests info on Fresno to Bakersfield Native American consultation process.
- Email July 2011 meeting notes to Ken and Val.
- Project should try to meet with tribes individually, and/or at nights or on weekends or call and ask what is convenient for them.
- Ken would like a chain-of-command chart.