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11 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

12 JOHN TOS, AARON FUKUDA, and COUNTY
OF KINGS,
13 Plaintiffs
14 v.
CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL Authority *et*
15 *al.*,
Defendants

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1 **INTRODUCTION**

2 Defendants California High-Speed Rail Authority *et al.* (“Defendants”) have
3 mischaracterized the question raised by the Court. As a result, they have also provided an overly
4 narrow answer. The question posed by the court was, given that Plaintiffs John Tos *et al.*
5 (“Plaintiffs”) are theoretically entitled to a writ of mandate ordering Defendant California High-
6 Speed Rail Authority (“Authority”) to rescind its approval of its initial funding plan, as a
7 practical matter what would be the real and practical effect of issuing that writ? If there would
8 be none, the Court noted that issuing the writ would be an empty act which it was not inclined to
9 pursue. (See, Ruling on Submitted Matter of August 16, 2013 at p. 12.)

10 The Court pointed out that ordering rescission of subsequent contracts entered into by the
11 Authority might be an overly broad remedy due to the fact that expenditures allowed under
12 Streets & Highways Code §2704.08(g), if included in those contracts, are not dependent on
13 compliance with subsection (c) of that section. (*Id.* at p. 14.) The Court also noted that prior to
14 committing or expending bond funds for construction of the project, a second funding plan
15 would have to be prepared¹.

16 While posed in terms of invalidating approvals subsequent to the funding plan, the
17 Court’s ultimate question was whether a writ ordering rescission of the funding plan approval
18 would have any real and practical effect. As explained in their Opening Brief on Remedies,
19 Plaintiffs believe the answer is, “Yes.” Respondents’ Opposition Brief does not change that
20 answer.

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26 ¹ In fact, Plaintiffs would note that, based on the evidence before the Court, the Authority has
27 already committed bond funds towards construction without approval of an updated Funding
28 Plan under §2704.08(d).

ARGUMENT

I. BECAUSE THE AUTHORITY’S APPROVED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS COMMIT BOND FUNDS, RESCINDING THE FUNDING PLAN WILL HAVE A REAL AND PRACTICAL EFFECT.

Defendants argue that the Authority has neither spent nor committed Proposition 1A bond funds on either of the two construction contracts it has already awarded.² (Defendants/ Respondents’ Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiffs/Petitioners’ Request for Remedies (“DOB”) at pp.6-11; *see also* Declaration of Dennis Trujillo in Opposition to Plaintiffs/Petitioners’ Request for Remedies [“Trujillo Dec”], ¶6: “Since the legislative appropriation of July 18, 2012, the Authority has not committed nor expended any bond funds appropriated for capital construction costs, including for the Caltrans or Tutor-Perini contracts discussed above.”) Plaintiffs acknowledge that it may be that at this point the Authority has not explicitly spent any Proposition 1A bond funds on these contracts³. However, as Defendants acknowledge, the provisions of both Federal grants⁴ currently being used to pay expenses under those contracts require that the Authority provide state matching funds for those federal funds, and the only state matching funds that have been appropriated by the legislature are the \$2.8 Billion in Proposition 1A bond funds. Based on the facts before the Court, the two contracts have committed the Authority to the expenditure of Proposition 1A bond funds (without first satisfying the requirements of §2704.08(d)). As a consequence, rescission of the Funding Plan, and a consequent prohibition against expending bond funds under §2704.08(d) until a valid Funding Plan has been prepared, will have real and practical effect.

² Since the filing of Plaintiffs’ Opening Brief on Remedies, the Authority has continued forward on construction activities, and has now authorized execution of additional construction contracts for utility relocation. (Declaration of Rita Wespi in Support of Plaintiffs Reply Brief on Remedies [“Wespi Decl.”], ¶ 6 and Exhibit C thereto, filed herewith.)

³ However, review of documents recently obtained through California Public Records Act requests indicates that the Authority has already spent \$4 Million on unspecified construction expenses. (Wespi Decl., ¶ 5 and Exhibit B thereto at p.7.)

⁴ Defendants identify two federal funding sources: the \$2.466 Billion ARRA grant and the \$928 Million FY 2010 Grant. (DOB at pp.4-5.)

1 A. THE AUTHORITY’S COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO THE TWO
2 CONTRACTS NECESSARILY COMMITS BOND FUNDS.

3 In discussing its available federal resources, Defendants have failed to mention that the
4 provisions of the most recent fifth amendment to the Federal ARRA grant limit how those funds
5 may be spent. That amendment, included as Exhibit 1 to Defendants/Respondents’ Request for
6 Judicial Notice in Opposition to Plaintiffs/Petitioners’ Request for Remedies (“Defendants’
7 RJN”), restricts the use of the ARRA grant proceeds to the Fresno to Bakersfield segment of the
8 Authority’s Central Valley rail construction project. (Exhibit 1 at pp. 78, 80, 82, 88; *see also*
9 Declaration of William H. Warren in Support of Plaintiffs’ Reply Brief on Remedies [“Warren
10 Decl.”], ¶ 10.) The other source of federal funds, the so-called FY 2010 Grant, is less
11 geographically restrictive on the use of its funds. (Warren Decl., ¶ 10.)

12 Virtually the entirety of both the Caltrans contract⁵ (Exhibit 2 to Defendants’ RJN) and
13 the Tutor-Perini-Parsons contract for design and construction of the CP-1 segment of the
14 Authority’s Central Valley rail project cover an area between Madera and Fresno⁶. None of the
15 work currently planned to proceed involves the area between Fresno and Bakersfield. That is
16 because the Authority has neither certified the project-level EIR/EIS for that segment nor given
17 final approval to the segment plans. Consequently, none of the Federal ARRA funds may be
18 used for either the Caltrans or the Tutor-Perini-Parsons contract. Thus, the total federal funding
19 available for these two contracts is the \$928,620,000 from the FY 2010 Grant (DOB at 5:1.)
20 However, the total design and construction costs for the two contracts is \$1,195,888,000.00.
21 (DOB at p.5.) As explained in Plaintiffs’ Opening Brief and recapitulated without objection by
22 Defendants (DOB at p.5 fn.8), \$1.066 Billion of this total is for construction itself.

23 ⁵ This contract provides not only for the relocation of SR 99 in this two-mile segment of CP-1
24 (Exhibit F to Warren Decl. [segment indicated by “See Attachment 2a”]) but also for
25 “preparation of sub-ballast” [i.e., substrate upon which high-speed rail tracks will be laid].
26 (Exhibit 2 to Defendants’ RJN at p.1.)

27 ⁶ The Tutor-Perini-Parsons contract includes in its scope of work an area south of the proposed
28 Fresno High-Speed Rail station (CP1C, Exhibit 3 to Defendants’ RJN at p.6; *see also* Exhibit F
29 to Warren Decl. [map of CP1 areas]), but that portion is contingent upon future completion and
30 approval of the project EIR/EIS for that segment. The entire Caltrans contract is for work north
 of the Fresno High-Speed Rail station. (Exhibit 3 to Defendants’ RJN at p. 5.)

1 Even this large sum, however, greatly underestimates the total construction cost for CP1.
2 That is because these contracts do not include ancillary work required for the construction to go
3 forward. Not only does this include land acquisition for the entire CP1 right of way⁷, estimated
4 by the Authority at \$441 Million (Warren Decl., ¶12 and Exhibit C thereto), but it also includes
5 the cost of other construction activities such as utility relocations, amounting to an additional
6 \$446 Million, for a total CP1 cost of \$2.118 Billion. (*Id.*) Thus there is approximately \$1.189
7 Billion (\$2.118B – \$929M=\$1.189 Billion) of construction costs for these two contracts that
8 cannot be paid with currently available federal funds. Clearly, Defendants' assertion that no state
9 funds are needed to cover the cost of the two contracts (DOB at 10:6) is contrary to the evidence.

10 While Defendants argue that other state funds may be used to match federal funds for the
11 project, the Proposition 1A bond funds are the only funds that have been appropriated for high-
12 speed rail project construction costs. All FRA agreements with the Authority, beginning in
13 2010, in addition to both of the Authority's 2012 Business Plans, have specifically called out the
14 use of Proposition 1A bond funds. (Warren Decl., ¶6; 1 AR 104, 112, 156, 201, 202; 2 AR
15 1941, 1982, 2066, 2077, 2079, 2084.) Further, committing to pay these expenditures without an
16 identified state funding source would violate Article 16 §1 of the California Constitution.

17 In addition, the legislature explicitly expected Proposition 1A bond funds to be used to
18 match the federal grant funds, not some other hypothetical future funds. During the debate on
19 the SB 1029 appropriation bill, Senator Mark Leno, one of the leading proponents of the
20 appropriation, stated the following:

21 Sen. Leno: This really is a rare opportunity for California. We don't see, in a
22 certain sense, stars align as they are right now -- to have the authority and the
23 reputation of the offices of the President of the United States, the leader of the
24 House of Representatives, the governor of the largest in the country -- all in
25 support of moving forward with *voter approved bond monies matched by federal
dollars* to create hundreds of thousands of jobs over the course of the project.
This doesn't happen all that often. (California State Senate debate of July 8, 2012
on approving SB 1029 [emphasis added].) (Declaration of Stuart Flashman, ¶4.)

26 ⁷ Some of this cost may be payable with Proposition 1A bond funds under §2704.08(g), at least
27 until its \$675 Million cap is reached.

1 Thus, the two already-executed contracts will require expenditure of bond funds.
2 Rescission of the Funding Plan is thus justified by the real and practical effect it would have in
3 requiring rescission of these subsequent approvals, since the commitment of bond funds to these
4 contracts beyond that allowable under subsection (g) is improper without first having prepared
5 an adequate subsection (c) Funding Plan, as well as an updated Funding Plan under subsection
6 (d).

7 B. DEFENDANTS' COMMITMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE
8 CONTRACT HAS ALSO COMMITTED THE AUTHORITY TO EXPENDING
9 BOND FUNDS BEYOND THE LIMITATIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (g) AND
10 (h) WITHOUT A PROPER SUBSECTION (c) FUNDING PLAN.

11 In their opposition brief, Defendants note that the fifth amendment to the ARRA grant
12 agreement allowed for a "tapered match" of federal grant spending. (DOB at p.6:3-5.)
13 Essentially, this allows the Authority to "front-load" expenditure of federal ARRA funds, and
14 only later match that spending with state funds.

15 Defendants note that between prior state expenditures extending back to 1996 and current
16 bond fund expenditures under §2704.08(g) and (h), the Authority has spent \$450 Million in state
17 funds (DOB at p.10; Trujillo Decl., ¶7). Defendants' argument that because of that earlier
18 spending no state funds need be expended until April 2014 is irrelevant, because under
19 Amendment 5 to the ARRA grant agreement state contributions must begin by April 2014.
(Warren Decl. ¶7 and sources cited therein.)

20 Even taking into account past state fund expenditures on the Project, by approving the
21 Tutor-Perini-Parsons and Caltrans contracts, the Authority has committed over two billion
22 dollars towards construction of CP1. (Warren Decl., ¶ 12.⁸) Defendants admit that as of June
23 30, 2013, the Authority has already spent over \$331 Million of bond funds on subsection (g)
24 expenses. (DOB at p. 7 fn.9 [continued].) That leaves only \$344 Million as allowed within the

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26 ⁸ While not all of this amount is explicitly part of the two contracts, all of it is necessary in order
27 for the two contracts to be completed. Thus, by executing the two contracts the Authority has
28 committed itself to the full 2.118 Billion in CP1 expenditures.

1 \$675 Million cap on subsection (g) expenditures. Yet the total of over \$2 Billion in committed
2 expenditures for CP1 will require a more that a \$1 Billion contribution of state matching funds.

3 Because the federal FY 2010 Grant, unlike the ARRA Grant, does not provide for tapered
4 contributions, matching state contributions must be contemporaneous. Since the Proposition 1A
5 bond funds are the only legislative appropriations available to match the federal grant
6 expenditures, and since committing state funds without an appropriation to serve as the source
7 for those funds would amount to creating a state liability in violation of Article 16 §1 of the
8 California Constitution, the match must be made using Proposition 1A funds. Additionally, in
9 FY2014-2015 there is a deficiency of available FRA funds, leading to a requirement for about
10 \$364 Million of Prop 1A funds to service these two contracts in that fiscal year. (Warren Decl.,
11 ¶ 11.)

12 Therefore, by this criterion as well, in approving the two CP1 contracts, the Authority has
13 committed bond funds towards these contracts in the absence of a valid subsection (c) Funding
14 Plan beyond what can be provided under subsection (g). That commitment can be addressed by
15 ordering rescission of the contracts or by prohibiting bond fund expenditures on those contracts
16 (other than as allowed under subsections (g) and (h)) until both a proper subsection (c) Funding
17 Plan and an updated subsection (d) Funding Plan have been prepared.

18 C. A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE
19 CONSTITUTION IS INVALID REGARDLESS OF THE VALIDITY OF THE
20 APPROPRIATION UNDER WHICH IT IS MADE.

21 Defendants argue (DOB at p.7) that the Court cannot invalidate the two contracts the
22 Authority has executed, even if they were made in violation of Proposition 1A, because they
23 were made pursuant to a valid appropriation. Defendants' argument would reduce the
24 financially protective provisions of the Proposition to a nullity.

25 The provisions requiring identification of full funding for the usable segment and
26 completion of environmental clearances for that segment are voter-approved bond measure
27 provisions with the force of law. Any attempt to contravene those provisions would amount to
28 an attempt to rewrite the bond measure in a manner contrary to the intent of the voters who

1 approved it. (*O'Farrell v. County of Sonoma* (1922) 189 Cal. 343, 348.) As in *O'Farrell, supra*,
2 an attempt to execute a contract that is contrary to the requirements set by the voter-approved
3 bond measure would violate the bond measure, and hence the California Constitution.

4 Regardless of the validity of the appropriation, it is presumed that official acts will be
5 properly performed. (*Barnett v. Superior Court* (2010) 50 Cal.4th 890, 900 [citing *Bracy v.*
6 *Gramley* (1997) 520 U.S. 899, 909].) The legislature, in making its appropriation, could
7 properly presume that the Authority would fully comply with Proposition 1A in committing and
8 expending that appropriation. The legislature's approval of the appropriation is therefore no
9 defense to a claim that the two contracts are unauthorized in the absence of a valid subsection (c)
10 Funding Plan.

11 **II. THE ALTERNATIVE RELIEF REQUESTED FOR THE AUTHORITY'S**
12 **VIOLATION OF §2704.08(c) IS PROPER.**

13 As an alternative to ordering rescission of both the Caltrans and the Tutor-Perini-Parsons
14 contracts, Plaintiffs have suggested that the Court could take less drastic action. It could
15 permanently enjoin the Authority from expending any Proposition 1A bond funds towards any
16 construction/acquisition activities (other than those allowable under §2704.08(g) or (h)) under
17 either contract⁹ until such time as it had properly completed a Funding Plan under subsection
18 (c).

19 Coupled to that, Plaintiffs suggest, should be the Court's declaration that in the future the
20 Authority is not allowed to expend Proposition 1A bond funds towards any construction/
21 acquisition activities (other than those allowable under §2704.08(g) or (h)) under any future
22 contracts until such time as it had properly fulfilled all the prerequisites for such spending, as
23 well as an accounting of funds spent, committed, or expected to be spent or committed on the
24 Project¹⁰.

25 ⁹ This would also include ancillary construction activities (e.g., utility relocation, property or
equipment acquisition) required to perform the contracts.

26 ¹⁰ This latter requirement could be satisfied, at least in part, by providing the Court with copies
27 of the quarterly reports required under the ARRA grant.

1 Defendants argue that it is improper for Plaintiffs to seek injunctive or declaratory relief
2 on its writ claims. (DOB at pp. 11-13.) Defendants offer multiple grounds for rejecting these
3 alternative and less drastic remedies. Defendants begin by arguing that because these remedies
4 were not proposed in Plaintiffs' initial briefing for the case, "considerations of fairness" preclude
5 their being raised now. Yet Defendants have had their full opposition brief to attempt to rebut
6 these claims. Why is that unfair? Defendants do not explain further. Defendants also claim that
7 there is no evidence that the Authority has either expended or committed bond funds in violation
8 of the bond measure. As already explained, there is plentiful evidence showing that the
9 Authority has both expended and necessarily committed bond funds on the two contracts, in
10 violation of the intent of the bond measure. (See Section I, *supra*.)

11 Defendants then proceed to make several other arguments against the alternative
12 remedies. They argue that 1) Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint ("SAC") fails to assert
13 waste of federal funds¹¹; 2) that preliminary injunctive relief is unavailable in a cause of action
14 under Code of Civil Procedure §526a; 3) that a temporary restraining order may only be granted
15 upon noticed motion based on evidence supporting injunctive relief; and 4) that a temporary
16 restraining order may not issue unless Plaintiffs post a bond of over \$300 Million to cover
17 possible damages during the term of the restraining order. Each of these contentions will be
18 rebutted in turn.

19 A. THE SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT ADEQUATELY ALLEGES
20 WASTEFUL USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING FEDERAL GRANT
FUNDS.

21 In Paragraph 18 of the SAC, Plaintiffs allege the following:
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23 ¹¹ Defendants erroneously characterize the claim of waste of federal funds as being based on
24 their unlawfully committing bond funds. The waste of federal funds is, instead, based on the fact
25 that if the use of bond funds on the current project is improper, because it is not the project the
26 voters approved, there are insufficient other funds available to build anything useful, and the
27 expenditure of public funds to build a useless structure would be wasteful. (*See, City of Ceres v.*
City of Modesto (1969) 274 Cal.App.2d 545 [lawsuit properly stated a claim under §526a
alleging that a city's use of its public funds to build sewer lines to an area that was outside of and
might never be annexed to the city would be a wasteful use of public funds].)

1 18. Plaintiffs allege that since Proposition 1A was passed, Defendant
2 Authority has spent hundreds of millions of dollars getting ready to construct the
3 Central Valley Project (more than \$500 Million, with more than \$400 Million
4 from Proposition 1A itself). Plaintiffs allege that these expenditures have already
5 taken place, are currently taking place and are ongoing. In the event that the
6 Central Valley Project is found legally to be INELIGIBLE for Proposition 1A
7 funding, these hundreds of millions of expenditures will have been wasted.

8 These allegations suffice to support a claim for wasteful use of public funds, which
9 includes the federal grant funds at issue. Further, the paragraph alleges not only the wasteful use
10 of Proposition 1A funds, but also the wasteful use of at least \$100 Million of non-bond funds.
11 The only non-bond funds available to the Authority are precisely the federal grant funds. Those
12 funds are therefore included in the allegation of wasteful use of public funds.

13 **B. A CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER C.C.P. §526a MAY SEEK PRELIMINARY
14 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, INCLUDING A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
15 ORDER, ON THE SAME BASIS AS ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION.**

16 Defendants claim that, “preliminary injunctive relief is generally unavailable in a
17 taxpayer standing case.” (DOB at 11:16-17.) They cite to *White v. Davis* (2003) 30 Cal.4th 528,
18 556-557 as supporting authority. Their reliance of *White* is misplaced. In *White*, the California
19 Supreme Court merely affirmed the long-standing appellate rule that a claim under §526a does
20 not necessarily entitle the plaintiff to preliminary injunctive relief. (*Id.* at 554.) Rather, a
21 preliminary injunction in a 526a case must be based on the same factors, including the likelihood
22 of success on the merits and the balance of harms between the plaintiff and defendant depending
23 on whether or not the injunction is granted. (*Id.*) However, Plaintiffs are not, at the moment,
24 seeking a preliminary injunction. Plaintiffs seek two other forms of injunctive relief, neither of
25 which has the same standards as a preliminary injunction.

26 On the one hand, Plaintiffs seek permanent injunctive relief as part of their remedy, based
27 on the Court’s decision on the merits on mandamus claims. A permanent injunction may
28 properly be part of the remedy, regardless of whether it has been pled:

29 A permanent injunction is an equitable remedy, not a cause of action, and thus it
30 is attendant to an underlying cause of action. [] The remedy is available in a
mandamus proceeding and is appropriate to restrain action which, if carried out,
would be unlawful. [] (*County of Del Norte v. City of Crescent City* (1999) 71
Cal.App.4th 965 [citing *Camp v. Board of Supervisors* (1981) 123 Cal.App.3d
334, 356, 356-357]; see also, *Cal.Trout v. Superior Court* (1990) 218 Cal.App.3d

187, 204 [injunctive relief appropriate remedy to enforce a right in mandamus action].)

Indeed, in *Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors of California, Inc. v. Professional Engineers in California Government* (2007) 42 Cal.4th 578, the California Supreme Court confirmed a trial court judgment granting not only a writ of mandate but also both permanent injunctive and declaratory relief based on alleged constitutional violations.

As for the temporary restraining order sought to prevent expenditure of federal grant funds on the two construction contracts until the §526a claims on the use of Proposition 1A grant funds can be heard, a temporary restraining order is again quite different from a preliminary injunction. It is *not* generally sought by a noticed motion, nor does it require showing a likelihood of success on the merits or that the balance of harms favors its issuance. That is because it serves a very different purpose from a preliminary injunction. Its purpose is merely to preserve the status quo and prevent damage to the plaintiff's interests until the issues involved can be brought before the Court. (*See, e.g., Signal Oil etc. Co. v. Ashland Oil etc. Co.* (1958) 49 Cal.2d 764, 775 [temporary restraining order properly issued pending determination of applicable law under Delaware laws involved in case].) Further, unlike a preliminary injunction, a temporary restraining order, because of its shorter duration, does not generally require posting of a bond.¹²

III. DEFENDANTS MUST SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF §2704.08(c) BEFORE THEY CAN PROCEED TO PREPARING THE UPDATED FUNDING PLAN UNDER §2704.08(d).

Defendants posit that Plaintiffs demand preparation of a "flawless" funding plan under §2704.08(c) before the Authority can move on to preparation of the updated funding plan under §2704.08(d). All Plaintiffs seek is what the law requires: substantial compliance. When the voters approved Proposition 1A, they set up a series of financial protections for the funds they

¹² In any case, because Kings County is a public entity, under the California Bonds and Undertakings Law (Code of Civil Procedure §995 *et seq.*), it is exempt from posting a bond. (§995.220.)

1 were granting to the Authority. Substantial compliance requires that the voters' (and
2 legislature's) intent be respected.

3 As noted in Plaintiffs' Opening Brief on Remedies, only the first funding plan addresses
4 environmental clearances, and this was one of the areas where the Authority's funding plan was
5 deficient. This requirement would not have been included in the funding plan if the voters had
6 not intended it to be complied with. Substantial compliance means "actual compliance in respect
7 to the substance essential to every reasonable objective of the statute." (*Stasher v. Harger-*
8 *Haldeman* (1962) 58 Cal.2d 23, 29; *Burks v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.* (2008) 160
9 Cal.App.4th 1021, 1029.) There can be little question that complying with each of the
10 certification requirements of the funding plan constituted a "reasonable objective of the statute"
11 as approved by the voters. Defendants' interpretation, which would bypass these requirements,
12 cannot be countenanced.

13 Defendants also argue that the updated funding plan may differ substantially from the
14 initial funding plan, and that it may even include, "a change in the corridor or usable segment
15 selected for funding" (DOB at 12:24-25.) They point out that any material changes from the
16 prior funding plan must be included in a report submitted with the updated funding plan.

17 However, if the updated funding plan did change the corridor or usable segment selected
18 for funding, that report is not all that would be required. The initial funding plan is to be
19 submitted to the legislature in conjunction with an appropriation request for the corridor or
20 usable segment thereof described in the funding plan. Presumably, the appropriation provided in
21 response to the request would be (and in the current case was) for the corridor or usable segment
22 described in the funding plan.

23 If the Authority later decided to change the corridor or usable segment it intended to
24 build, it would need an appropriation that addressed that corridor or usable segment.
25 Consequently, it would also need to submit an appropriation request for that corridor or usable
26 segment and, in accordance with §2704.08(c)(2) a new or revised funding plan addressed to that
27 different corridor or usable segment. Thus the very type of change that Defendants assert could

1 be made without returning to the subsection (c) funding plan would in fact require returning to
2 and revising or replacing that plan. Similarly, completion of a noncompliant funding plan also
3 requires returning to and properly completing that plan before going on to preparing the updated
4 funding plan required in §2704.08(d). That was the intent of the voters, and that is what
5 substantial compliance requires.

6 **IV. THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE AUTHORITY WILL PROPERLY COMPLY**
7 **WITH PROPOSITION 1A’S REQUIREMENTS HAS ALREADY BEEN**
8 **OVERCOME.**

9 As their last argument, Defendants claim that because a public agency is presumed to
10 follow legal requirements, no mandate or injunction should or can be required. It is certainly
11 true that one starts with a presumption that public agencies will properly perform their official
12 functions. However, that presumption is not irrebuttable. In this case, the very fact that the
13 Authority abused its discretion by not properly complying with Proposition 1A’s requirements
14 for its funding plan indicates that one cannot presume that the Authority will properly comply
15 with all of Proposition 1A’s requirements. Further, the evidence presented here and in Plaintiffs’
16 Opening Brief on Remedies also indicates that the Authority has not been complying and does
17 not intend to comply with the requirements of Proposition 1A. Under these circumstances, the
18 presumption of proper action has been overcome and the remedy of injunctive relief, “...is
19 available in a mandamus proceeding and is appropriate to restrain action which, if carried out,
20 would be unlawful.” (*County of Del Norte, supra.*)

21 **V. ALL OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE**
22 **INCLUDED IN THE COMPLAINT.**

23 Finally, as the last sentence of their conclusion, and with no supporting argument (DOB
24 at 14:7-8), Defendants appear to ask that the Court dismiss all of the individual respondents
25 (presumably with the exception of the Authority). Such a request is improper without
26 identification as a point to be argued, or inclusion of any supporting authority. (*People v.*
27 *Robinson* (2002) 104 Cal.App.4th 902, 905.) Given that Defendants’ request is not part of the
28 argument, and includes no supporting authority, the Court is entitled to disregard it. However,

1 even on its merits it should be obvious that in order for the declaratory and injunctive relief
2 requested to apply to the named defendants, those defendants must continue to be parties to the
3 case. Plaintiffs would also note that the §526a causes of action remain to be adjudicated, and
4 that these involve some if not all of the individual defendants¹³. Defendants' implied request to
5 dismiss the individual defendants should therefore be denied.

6 **CONCLUSION**

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8 For all of the above reasons, Plaintiffs are entitled to the remedies specified in their
9 proposed order, and Plaintiffs respectfully request that the order be granted as requested.

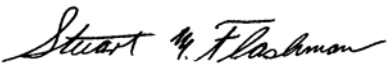
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26 ¹³ For example, an action seeking to invalidate a legislative appropriation must name the state
27 controller as a defendant (*e.g.*, *Shaw v. People Ex Rel. Chiang* (2009) 175 Cal.App.4th 577 [suit
to invalidate legislative appropriation named controller as individual defendant].)

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