

RESOLUTION #2012-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AB 1455 (Harkey) HIGH SPEED RAIL LEMON LAW**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on March 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., it was moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

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 Angels-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, on March 6, 2012 the Lemoore City Council passed Resolution #2012-09, opposing the California High Speed Rail Authority's High-Speed Train Project; 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 City Council of the City of Lemoore does hereby support AB 1455.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 20th day of March, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

APPROVED:

Willard J. Rodarmel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci C.O. Lima, MMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KINGS) ss.
CITY OF LEMOORE)

I, NANJI C. O. LIMA, City Clerk of the City of Lemoore do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemoore was duly passed and adopted at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore called and held on 20th day of March, 2012.

Dated: March ____, 2012

NANJI C. O. LIMA, MMC
City Clerk