





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 21, 2015

SUBJECT: California High-Speed Rail Authority		Item Number: 4.2	
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CATEGORY:	Workforce and Economic Development Division	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

**ISSUE:** This item on the High -Speed Rail Authority is being presented at the Board’s request for an informational briefing.

**BACKGROUND:** The California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. The system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 220 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a state-wide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs.

Jeff Morales, Chief Executive Officer of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, will present a briefing on the high-speed rail project, its objectives, timelines, and progress to date. The strategies of the California High-Speed Rail Authority are being monitored by the Chancellor’s Office for workforce training implications. (*Background cont.*)

**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for informational purposes.

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Prior to his current role as former Director of the California Department of Transportation, Morales managed a \$10 billion program and more than 23,000 employees working to build, maintain and operate the largest state transportation system in the U.S. Morales most recently was Senior Vice President of Parsons Brinckerhoff , where he worked with transportation agencies across the United States and internationally to develop and implement major capital programs and is the past executive vice president of the Chicago Transit Authority where he spearheaded major reforms at the nation's second-largest transit agency.