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#### AMENDMENT NO. 8 (A Major Amendment) California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2015-024-04 California High-Speed Train Project Fresno to Bakersfield Section Permitting Phase 1

#### INTRODUCTION

On June 15, 2015, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2015-024-04 (ITP) to the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Permittee) authorizing take of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*), San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*), and San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpus macrotis mutica*) (collectively, the Covered Species) associated with and incidental to the Permitting Phase 1 of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section of the High-Speed Train (HST) Project (Project). The Project as described in the ITP originally issued by CDFW includes HST alignment beginning on the south side of the G Street and San Benito Street intersection, north of Highway 41, in the City of Fresno, Fresno County, California. From this intersection, the Fresno to Bakersfield HST alignment extends south either along or adjacent to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) for approximately 99 miles before reaching the section endpoint, at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Standard Road, and Santa Fe Way, within the city limits of Shafter, in Kern County, California.

The total length of the Project is 99 miles. The Project is the second of the nine California HST sections to be constructed; each section will function independently, but once joined together will create a statewide HST system. The HST will be an electrically powered with steel-wheel-on-steel-rail technology and state-of-the-art safety, signaling, and automated train-control systems. The trains will be capable of operating at speeds of up to 220 miles per hour (mph) over a fully-graded, separated, dedicated track alignment. The Project will be built using a design/build (D/B) approach, a method of construction by which one D/B contractor works under a single contract with the Permittee to provide design and construction services. The Project as originally permitted in the ITP included construction and installation of all Project components, including disturbance of up to 5,868.00 acres (hereafter, Construction Footprint). Construction may occur at any point along the Construction Footprint, and construction may occur at multiple locations simultaneously. The Project also includes operations,

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maintenance, inspection activities within the Construction Footprint (O&M), and Mitigation Activities.

In an email dated June 24, 2016, the Permittee requested a revision of the ITP Project Description to include an increase in the Construction Footprint to 5,970.58 acres, and in a subsequent email dated July 25, 2016, the Permittee requested the addition of a third designation of approvable project biologists to carry out small mammal habitat assessment and trapping activities. On March 7, 2017, CDFW issued Major Amendment No. 1 to the ITP incorporating these requested revisions along with corrections to the impacts acreage, changes to the required Habitat Management lands acreage, and clarifications to the reporting requirement language.

On July 5, 2018 and September 19, 2018, CDFW initiated, issued, and re-issued respectively, Major Amendment No. 2 to the ITP incorporating a Baseline Map Book as Exhibit 6 and added references to the map book throughout the ITP; further revising the Tracking Suitable Habitat Feature Disturbances, Map Updating, and Reporting requirements; added a specific Covered Activity (pile driving) and a species-specific Take Avoidance Measure for that Covered Activity; adding the third category of Biological Monitor, Designated Small Mammal Trapper, to Condition of Approval 6.2; clarified the Construction Monitoring Notebook requirement; added Condition of Approval 7.13 requiring survey and reporting requirements in advance of initiating Covered Activities; revising Conditions of Approval 8.13.2, 8.14.1, 8.15.1, 8.16.1, 8.16.2, 8.16.3, 8.17.2; and adding Condition of Approval 8.15.6.

In a letter dated June 25, 2018, the Permittee requested a revision of the ITP to change the Mitigation Site Construction Elements from the Fagundes Compensatory Mitigation Site to a new location, now recognized as Cottonwood Creek. Because the Permittee would no longer be conducting riparian and wetland restoration at the Fagundes Compensatory Mitigation Site, all references to riparian and wetland restoration at the Fagundes site was removed and replaced with the Cottonwood Creek mitigation site. Due to the varying conditions at the Cottonwood Creek site, some Construction Elements also changed with the changes in mitigation site location. Further, on September 25, 2018, the Permittee requested a 7-day extension provision be added for San Joaquin antelope squirrel relocation. On October 2, 2018, CDFW issued Major Amendment No. 3 to the ITP incorporating these changes.

In an email dated October 4, 2018, the Permittee requested a revision of the ITP to extend the dry season work window beyond October 31<sup>st</sup> for ground-disturbing activities at the Mitigation Site. On October 22, 2018, CDFW originally issued Minor Amendment No. 4 to the ITP incorporating these changes.

In an email dated November 27, 2018, the Permittee requested a revision to the ITP to allow for San Joaquin antelope squirrel (SJAS) relocation to occur prior to April 1 and to allow SJAS relocation to occur after November 15 on a case-by-case basis. On November 29, 2018, CDFW issued Major Amendment No. 5 to the ITP incorporating these changes.

In a letter dated September 10, 2018, the Permittee requested to revise the Project Description to allow for an increase in the Construction Footprint to accommodate new Work Areas for the water pipeline irrigation casing installation and level 3 fiber optic line relocation. Additionally, CDFW initiated amending the Project Description to include installation of water pipeline irrigation casings, dry jack and bore, and horizontal directional drilling as Covered Activities as well as adding Condition of Approval 7.12. On January 17, 2019, CDFW issued Major Amendment No. 6 to the ITP incorporating these changes.

In a letter dated October 19, 2018, the Permittee requested further revision to the ITP, as amended, to revise the Project Description to increase the Construction Footprint by 2.01 acres for road improvements to Wasco Avenue to function as an access road for agricultural operations north of Kimberlina Road in Kern County. Additionally, the Permittee requested a design change to the HST/Kimberlina Road location that will be contained within the current ITP Construction Footprint at that location. On February 1, 2019, CDFW issued Major Amendment No. 7 to the ITP incorporating these changes.

In issuing the ITP, Major Amendment No. 1, Major Amendment No. 2, Major Amendment No. 3, Minor Amendment No. 4, Major Amendment No. 5, Major Amendment No. 6, and Major Amendment No. 7 (collectively the ITP, as amended), CDFW found, among other things, that Permittee's compliance with the Conditions of Approval would fully mitigate impacts to the Covered Species and would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species.

In a letter dated August 22, 2018, the Permittee requested revision to the ITP, as amended, to revise the Project Description to decrease the Construction Footprint by a total of 1.96 acres to accommodate advanced design changes requiring roadway modifications, utility relocations, access road alterations, and canal realignments along and adjacent to the HST alignment for Construction Package (CP) 2-3 at South Avenue, Conejo Avenue, and Peach Avenue in Fresno County; Flint Avenue and Kent Avenue in Kings County; and Avenue 88 in Tulare County. In a subsequent email dated January 25, 2019, the Permittee requested an additional revision of the ITP, as amended, to include the use of jack and bore and horizontal directional drilling as Covered Activities throughout the entire Construction Footprint. The Permittee also requested Condition of Approval 7.12, the notification and submission of a Horizontal

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Directional Drilling and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan, be revised to serve as a notification and plan for all horizontal directional drilling and jack and bore activities occurring within the entire Construction Footprint.

This Major Amendment No. 8 (Amendment) makes the following changes to the ITP, as amended:

First, this Amendment decreases the size of the entire Project Construction Footprint by 1.96 acres to a total of 5,977.54 acres of cumulative impact disturbance due to roadway modifications, utility relocations, access road alterations, and canal realignments along and adjacent to the HST alignment at South Avenue, Conejo Avenue, and Peach Avenue in Fresno County; Flint Avenue and Kent Avenue in Kings County; and Avenue 88 in Tulare County.

Second, this Amendment revises the Project Description to include the use of jack and bore and horizontal directional drilling as Covered Activities throughout the entire Construction Footprint, and not limiting these activities to the Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation alignment.

Third, this Amendment increases the total size of the Roadway Modifications due to changes in the Construction Footprint at the locations listed above and the addition of Conejo and Peach Avenues to this section which were inadvertently omitted from the original ITP.

Fourth, this Amendment changes the Roadway Modification Activities by modifying the design of the HST alignment at the locations listed above and adds Conejo and Peach Avenues to this section which were inadvertently omitted from the original ITP.

Fifth, this Amendment increases the Covered Species habitat impacts for Tipton kangaroo rat and San Joaquin antelope squirrel by 5.20 acres, Swainson's hawk foraging by 2.06 acres, and San Joaquin kit fox by 16.81 acres as a result of the changes in Construction Footprint at the six locations listed above.

Sixth, this Amendment revises Condition of Approval 7.12, the notification and submission of a Horizontal Directional Drilling and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan, to serve as a notification and plan for all horizontal directional drilling and jack and bore activities occurring within the entire Construction Footprint, instead of limiting the notification and plan to the Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation alignment.

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Seventh, this Amendment requires the permanent protection of additional compensatory habitat management lands (HM lands) and accompanying management costs to mitigate for increased Covered Species impacts associated with the change in Construction Footprint.

Eighth, this Amendment increases the Performance Security amount required in order to proceed with Covered Activities.

Ninth, this Amendment modifies Exhibit 6, the Baseline Map Book, to include the replacement of Map Book Pages 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 34 to reflect the changes in the Construction Footprint at the six locations listed above.

#### AMENDMENT

The ITP, as amended, is further amended as follows (amended language in **bold** *italics*; deleted language in strikethrough):

1. The section entitled "Project Description" on page 3 of the ITP, as amended, paragraph one shall be further amended to read as follows:

The Project is approximately 99 miles in length and includes construction and installation of all Project components (Exhibits 1 and 2). Construction and installation of all Project components will disturb up to <del>5,979.51</del> **5,977.54** acres (hereafter, Construction Footprint). Construction may occur at any point along the Construction Footprint, and construction may occur at multiple locations simultaneously.

- 2. The section entitled "Utility Relocation and Protection" on page 5 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:
  - <u>Utility relocation and protection</u>: High-risk utilities, such as overhead high-voltage wires, pressurized transmission mains, water lines, water pipeline irrigation casings, fiber optics and communications will be relocated and/or protected in place by the Permittee. The use of dry jack and bore and horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will occur throughout the entire Construction Footprint, as defined above, and will also be used to relocate limited to the level 3 fiber optic line relocation as described below. Permittee will be responsible for completing designs and preparing plans and specification for relocation and construction of utilities. The construction and relocation of utilities will begin once Permittee has completed their design to ensure Project components are well coordinated. Permittee will be

responsible to coordinate the relocation of utilities with local jurisdictions and utility owners throughout the Project and will design and construct the relocation of utilities in conflict with the Project. This ITP only covers utility relocation and protection occurring within the Construction Footprint, as defined above.

- <u>Water Pipeline Irrigation Casing Installation</u>: Up to eight water pipeline irrigation casings, permanently disturbing a total of 0.18 acres, will be installed within the Construction Footprint (Exhibit 2A). The casings will provide protection for existing underground water lines and consist of a steel casing between 18 inches and 32 inches in diameter. The length of each casing will range from 139 feet to 223 feet. For each casing location, the subsurface excavation will extend 7 feet below grade and be 6 feet wide. Disturbances and engineered drawings for each casing are provided in Exhibits 2A and 2B, respectively.
- Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation: A total of 14,800 linear feet of Level 3 fiber optic line will be relocated within an alignment that parallels the east edge of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway right of way, situated between McCombs Avenue and Jackson Avenue, as depicted in Exhibit 2C. The relocation of the fiber optic line will permanently disturb a total of 6.74 acres. The installation of the fiber optic line will require the use of HDD and dry jack and bore. Horizontal directional drilling will be used for the majority of the relocation, except at the Wasco coal terminal, where trenching will be used, and at the end of the alignment where dry jacking and boring will be used (Exhibit 2B).
- 3. The section entitled "Roadway Modifications" beginning on page 36 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:
  - <u>Roadway Modifications</u>: Changes to existing roads along or crossing the HST ROW will be needed because the HST requires a fully dedicated gradeseparated track alignment for public safety and to achieve the desired speeds. The Project will require 95 roadway modifications; 40 in Fresno County, 24 in Kings County, 15 in Tulare County, and 16 in Kern County. Roadway modifications will occupy 1,614.84 1,658.69 total acres of the Construction Footprint (Table 8). At some locations, there will be an option to perform the modification as either an undercrossing or an overcrossing of the HST ROW. In these instances, the more conservative impact in terms of acreage (e.g., higher acreage) has been included and evaluated in this ITP. Handrails, fences, and

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walkways will be provided for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists during roadway modification.

Table 8 on page 37 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as 4. follows:

Street	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Modification					
State Route 41	Fresno	under the SR 41	36.72400039970	-119.78503724600	10.06
E California St	Fresno	Closed road	36.72145832100	-119.78262921700	0.28
S Cherry Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.72090509380	-119.78182343600	0.25
S Van Ness Ave	Fresno	At-grade crossing over UPRR closed	36.71961244440	-119.77904103200	0.16
E Lorena Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.71941406850	-119.78023179200	0.05
E Florence Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.71775463230	-119.77709763000	0.18
S Sarah Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.71766846420	-119.77835641600	0.07
E Belgravia Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.71594366520	-119.77493402400	0.5
S Railroad Ave	Fresno	Closed at E California Ave and S Orange Ave.	36.71517611130	-119.77518211900	7.8
E Church Ave	Fresno	E Church Ave pass over HST, UPRR, and BNSF. South Sunland Ave would be realigned and re- connected to E Church Ave farther to the east. Existing crossing over BNSF closed. South East would be raised to tie i*	36.71472247530	-119.77156135200	10.7
S Golden State Boulevard	Fresno	Over pass	36.71400033360	-119.77576763000	7.6
S East Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.71199369880	-119.77258164400	0.54
E Jenson Bypass	Fresno	under existing Jensen Ave bridge in shallow trench to meet vertical clearance requirements.	36.70688587450	-119.76552461900	2.20
S Orange Ave	Fresno	Closed Road	36.70397348530	-119.76369359400	0.77

#### Table 8 Location and Size of Project Roadway Modifications

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Fresno	pass over E Hardy Ave on aerial structure. E Central raised over the HST. Retaining wall for the industrial	36.69362943000 36.67808206850	-119.75678393100 -119.75249432700	0.52
	on aerial structure. E Central raised over the HST. Retaining wall for the industrial		-	
Fresno	the HST. Retaining wall for the industrial	36.67808206850	-119.75249432700	1.52.53555
ii.	facility to the north and south of the road. S Cedar Ave will be raised to meet at E Central Ave.			7.10
Fresno	E Malaga Ave closed with alternative crossings at E Central Ave and E American Ave.	36.67071579930	-119.75051117300	0.45
Fresno	E American Ave will pass over HSTs and existing BNSF tracks. Connections to S Cedar Ave and S Maple Ave would be maintained.	36.66344467180	-119.75055696400	17.32
Fresno	Closed road	36.64888697970	-119.75009751700	24.8
Fresno	E Clayton Ave closed with alternative crossings at E Lincoln Ave and E Adams Ave.	36.64167736390	-119.75053447200	1.85
Fresno	E Adams Ave will pass over the HST BNSF tracks along the current street alignment.	36.63436279470	-119.75028296400	25.86
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Street Modification	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
E South Ave	Fresno	E South Ave will pass over HST <b>and</b> BNSF tracks. An existing canal would be relocated <b>with</b> a	36.61989257280	-119.75025029400	<del>26.06</del> <b>24.60</b>
		temporary bypass location while the permanent location is constructed.	5		
E Manning Ave	Fresno	E Manning Ave will pass over HST and BNSF. Alterations to local access roads will be required to maintain existing level of access west of HST. S Chance Ave will pass under E Manning Ave	36.60533077940	-119.74914460100	13.96
E Springfield Ave	Fresno	E Springfield Ave closed at HST with alternative crossing at E Manning Ave,	36.59807067220	-119.74970971000	1.71
E Dinuba Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.59091583680	-119.74810487300	1.86
E Floral Ave	Fresno	E Floral Ave will pass over HST and BNSF RR	36.57638186840	-119.74494951900	30.34
E Rose Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.56919851950	-119.74294350300	2.07
S Topeka Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.56235110030	-119.74081401100	0.55
SR 41	Fresno	HST will travel under the SR 41 structures.	36.72400039970	-119.78503724600	10.06
E Nebraska Ave	Fresno	E Nebraska Ave will pass over HST and BNSF. Access to the commercial buildings (east) and residential properties (west) would be altered to accommodate the	36.56128807730	-119.74158511700	39.63

Street	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Modification				<u>和学校中国教育的</u>	
E Mountain View Ave	Fresno	A combined overpass with S Chestnut Ave will pass over HST and existing BNSF. E Mountain View Ave will have the main overpass along existing road alignment with S Chestnut Ave north- south raised and	36.54833030470	-119.73558074000	58.95
		connected to both sides of HST	94 - B		
E Kamm Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.53289099500	-119.72987480400	1.76
S Willow Ave	Fresno	Closed road	36.52668241940	-119.72781873400	0.46
Conejo Ave	Fresno	HST will pass over BNSF on viaduct. Pergola will be approx. 2,200 linear ft with approx. 42 columns.	36.518916	-119.724052	29.77
Peach Ave	Fresno	Peach Ave will pass under HST via a three- span undercrossing with minor road improvements.	36.510600	-119.718883	30.66
E Clarkson Ave	Fresno	E Clarkson closed at the HST and connect E Clarkson Ave to S Minnewawa Ave	36.50321767360	-119.71439528900	4.76
S Minnewawa Ave	Fresno	North S Minnewawa Ave closed at HST. S Minnewawa Ave west of HST will connect to E Clarkson Ave in the north.	36.49959830700	-119.71056949800	3.93

Street Modification	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
S Clovis Ave	Fresno	Will connect the north and south legs of the road by crossing roughly perpendicular over HST.	36.49397765440	-119.70410475900	35.56
E Elkhorn Ave	Fresno	E Elkhorn Ave will pass over HST	36.48928022910	-119.69799800700	30.92
S Fowler Ave	Fresno	S Fowler Ave will pass perpendicular over HST. Will directly link the north and south portions of S Fowler and will eliminate the tee intersections at E Elkhorn Ave.	36.48345852500	-119.68732627500	40.64
E Davis Ave	Fresno	E Davis will pass over HST	36.47426478630	-119.66931525600	30.83
8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Kings	A combined overpass solution with Dover Ave over the HST. 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave will be elevated to join Dover Ave. T	36.41632782310	-119.60014122000	27.24
Dover Ave	Kings	Dover Ave will pass over HST	36.41581186120	-119.59956809100	27.27
Excelsior Ave	Kings	Excelsior Ave will pass over HST. Canal will be box culverted.	36.40168244260	-119.59437783900	31.62
Elder Ave	Kings	Elder Ave will pass over HST. Access roads provided to residential properties on both sides of the road.	36.38698126490	-119.59180693200	30.84

Street Modification	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Flint Ave	Kings	Flint Ave will pass over HST. An access road will be provided for	36.37212065260	-119.59157954800	<del>37.82</del> <b>29.81</b>
		the dairy. The <del>ditch</del> canal will be relocated from the			
		north to the south side of Flint Ave and converted to a box			
		culvert <del>ed</del> .			
Fargo Ave	Kings	Fargo Ave will pass over HST. The bridge will also pass over 7 <sup>th</sup>	36.35741807440	-119.59148570000	32.26
		Ave and HST. A new frontage road at the existing Fargo Ave will			
	×	provide access to residential		a.	
Hanford-Armona Ave	Kings	Hanford-Armona will be on a bridge over HST. The canal will be	36.31345632820	-119.59161965600	25.33
Houston Ave	1/in ma	box culverted.	36.29846805830	-119.59097521500	16.63
Houston Ave	Kings	Houston Ave will pass over HST. Access to industrial properties	30.29840803830	-119.59097521500	10.03
		to the east will require minor adjustments. A			
		small watercourse crossing will be box culverted.			
Iona Ave	Kings	lona Ave will pass over HST. The canal will be box culverted.	36.28395235040	-119.59157826500	23.96

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Idaho Ave	Kings	Idaho Ave will pass over HST. The canal running adjacent to Idaho Ave will be diverted at the south end. There will be an access road for the traction power facility.	36.26940801670	-119.59134664400	35.24
Jackson Ave	Kings	Jackson Ave will pass over HST. The canal running parallel to the road will be diverted at the south end.	36.25489528930	-119.59291323200	35.86
Jersey Ave	Kings	Jersey Ave closed at HST ROW east of SR 43.	36.24044550950	-119.59861780000	3.32
SR 43 near Jersey Ave	Kings	HST would be elevated and SR 43 would pass under HST.	36.23748308210	-119.60086659600	53.61
Kent Ave	Kings	Kent Ave will pass over HST south of existing road with minor road improvements to the Kent Ave and SR 43 intersection. The watercourse would be converted to a box culvert and run underneath the crossing.	36.22534174960	-119.60732767300	<del>34.75</del> <b>27.63</b>
Kansas Ave	Kings	Kansas Ave will pass over HST south of existing road. The watercourse will run underneath the crossing.	36.21060384950	-119.61056457100	60.79
Lansing Ave	Kings	Closed road	36.19660698200	-119.61222875200	3.26

Street Modification	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Nevada Ave	Kings	Nevada Ave pass over HST, BNSF, and SR 43 & connect with Nevada Ave east of SR 43	36.13734215630	-119.58335421200	31.31
Newark Ave	Kings	Niles Ave will extend east of 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave to the north and connect to Newark Ave.	36.11899260320	-119.56749530300	6.03
5 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Kings	5 <sup>th</sup> Ave will realign and connect to Niles Ave east of HST	36.11725488500	-119.56222326300	7.02
Niles Ave	Kings	Closed road	36.11619454050	-119.56190412800	1.5
5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Kings	Closed road. 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave will realign and connected to Orange Ave east of HST.	36.11119297200	-119.55416707100	2.44
Waukena Ave	Kings	Waukena Ave will shift north slightly and pass over HST and a new connector road will be constructed to connect with Orange Ave east of HST.	36.11069748000	-119.55141546900	20.42
Orange Ave	Kings	Closed road. Orange Ave will connect with 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave and Waukena Ave via new connector.	36.10899252210	-119.55404857700	14.37
Whitley Ave/State Rte 137	Kings	Whitley Ave will pass under HST	36.09796946130	-119.54176264800	13.70
Ave 152	Tulare		36.06542010680	-119.52751986200	1.65
Ave 136	Tulare	Closed connection to the west of SR 43 and retain the connection to the east.	36.03635183970	-119.51189822800	5.24

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Modification					
Ave 128	Tulare	East-west Ave 128 will	36.02046646200	-119.50039770400	25.20
		flare to the south on	×		
		the west side and			
		cross over the HST,			
		RR, and SR 43 and	147		
		then curve to the			
		south on the east end			
		and loop around into		6	
		SR 43.			
Ave 120/Hesse	Tulare	East-west Ave 120 will	36.00891508330	-119.49214680400	22.78
Ave		flare away from road			
		on west to the north			
		in order to cross over			
		the HST, RR, canal, Rd			
		36, and SR 43 and			
		then curve south to			
		intersect Ave 120 to			
		the east of SR 43.			
Ave 112	Tulare	East-west Ave 112 will	35.99441811260	-119.48114389000	21.86
		flare away north from			
		road on the west to			
		cross over the HST,	-		
		RR, canal, and SR 43,			
		then curve south to			
		intersect Ave 112 to			147
		the east of SR 43.			
Ave 88	Tulare	East-west Ave 88 will	35.94792580190	-119.44717039000	24.52
		flare away south from			24.51
		the existing road on	125		
		the west to cross over			
		the HST, RR, and SR			
		43, then curve north			
		to intersect Ave 88 to			
		the east of SR 43 with			
		road improvements to			
		the Ave 88 and SR 43			
		intersection and			
		access roads.			

Street	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Modification				保護法院主任	
County Rd J22/Ave 56	Tulare	East-west County Rd J22/Ave 56 will cross over HST along the same alignment of	35.89128284410	-119.41626394800	24.32
Ave 136	Tulare	County Rd J22. Reconstruction	36.03633283	-119.5142807	3.21
Road 24	Tulare	Overlay	36.02178803	-119.5184409	12.00
Ave 120	Tulare	Reconstruction	36.00727783	-119.4976477	
		Reconstruction			17.56
New Frontage Road	Tulare	Construction	36.00146513	-119.487012	8.68
Road 40	Tulare	Overlay	35.98197868	-119.4828371	25.07
Ave 88	Tulare	Construction	35.94908946	-119.467986	6.92
Ave 56	Tulare	Reconstruction	35.89128551	-119.414089	2.56
Ave 24	Tulare	Reconstruction	35.83345072	-119.3933522	11.46
Garces Hwy	Kern	East-west Garces Hwy will cross over the HST along the same alignment as Garces Hwy. A local access road to the east of the HST will be improved for access to parcels.	35.76314909820	-119.39544387700	35.77
Pond Rd	Kern	East-west Pond Rd will cross over HST north of t Pond Rd to reduce the skew of bridge.	35.71823725580	-119.36035795900	47.83
Peterson Rd	Kern	East-west Peterson Rd will cross over HST along the same alignment as Peterson Rd. A local access road to the east of the HST alignment will be added for access to	35.70315534500	-119.34955436400	24.25
Plankonshin Aug	Vorn	parcels. Closed road	25 6669440000	-119.33437252500	0.27
Blankenship Ave	Kern	Closed road	35.66684440980 35.65232070480	-119.33437252500	0.37

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Street Modification	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
McCombs Ave	Kern	McCombs Ave will shift north and pass over HST, BNSF, and SR 43 and the overcrossing will connect with existing street east of SR 43. The existing intersection between SR 43 and McCombs Ave will be maintained. The BNSF RR crossing will be removed	35.61731018230	-119.33199958800	38.87
Wasco Ave	Kern	closed between Jackson Ave and Prospect Ave. Maintained as access road between Prospect Ave and Kimberlina Rd., graveled when complete.	35.56341585000	-119.33112646900	5.91

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Street	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Modification		"可是你说是你的人们是不是		后, 2011年,1945年6月	
Kimberlina Rd	Kern	Kimberlina Rd will pass under HST and BNSF RR east of the intersection with SR 43. Existing BNSF RR at-grade crossing will be removed. Vertical profile over Kimberlina Rd increased up to 21 ft, grade separation at Kimberlina Rd and BNSF Railroad	35.55812400990	-119.32893569200	11.89
		modified, and relocation of 15,900 linear ft for BNSF RR between Jackson and Merced Ave eliminated.			
Merced Ave	Kern	Merced Ave will shift north and pass over HST, BNSF, and SR 43. The overcrossing will connect with existing street east of SR 43. The existing intersection between SR 43 and Merced Ave will be maintained.	35.53043822020	-119.30633888600	25.77
Madera Ave	Kern	Closed road	35.52160677290	-119.29501674000	0.28
Poplar Ave	Kern	Poplar Ave will pass over HST, BNSF, and SR 43. A new connector will connect Poplar Ave and SR 43 west of HST. The	35.52117842750	-119.29560556200	24.42
		existing BNSF RR will be removed.			
Mettler Ave	Kern	Closed road.	35.51577462530	-119.28476397200	2.29

Street Modification	County	Activity	Latitude	Longitude	Acres
Fresno Ave	Kern	Fresno Ave will shift south and pass over HST, BNSF, and SR 43 and the overcrossing will connect with existing street east of SR 43. The existing intersection between SR 43 and Fresno Ave will be maintained.	35.51376281400	-119.28736273500	29.03
Burbank St	Kern	Burbank St will pass over HST on a new alignment.	35.47011401020	-119.23473018800	26.95
Santa Fe Way	Kern	Santa Fe Way will be realigned west of HST.	35.46941808120	-119.23437723800	81.47
7th Standard Rd	Kern	7th Standard overcrossing will be raised to provide HST vertical clearance.	35.44127714760	-119.20079163900	14.71

5. The section entitled "Impacts of the Taking on Covered Species" on page 59, of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

This ITP covers all Project related activities that cumulatively disturb no more than 5.979.51 5.977.54 acres within the Construction Footprint (as depicted in the Baseline Map Book, Exhibit 6, Baseline Maps 1 through 53 and generated from the metadata provided by the Permittee) and no more than 17.32 acres at the Mitigation Site (collectively, the Project Area). Project activities are more fully described in the Project Description of this ITP and include subsurface geotechnical drilling and boring; habitat grubbing, vegetation removal, clearing, demolition, construction of a geotechnical test embankment and associated borrow site excavation and mass grading followed by the mobilization of equipment and materials: earthwork including construction of temporary and permanent excavation support structures; pile driving, excavation of open cut slope and fill, at grade profile excavation and leveling, and retained fill cut, rail bed foundation soil compaction, and elevated profiles and elevated profile structure components including construction and installation of straddle bents, foundations, pile caps, substructures, and superstructures; trench digging and other subsurface utility installation, relocation, and protection; pad preparation and construction of a batch

plant, materials storage, fabrication, casting areas, access roads, and staging areas; rotary drilled reinforced concrete cast in place pile and drive pile installation; excavation of drainage swales and fabrication and installation of underground drainage culverts and pipes; 95 roadway modifications including realignment and resurfacing, construction of new access roads, overcrossing, and undercrossing; construction of waterway crossing structures over the Kings River Complex, Cross Creek, Tule River, Deer Creek, Poso Creek, and other watercourse crossings, partial dewatering and diversion of water; construction and assembly of tie and ballast and slab track railway systems, and shoofly track; erecting mast poles; construction of electrical systems facilities including the OCS, nine TPSS, up to nine switching stations, and up to 27 paralleling stations; construction of signal huts and bungalows including installation of cabling to the field hardware and track stations: traction electrification: excavation and construction of wildlife crossings. construction of the Kings/Tulare Regional Station; construction of a maintenanceof-infrastructure facility; installation of AD and AR fence; construction of temporary job site trailers and field offices including the development of building pads and preparation of parking areas; application of dust suppressants; operation and maintenance activities such as track, power, structure, signaling, train control, communications, intruder, and right-of way inspection and repair; equipment staging, mowing, inoculum collection, land grading, and excavation of wetlands at the Mitigation Site; and hand tool or auger planting of trees and shrubs, and other activities within the Construction Footprint and Mitigation Site described in the Project Description section of this ITP. All these Project activities are collectively referred to as the Covered Activities.

Table 9 on page 61 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

Covered Species	Habitat Type	Impact Type	Impact Acres
California tiger salamander	Upland refugia (annual grassland, pasture, barren, fallow field, inactive agriculture, and ruderal) Aquatic breeding (vernal pool, open water, seasonal wetland)	Permanent	18.70

#### Table 9. Covered Species Habitat Impacts

Covered Species	Habitat Type	Impact Type	Impact Acres
	Upland refugia (annual grassland at Mitigation Site)	Temporary	16.56
	Breeding habitat (vernal pools at	Temporary	0.76
	Mitigation Site)	Total	17.32
Tipton kangaroo rat	Annual grassland, Alkali desert scrub, barren, pasture, fallow field, inactive agriculture, and ruderal	Permanent	<del>356.62</del> <b>361.82</b>
San Joaquin antelope squirrel	Annual grassland, Alkali desert scrub, barren, pasture, fallow field, inactive agriculture, and ruderal	Permanent	<del>356.62</del> <b>361.82</b>
	Foraging (California annual grassland, pasture, barren, fallow field, inactive agriculture, ruderal, field crops, row crops, and irrigated hay crops)	Permanent	<del>2,122.11</del> <b>2,124.17</b>
Swainson's hawk	ingated hay crops)		
	Foraging (annual grassland at Mitigation Site)	Temporary	17.32
	Nesting (riparian and eucalyptus woodland and individual trees)	Permanent	5 nesting tree(s)
San Joaquin kit fox	Alkali desert scrub, annual grassland, barren, pasture, fallow field, inactive agriculture, ruderal, field crops, row crops, and irrigated hay crops	Permanent	<del>3,503.44</del> <b>3,520.25</b>
	Foraging and denning (annual grassland at Mitigation Site)	Temporary	17.32

7. The first paragraph of the section entitled "Tipton kangaroo rat" on page 62 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

The extent of the impacts of the taking of Tipton kangaroo rat (TKR) is based on the amount of vegetation cover types that could function as TKR foraging,

burrowing, and breeding habitat within the Construction Footprint, the assumption that all potentially suitable habitat in the Construction Footprint would be permanently destroyed, and an evaluation of Project indirect impacts. The Covered Activities are expected to result in the permanent loss of up to <del>356.62</del> **361.82** acres of potential habitat (Table 9).

8. The first paragraph of the section entitled "San Joaquin Antelope Squirrel" on page 62 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

The extent of the impacts of the taking of San Joaquin antelope squirrel (SJAS) is based on the amount of vegetation cover types that could function as SJAS foraging, burrowing, and breeding habitat within the Construction Footprint, the assumption that all potentially suitable habitat in the Construction Footprint would be permanently destroyed, and an evaluation of Project indirect impacts. The Covered Activities are expected to result in the permanent loss of up to 356.62 **361.82** acres of potential habitat (Table 9).

9. The first paragraph of the section entitled "Swainson's Hawk" on page 63 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

Up to 2,122.11 2,124.17 acres of foraging habitat, including areas within active agricultural production, and five nest trees for Swainson's hawk (SWHA) could be permanently impacted as a result of Covered Activities. In addition, grading and excavation at the Mitigation Site would also result in up to 17.32 acres of temporary impacts to SWHA foraging habitat (Table 9). It is expected that all potentially suitable habitat (2,122.11 2,124.17 acres) within the Construction Footprint would be permanently destroyed. Based on the results of baseline surveys conducted within the Construction Footprint in spring 2013, there are five known SWHA nest trees within 0.5 miles of the Construction Footprint (Table 10). The foraging habitat impact acres were determined based on these five nest trees along with the guidelines set forth in the *Staff Report Regarding Mitigation for Impacts to Swainson's Hawks (Buteo swainsoni) in the Central Valley of California* (CDFW, 1994).

10. The first paragraph of the section titled "San Joaquin Kit Fox", on page 64 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

The extent of the impacts of the taking of San Joaquin kit fox (SJKF) is based on the amount of vegetation cover types that could function as SJKF foraging, denning, and breeding habitat within the Construction Footprint, the assumption that all potentially suitable habitat in the Construction Footprint would be

permanently destroyed, and an evaluation of Project indirect impacts. The Covered Activities are expected to result in the permanent loss of up to 3,503.44 3,520.25 acres of potential habitat (Table 9). Grading and excavation at the Mitigation Site would also result in up to 17.32 acres of temporary impacts to SJKF habitat.

- 11. Condition of Approval 7 entitled "Monitoring, Notification and Reporting Provisions", beginning on page 70 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:
  - 7.12 Notification and Submission of a HDD and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan. Designated Representative shall notify CDFW at least 14 calendar days before starting HDD and dry jack and bore level 3 fiber optic line relocation activities in the Construction Footprint each Work Area and shall document compliance with all pre-Project Conditions of Approval before starting such Covered Activities. Permittee shall also prepare a HDD and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan. The HDD and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan shall include, but not be limited to, a discussion (and map) of the portion of the Construction Footprint Project Area where the activities will occur, a description of the activities that will be completed, "take" minimization and avoidance measures for Covered Species, and any other pertinent information. The HDD and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan shall be submitted to CDFW for written approval (email will suffice) prior to starting such Covered Activities. Such Covered Activities may not proceed until the HDD and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan approval is received.
- 12. Table 11 on page 105 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

Covered Species Name (Common Name/Scientific Name)	Habitat Type	Project Impacts	Required Mitigation Acreage
California tiger salamander ( <i>Ambystoma californiense</i> )	Upland	9.06	27.18
	Aquatic	9.64	0.96
Swainson's hawk ( <i>Buteo swainsoni</i> )	Foraging habitat 0-1 miles	44 <del>0.70</del> <b>442.29</b>	440.70 <b>442.29</b>
(active trees within 0.5 mile of the project footprint)	Foraging habitat 1-5 miles	<del>1064.66</del> 1,065.13	<del>798.50</del> <b>798.85</b>

#### Table 11. Required Mitigation for Project-Related Impacts to Covered Species

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Covered Species Name (Common Name/Scientific Name)	Habitat Type	Project Impacts	Required Mitigation Acreage
	Foraging habitat 5-10 miles	616.73	308.37
San Joaquin antelope squirrel (Ammospermophilus nelsoni)	Natural	<del>356.62</del> 361.82	<del>1,069.86</del> <b>1,085.47</b>
Tipton kangaroo rat ( <i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i> )	Natural	<del>356.62</del> 361.82	<del>1,069.86</del> <b>1,085.47</b>
San Joaquin kit fox ( <i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i> )	Natural and agriculture	<del>3,503.44</del> <b>3,520.25</b>	<del>1,590.5</del> 4 <b>1,635.32</b>
	<b>Total Compe</b>	ensatory Mitigation	5,305.97 5,383.93

- 13. Condition of Approval 9.1 (Cost Estimates) on pages 106 and 107 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:
  - 9.1. <u>Cost Estimates.</u> CDFW has estimated the cost of acquisition, protection, and perpetual management of the HM lands as follows:
    - 9.1.1. Land acquisition costs for HM lands identified in Condition of Approval 9.2 below, estimated at an average of \$11,413.90/acre for up to 5,305.97 5,383.935 acres: \$60,561,810.98 \$61,451,695.70. Land acquisition costs are estimated using local fair market current value for lands with habitat values meeting mitigation requirements;
    - 9.1.2. Start-up costs for HM lands, including initial site protection and enhancement costs as described in Condition of Approval 9.2.5 below, estimated at \$2,820,873.49 \$2,862,322.93;
    - 9.1.3. Interim management period funding as described in Condition of Approval 9.2.6 below, estimated at \$1,246,470.46 \$1,264,785.88;
    - 9.1.4. Long-term management funding as described in Condition of Approval 9.3 below, estimated at \$3,570.26/acre for up to 5,305.97 5,383.935 acres: \$18,943,692.45 \$19,222,047.77. Long-term management funding is estimated initially for the purpose of providing Security to ensure implementation of HM lands management.
    - 9.1.5 Related transaction fees including but not limited to account set-up fees, administrative fees, title and documentation review and

related title transactions, expenses incurred from other state agency reviews, and overhead related to transfer of HM lands to CDFW as described in Condition of Approval 9.4, estimated at \$12,000.

- 14. Condition of Approval 10.1 (Performance Security) on page 112 of the ITP, is amended to read as follows:
  - 10.1. <u>Security Amount</u>. The Security shall be in the amount of <del>\$83,584,847.38</del> **\$84,812,852.28**. This amount is based on the cost estimates identified in Condition of Approval 9.1 above.
- 15. Exhibit 6 (Baseline Map Book) in the list of Attachments on Page 115 of the ITP, as amended, shall be further amended to include the replacement of Map Book Pages 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 34 with the corresponding page included in Attachment 1 of this Amendment.

The corresponding measures in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) (Attachment 1 of the ITP, as amended) shall be further amended to read the same as above. All terms and conditions of the ITP, as amended, and the MMRP that are not expressly amended herein remain in effect and must be implemented and adhered to by the Permittee.

#### FINDINGS

Issuance of this Amendment will not increase the amount of take of the Covered Species compared to the Project as originally approved and this Amendment will not increase Project impacts on the Covered Species (i.e., "impacts of taking" as used in Fish and Game Code Section 2081, subd. (b)(2)).

<u>Discussion</u>: This Amendment makes nine specific changes to the ITP, as amended. First, this Amendment decreases the size of the entire Project Construction Footprint by 1.96 acres to a total of 5,977.54 acres of cumulative impact disturbance due to roadway modifications, utility relocations, access road alterations, and canal realignments along and adjacent to the HST alignment at South Avenue, Conejo Avenue, and Peach Avenue in Fresno County; Flint Avenue and Kent Avenue in Kings County; and Avenue 88 in Tulare County.

Second, this Amendment revises the Project Description to include the use of jack and bore and horizontal directional drilling as Covered Activities throughout the entire

Construction Footprint, and not limiting these activities to the Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation alignment.

Third, this Amendment increases the total size of the Roadway Modifications within the Construction Footprint due to changes in the Construction Footprint at the locations listed above and the addition of Conejo and Peach Avenues to this section which were inadvertently omitted from the original ITP.

Fourth, this Amendment changes the Roadway Modification Activities by modifying the design of the HST alignment at the locations listed above and adds Conejo and Peach Avenues to this section which were inadvertently omitted from the original ITP.

Fifth, this Amendment increases the Covered Species habitat impacts for Tipton kangaroo rat and San Joaquin antelope squirrel by 5.20 acres, Swainson's hawk foraging by 2.06 acres, and San Joaquin kit fox by 16.81 acres as a result of the changes in Construction Footprint at the six locations listed above.

Sixth, this Amendment revises Condition of Approval 7.12, the notification and submission of a Horizontal Directional Drilling and Dry Jack and Bore Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation Plan, to serve as a notification and plan for all horizontal directional drilling and jack and bore activities occurring within the entire Construction Footprint, instead of limiting the notification and plan to the Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation alignment.

Seventh, this Amendment requires the permanent protection of additional compensatory habitat management lands (HM lands) and accompanying management costs to mitigate for increased Covered Species impacts associated with the change in Construction Footprint.

Eighth, this Amendment increases the Performance Security amount required in order to proceed with Covered Activities.

Ninth, this Amendment modifies Exhibit 6, the Baseline Map Book, to include the replacement of Map Book Pages 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 34 to reflect the changes in the Construction Footprint at the six locations listed above.

CDFW has determined that although this Amendment may result in an increase in take of the Covered Species, any additional impacts of the taking that would arise will be minimized and fully mitigated through implementation of the Conditions of Approval. Accordingly, there will be no increase in Project impacts to the Covered Species with this Amendment.

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Issuance of this Amendment does not affect CDFW's previous determination that issuance of the ITP, as amended meets and is otherwise consistent with the permitting criteria set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c).

Discussion: CDFW determined in June 2015 that the Project as approved and met the standards for issuance of an ITP under CESA. CDFW determined in March 2017, in September 2018, in October 2018, in October 2018, in November 2018, in January 2019, and in February 2019 that Amendments No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, and No. 7, respectively, to the ITP met the standards for issuance of an ITP under CESA. This determination included findings that, among other things, the impacts of the taking would be minimized and fully mitigated and that the Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species. Those findings are unchanged with respect to this Amendment because the Project and ITP, as amended: (1) will increase the habitat compensation in proportion to the increase in impact due to the increase in habitat impact so that the fully mitigate standard is still met, (2) does not alter the Permittee's continued adherence to and implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures set forth in the Conditions of Approval in the ITP, as amended, and MMRP which will minimize and fully mitigate impacts of the taking on the Covered Species.

None of the factors that would trigger the need for subsequent or supplemental environmental analysis of the Project under Public Resources Code section 21166 or California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15162 and 15163, exist as a result of this Amendment.

Discussion: CDFW issued the original ITP in June 2015, Major Amendment No. 1 to the ITP in March 2017, Major Amendment No. 2 in September 2018, Major Amendment No. 3 in October 2018, Minor Amendment No. 4 in October 2018, Major Amendment No. 5 in November 2018, Major Amendment No. 6 in January 2019, and Major Amendment No. 7 in February 2019 as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) after, among other things, considering the California High-Speed Train: Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) (SCH No. 2009091126) certified by the lead agency, California High-Speed Rail Authority, on May 7, 2014. As explained in the findings below, CDFW finds for purposes of CESA that this Amendment represents a major change to the ITP, as amended. However, for the reasons explained above, CDFW concludes that approval of this Amendment will not result in and does not have the potential to create any new significant or substantially more severe environmental effects than previously analyzed and disclosed by California High Speed Rail Authority during its lead agency review of the Project, particularly with respect to the impacts authorized by CDFW pursuant to the

ITP, as amended. As a result, CDFW finds that no subsequent or supplemental environmental review is required by CEQA as part of CDFW's approval of this Amendment.

CDFW finds that this Amendment is a Major Amendment, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(5).

Discussion: This Amendment decreases the size of the entire Project Construction Footprint and cumulative impact disturbance by 1.96 acres to accommodate roadway modifications, utility relocations, access road alterations, and canal realignments along and adjacent to the HST alignment at South Avenue, Conejo Avenue, and Peach Avenue in Fresno County; Flint Avenue and Kent Avenue in Kings County; and Avenue 88 in Tulare County. This Amendment increases the total size of the Roadway Modifications within the Construction Footprint due to changes in the Construction Footprint at the locations listed above and the addition of Conejo and Peach Avenues to this section which were inadvertently omitted from the original ITP. This Amendment also revises the Project Description to include the use of jack and bore and horizontal directional drilling as Covered Activities throughout the entire Construction Footprint, instead of restricting these activities to the Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation alignment. This Amendment changes the Roadway Modification Activities outlined in Table 8 by modifying the design of the HST alignment at the locations listed above and adds Conejo and Peach Avenues to this section which were inadvertently omitted from the original ITP. This Amendment increases the Covered Species habitat impacts for Tipton kangaroo rat and San Joaquin antelope squirrel by 5.20 acres, Swainson's hawk foraging by 2.06 acres, and San Joaquin kit fox by 16.81 acres as a result of the changes in Construction Footprint at the six locations listed above. This Amendment revises Condition of Approval 7.12, to serve as a notification and plan for all horizontal directional drilling and jack and bore activities occurring within the entire Construction Footprint, instead of limiting the notification and plan to the Level 3 Fiber Optic Line Relocation alignment. This Amendment also requires an increase in HM lands, associated endowment, and performance security that must be provided in order to proceed with Covered Activities. Finally, this Amendment updates Exhibit 6, the Baseline Map Book, to include the changes in the Construction Footprint at the six locations listed above. As described above, these changes to the ITP, as amended, will increase the Project impacts on Covered Species previously analyzed and authorized by the ITP, as amended, affect Permittees' substantive mitigation obligations under the ITP, as amended, and will increase temporal impacts on the Covered Species. Therefore, this Amendment will substantially increase the scope or nature of the permitted Project or activity, or significantly modify the minimization, mitigation, or monitoring measures in the ITP, as amended. CDFW has determined that the changes

to the ITP, as amended constitutes a Major Amendment as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(5).

The authorization provided by this Amendment is not valid until Permittee signs and dates the acknowledgement below, and returns one of the duplicate originals of this Amendment by registered first class mail to CDFW at:

> California Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Attention: CESA Permitting Program Post Office Box 944209 Sacramento, California 94244-2090

#### Attachment:

ATTACHMENT 1

EXHIBIT 6 Baseline Map Book Pages 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 34

#### APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager Central Region

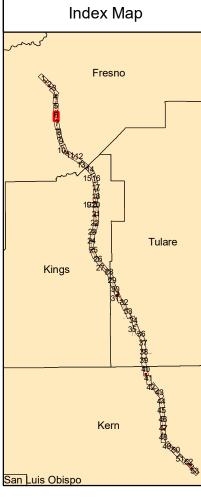
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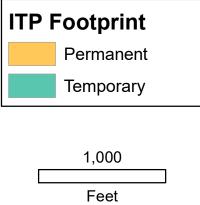
The undersigned: (1) warrants that he or she is acting as a duly authorized representative of the Permittee, (2) acknowledges receipt of the original ITP and this Amendment, and (3) agrees on behalf of the Permittee to comply with all terms and conditions of the ITP, as amended.

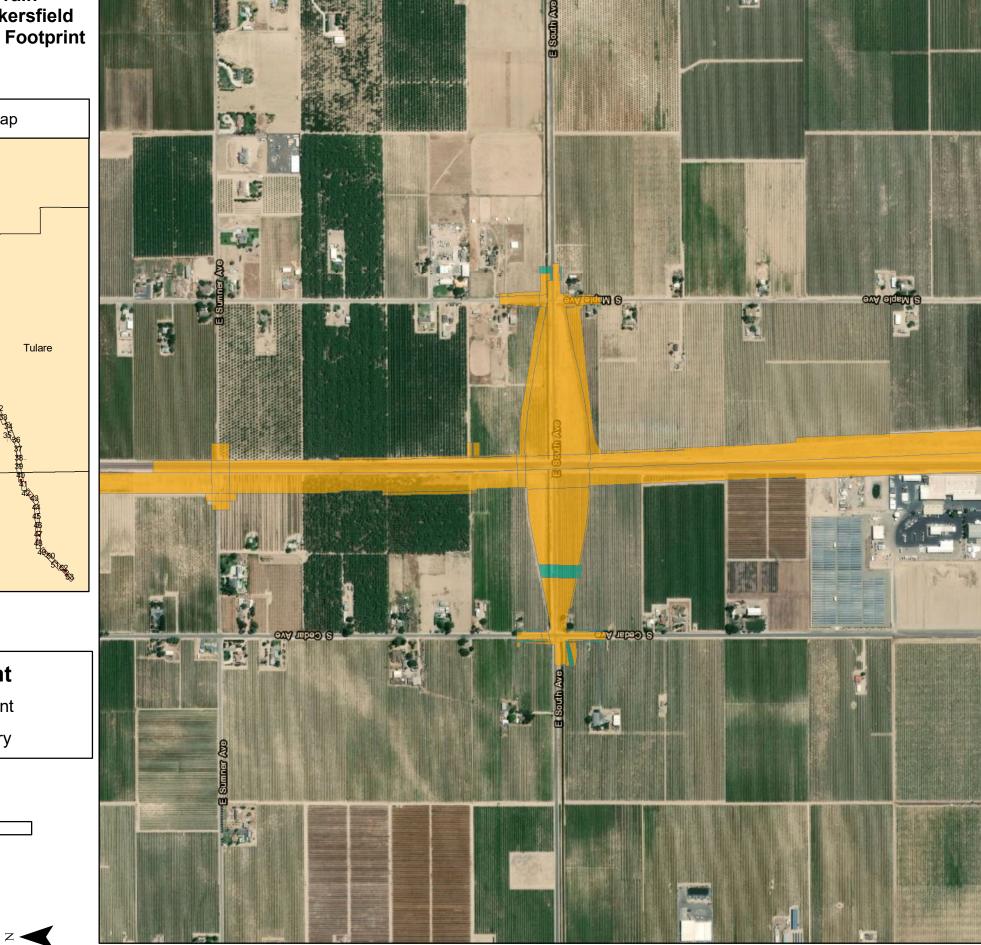
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Exhibit 6. Baseline Map Book Pages 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 34



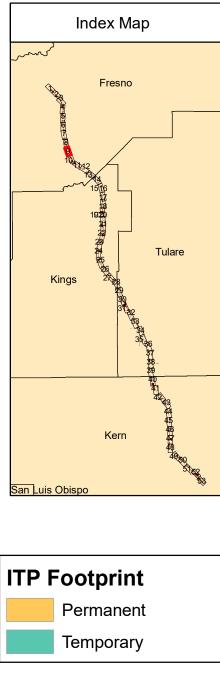




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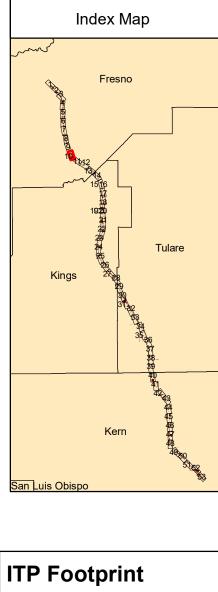
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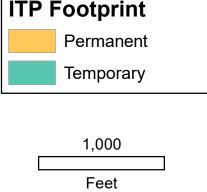




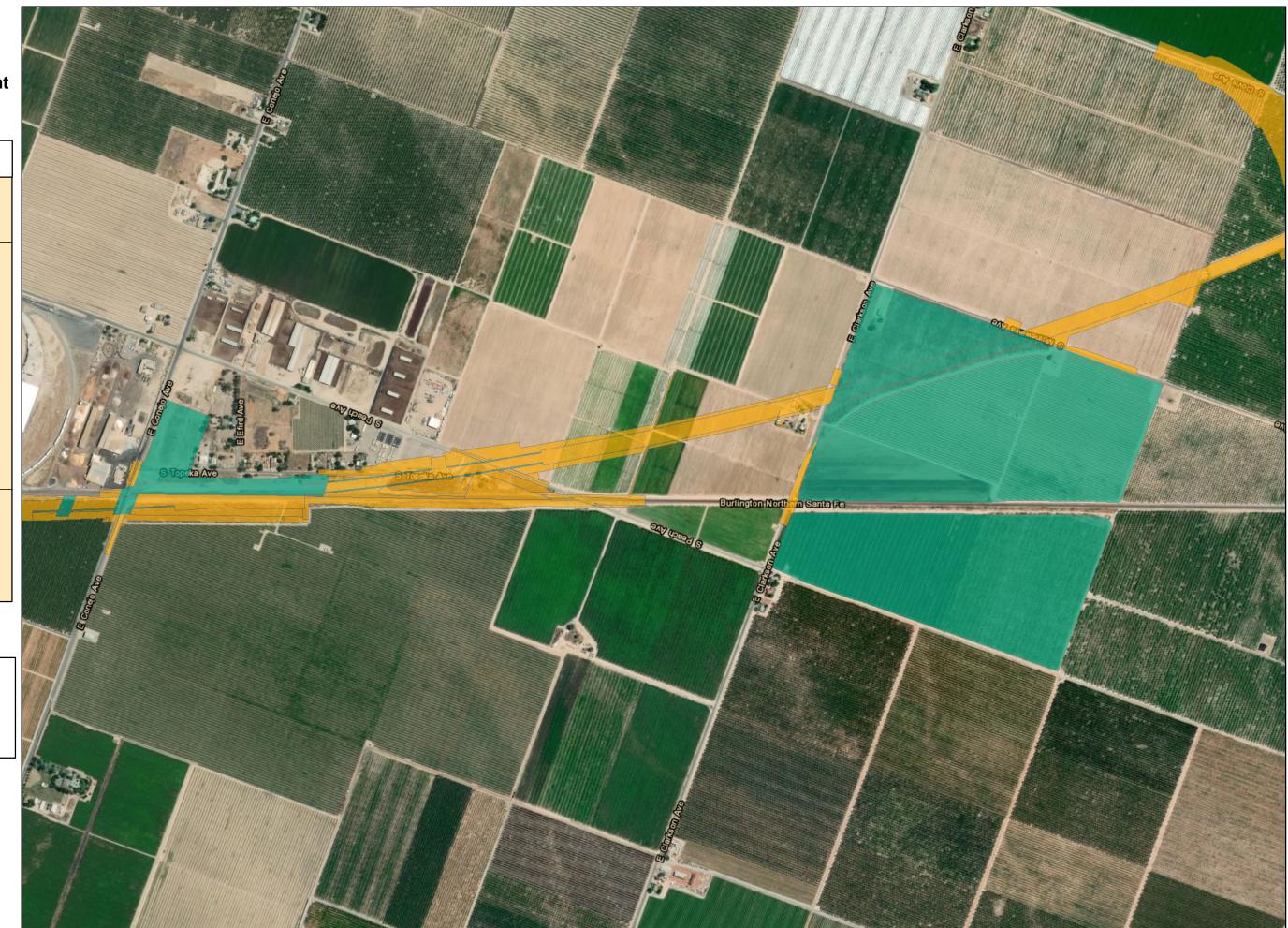




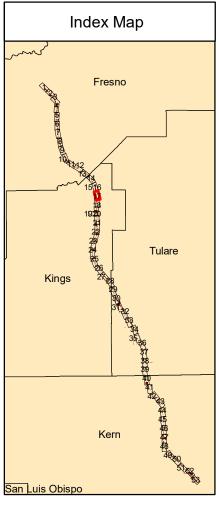


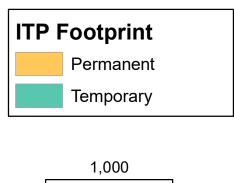




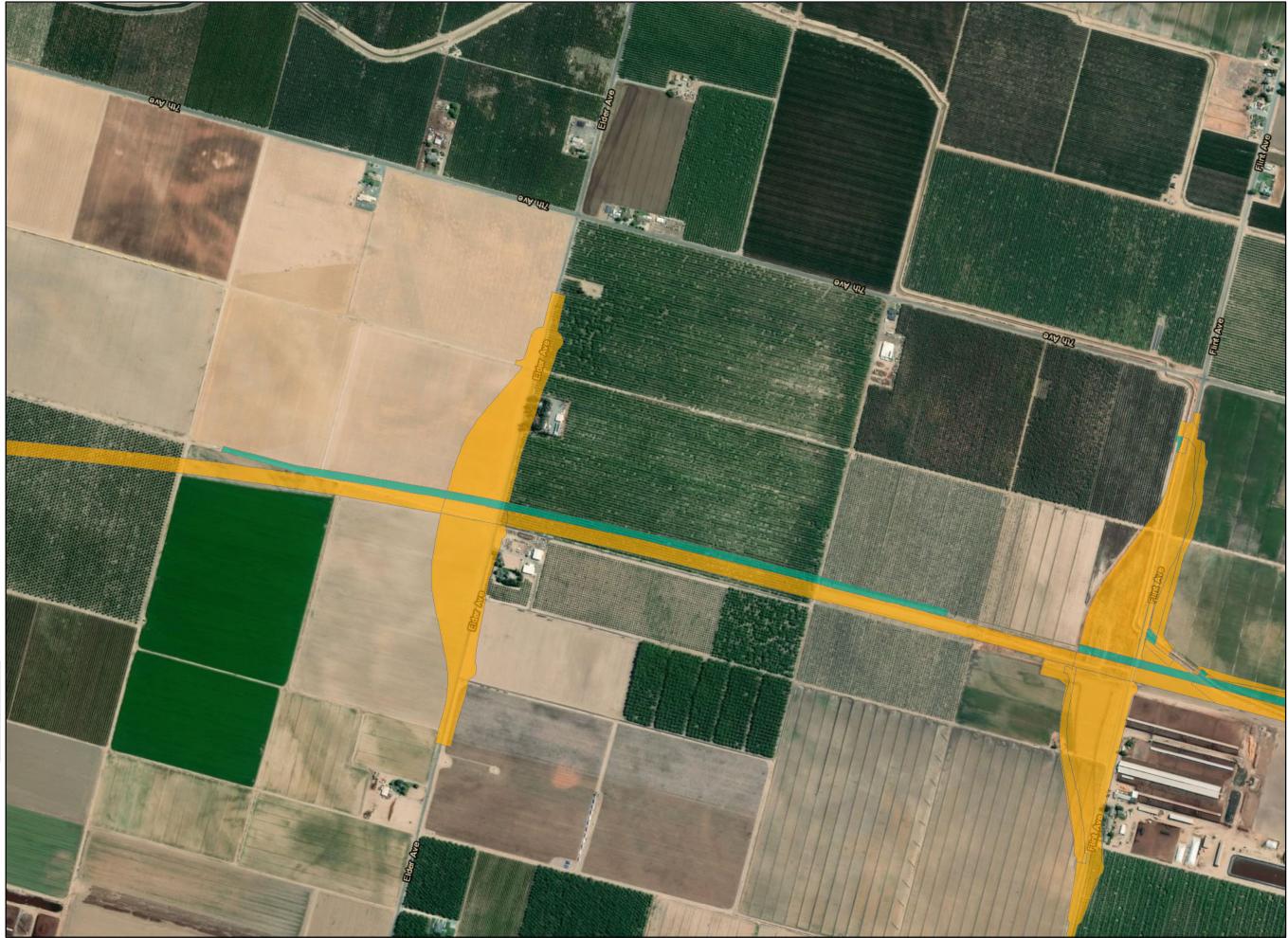


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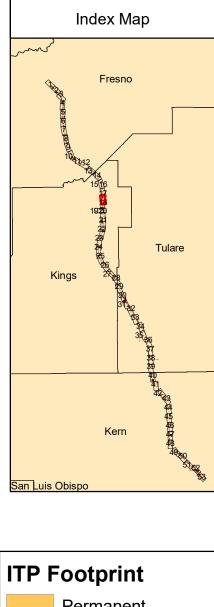


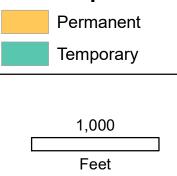






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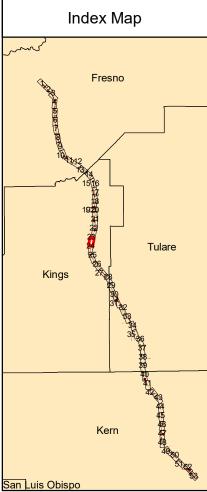


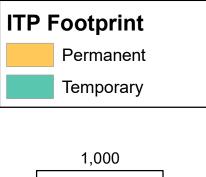
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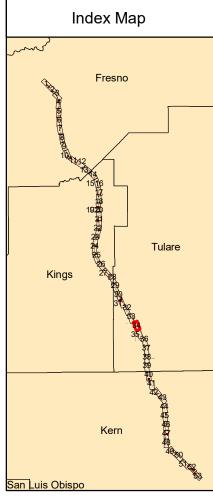


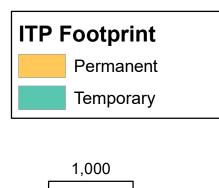






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