

# **MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Kings County to Governor Brown – “How Can Faulty HSR Planning be a priority?”**

*January 30, 2012 – Hanford, CA* – On January 31, 2011 at 10:30 AM Kings County Board of Supervisors representatives, Kings County Community Development Director, and representatives from the Kings County Farm Bureau and Kit Carson School District will hold a press conference at the Kings County Administrative Offices, Building #1 (the building directly behind the flagpoles in the center of the Government Center), in the Multi-Purpose Conference Room located at 1400 W. Lacey Drive in Hanford.

Governor Brown recently announced High Speed Rail as a top priority for his administration. Supervisor Doug Verboon will lead a press conference titled: “Governor, how can faulty high speed rail planning be a priority?” Kings County wants to learn why it has been determined to be the backbone of the high-speed rail project, yet does not exist in the eyes of the California High Speed Rail Authority, its co-lead agent, Federal Railroad Administration, and the Governor? Kings County wants to know why high speed rail is a sudden priority when other critical needs such as water storage and school bussing for rural children are cut, at the same time a tax hike is being lobbied, and the Governor stands poised to obligate long term State funding for a high speed rail project that fails to comply with State and Federal law? The Governor’s most recent solution to the neutral evaluator’s concerns such as those of the LAO, the High Speed Rail Peer Review Group and State Auditor ... Don’t worry – it won’t cost as much as you think and we will pay for it by taxing companies on their green house gas emissions.

Representatives will speak to specific issues, planning inconsistencies, unresolved conflicts and a lack of due process concerning the manner in which the California High Speed Rail project has and continues to be conducted.

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