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## Comments

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Good Morning-

I wish to provide the following comments to Board Members on Item 5 for the Tri-Valley/San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Meeting on September 14, 2022:

On behalf of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group (ITV), it is very exciting to see the Valley Link Hydrogen Production and Energy Farm Feasibility Study on your Board agenda.

ITV strongly believes that advancing this project concept is perfectly aligned with recent regional, state, and federal efforts and funding opportunities to stand-up a green hydrogen economy to meet our collective environmental and economic goals. Valley Link is well-positioned to be a model of sustainability capitalizing on innovative technology and recent public and private sector investments to operate on its self-generated renewable energy.

We applaud your bold vision of connecting the Northern California Megaregion with the first passenger rail system running in the state on self-produced green hydrogen and a hydrogen production facility able to support the clean energy of other transit and heavy truck operators. The phased approach you are contemplating can provide immediate benefit to entities switching to zero net emissions even before Valley Link is running service, and is fiscally prudent by helping to fund the Authority's long-term operational costs.

Congratulations on being on the precipice of achieving this tremendous milestone. ITV is very confident that the study will showcase all of the tremendous possibilities to develop a project that will have a lasting impact for generations to come. We urge you to approve the staff recommendation and vote to move forward.

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