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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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County of: Fresno County Clerk
2220 Tulare St.
Fresno, CA 93712

From: (Public Agency): California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: High-Speed Rail Operations Control Center (OCC) Building

Project Applicant: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Project Location - Specific:

West of the High-Speed Rail alignment between E American Ave. and E Lincoln Ave.

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) has identified the need for a six-story Operations Control Center (OCC) Building as part of the Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF) planned south of the City of Fresno. This facility will be used to support day one operations and long-term maintenance of the high-speed rail (HSR) system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: California PRC Section 21080.70(a)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Operations Control Center (OCC) Building is a part of the Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF) evaluated in prior CEQA documents, incorporates applicable mitigation measures, is located adjacent to approved High-Speed Rail right-of-way, and is not located on natural or protected lands as defined in California PRC Section 21067.5.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stefan Galvez-Abadia Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 324-1541

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ▪ Yes No

Signature: Stefan Galvez Date: 09/02/2026 Title: Director of Environmental

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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