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Executive gets off the bullet train

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- High-Speed Rail's vice chairman quits
- "Instrumental in resolving alignment issues on the San Francisco peninsula"



Jim Hartnett, who has been the vice chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority board of directors, has resigned to take a job as general manager and chief executive officer of the San Mateo County Transit District.

Mr. Hartnett had been with the state rail authority for about four years. An attorney and Redwood City resident, he had served more than a decade on both the San Mateo County Transit District and the Caltrain boards of directors and has served both boards as chairman.

He starts his new job on March 30. He will be paid more than \$434,000 a year, including benefits, to run district's buses and manage Caltrain, which is a commuter rail line that runs through the San Francisco Peninsula between Morgan Hill and San Francisco.

High-Speed Rail Authority Chairman Dan Richard says Mr. Hartnett "was particularly instrumental in resolving alignment issues on the San Francisco peninsula to minimize impacts and accelerate the benefits of rail modernization."