

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING)	RESOLUTION NO. 12-035
AB 1455 (HARKEY) HIGH)	
SPEED RAIL LEMON LAW)	

WHEREAS, voters approved Proposition 1A in November 2008 providing for a \$9.95 billion bond, of which \$9 billion was approved to fund high speed rail from San Francisco to San Diego in California; and

WHEREAS, the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) business plan is not in keeping with what voters approved in 2008, nearly tripling the original cost, now estimated at \$98.5 to \$117 billion for construction costs for Phase I only (San Francisco to Los Angeles-Anaheim) which does not include maintenance and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the CHSRA ridership, revenue and job estimates have been inflated in order to continue to move the project forward; and

WHEREAS, the CHSRA has \$3.3 billion in federal funding awarded to construct high speed rail in the Central Valley with future funding sources unknown; and

WHEREAS, the proposed CHSRA business plan has suffered criticism and legal challenges from many communities that oppose the proposed route and the state's use of the power of Eminent Domain to destroy prime agricultural land, neighborhoods and existing business centers; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) identified a number of serious deficiencies with the CHSRA business plan related to compliance with the voter approved bond, Proposition 1A, funding, ridership, route, and overall viability of the project; and

WHEREAS, the California High Speed Rail Peer Review Group recommend that the legislature not approve the appropriation of the voter approved bond proceeds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the California State Auditor report released on January 24, 2012 states the high-speed rail network's overall financial situation has become "increasingly risky;" and

WHEREAS, any existing rail monies would be better used on the extension and expansion of existing regional and commuter passenger rail systems, and their maintenance; and

WHEREAS, AB 1455 would remove the remaining available balance of the \$9 billion in state debt funding for the high speed rail project, while allowing for the \$950 million segment allowed for local transportation to remain available for future funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador does hereby support AB 1455.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of April, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Brian Oneto, John Plasse, Richard M. Forster, and Theodore F. Novelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Richard M. Forster


Chairman, Board of Supervisors (JB)

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California


Deputy