



**HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to participate via computer or by phone. Please mute phones/computer audio, until you are called to speak.

HDC JPA Board Meeting Virtual Info:

Please Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89679654848?pwd=c2QvMbluafdTU3QqKfe3ATOaVWaoMh.1>

Meeting ID: 896 7965 4848 Passcode: 014848

TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

Kathryn Barger County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street Conference Room 864 Los Angeles, CA 90012	Elizabeth Becerra & Bob Harriman Victorville - City Hall 14343 Civic Drive Conference Room A Victorville, CA 92392	Gabriel Reyes & Daniel Ramos Adelanto – City Hall 11600 Air Express Way Adelanto, CA 92301
Lauren Hughes-Leslie Lancaster - City Hall 44933 Fern Avenue Conference Room A Lancaster, CA 93534	Eric Ohlsen Palmdale - City Hall 38300 Sierra Highway Suite B Palmdale, CA 93550	Ara Najarian 500 N. Brand Blvd Suite 830 Glendale, CA 91203

HDC JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

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HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER ALTERNATES

Vacant, City of Palmdale
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Daniel Ramos, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Adelanto

HDC JPA STAFF

Executive Director: Arthur V. Sohikian
Legal Counsel: Laura Jacobson, Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathryn Barger, Chair
- 2. ROLL CALL** – Arthur V. Sohikian, Secretary
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

HDC JPA is conducting business remotely. HDC JPA is committed to ensuring that our public meetings are accessible to the public and that the public can observe and address the meeting and to participate by providing written and oral comment on HDC matters. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Director Arthur V. Sohikian at sohikian@highdesertcorrdir.org . At this time members of the public can address the HDC JPA Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency that are not separately listed on this agenda. When possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

HDC JPA BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless Board Members request items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

5. HDC JPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES/RECAP OF PROCEEDINGS

Recommended Action: Approve July 10, 2025, HDC JPA Board Meeting Minutes/Recap of Proceedings held via virtual zoom webinar format.

HDC JPA BOARD REGULAR CALENDAR

6. PROPOSED 2026 HDC JPA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING CALENDAR

Recommended Action: Approve Proposed 2026 HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

- A. January 15, 2026, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- B. April 9, 2026, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- C. July 9, 2026, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual
- D. October 8, 2026, 2:00 to 3:30pm/virtual

7. RESOLUTION OF THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY AS THE LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY TO CONDUCT THE TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT WORK THAT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A RECORD OF DECISION

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve HDC JPA Resolution FY25/26-01 (Attachment A) of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency authorizing the Executive Director of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements with the California High Speed Rail Authority as the Federal Lead Agency to complete all remaining tasks associated with the National Environmental Policy Act work that is required to obtain a Record of Decision.
- B. Authorize the Executive Director and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary agreements.

8. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR THE HIGH DESERT CORRIDOR INTERCITY HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Recommended Action:

- A. Authorize the Executive Director and Los Angeles County Counsel to Negotiate all necessary Agreements with Caltrans for the High Desert Corridor Intercity High Speed Rail Project.
- B. Authorize the Executive Director and Los Angeles County Counsel to execute all necessary documents and agreements.

9. HDC JPA ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES UPDATE REPORT – *HDC JPA Executive Director, Director of Engineering & Consultants*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

10. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICES UPDATE ON THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING THE HDC INTERCITY HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN – *HDC JPA Executive Director & Consultants*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

11. HDC JPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – *HDC JPA Executive Director*

Recommended Action: *Receive and file report.*

12. HDC JPA BOARD MEMBER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT. Next HDC JPA Board of Directors Meeting is January 15, 2026, 2pm