

California High-Speed Rail Authority
Southern California Regional Office
355 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2050
Los Angeles, CA 90071

November 7, 2022

Re: Opposition in Response to the draft EIR/EIS, High Speed Rail 6 Build Alternative Routes, Palmdale to Burbank

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council stands in opposition to all 6 Build alternative routes that will tunnel through the Angeles National Forest as outlined in the CAHSR Draft Environmental Impact Report. The comment period ends on December 1, 2022 at 5pm.

Deep bore tunneling through the Angeles National Forest will have a devastating impact on our wildlife, groundwater aquifers and surface springs. Water the most precious of our resources will be dewatered during the deep tunnel boring along all 6 alternate routes. The CAHSR draft EIR outlines the water sources along the proposed tunneling routes that run along the direct path of tunneling. These routes are the Refined SR14 and SR14A; both having 13 Streams and Tributaries. E1, E1A, E2 and E2A each have 37 Streams and Tributaries. Also outlined in the DEIR is the *Rapidan Service Authority's Surface water features in surface hydrology and water quality*: Refined SR14 Build Alternative—47 surface water features, SR14A Build, Alternative—60 surface water features, E1 Build Alternative—38 surface water features, E1A Build, Alternative—23 surface water features, E2 Build Alternative—29 surface water features, E2A Build Alternative—25 surface water features.

California is currently experiencing a “megadrought” due to climate change. We must do everything to eliminate any risk that would impact our most vital resource, water.

Sincerely,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
ST Land Use Committee