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**NEMA Rail Electrification Council Supports
California HSR Electrification Project in the Central Valley**

ROSSLYN, Va., February 9, 2022—The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) [Rail Electrification Council](#) has announced its support for the California High-Speed Rail Authority's electrification project in the Central Valley. This project has its own dedicated right of way and eliminates grade crossings (both road and other rail lines) to allow passenger trains to safely run at high speeds. The Council had previously written an [article](#) supporting rail electrification in Nevada that was included in the 2021 Nevada Department of Transportation (DOT) Rail Plan.

"The Council recognizes that there are many viable options for rail electrification, each dependent upon a clear business case with an analysis of its costs and benefits, financing, and regulation, and impacted stakeholders," said NEMA Senior Industry Director Transportation Systems Steve Griffith. "It is evident that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has done this analysis, and the Council supports the overhead contact system electrification method chosen for this project."

"Ultimately, this project will transform how people move around the state, spur economic growth, diminish supply chain and highway congestion, and contribute to a cleaner environment," added REC Co-Founder and former Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Jim Hoecker. "The Council looks forward to working with all interested stakeholders to advance the deployment of electrified transportation infrastructure across California and the Southwest."

For more information about how to participate in the REC and its planned 2022 activities, contact Steve Griffith at steve.griffith@nema.org.

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The Council is affiliated with National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), which represents nearly 325 electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers that make safe, reliable, and efficient products and systems. Membership in the Council is open to all companies and organizations. It includes representatives from manufacturing, renewable energy, public utilities, independent transmission developers, and technology firms in the U.S. and Canada.

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