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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD), Rail Transit Safety Section staff (Staff), conducted an on-site system security program review of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) in May 2011.

The on-site review was preceded by an opening conference with SRTD personnel on May 02, 2011. Staff conducted the 2011 SRTD on-site Security review on May 3 through May 6, 2011. The review focused on verifying the effective implementation of the Security and Emergency Preparedness Program Plan (SEPP).

Staff held a post-review conference with SRTD personnel on May 26, 2011. Staff provided SRTD personnel with a synopsis of the preliminary review findings.

The review results indicate that SRTD has a comprehensive system security program and has effectively implemented its SEPP. Staff noted no exceptions during the review. The findings are described in the Findings and Recommendations sections of each checklist. Of the 7 checklists, staff made no recommendations for corrective actions.

The Introduction and Background Sections of this report are presented in Section 2 and 3 respectively. The Background Section contains a description of the SRTD rail system. Section 4 describes the review procedure. The review findings and recommendations are listed in Section 5. The 2011 SRTD Triennial Security Review Acronyms List is found in Appendix A, Checklist Index in Appendix B, Recommendations List in Appendix C and Review Checklists in Appendix D.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Commission's General Order (GO) 164-D *Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems*, and the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Rule, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 659, *Rail Fixed Guideway Systems: State Safety Oversight*, require the designated State Safety Oversight Agencies to perform a review of each rail transit agency's system safety program at a minimum of once every three years. The purpose of the triennial review is to verify compliance and evaluate the effectiveness of each rail transit agency's System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) and Security and Emergency Preparedness Program Plan (SEPP) to assess the level of compliance with GO 164-D as well as other Commission safety and security requirements. Staff conducted the previous on-site security review of SRTD in April 2008.

Staff advised SRTD General Manager/CEO by a letter dated April 1, 2011 of the scheduling of the Commission's security review on May 2-6, 2011. The letter included 7 checklists that served as the basis for the review. These checklists outlined review of SEPP Plan Administration, Internal Security Audits, Threat and Vulnerability Assessments, Security and Emergency Response Drills and Training, and Security Interaction with the Public.

Staff conducted an opening conference on May 2, 2011 with SRTD General Manager/CEO and the Executive Management Team.

Staff conducted the on-site security inspections and corresponding records review on May 3, 2011. At the conclusion of each review activity, staff provided SRTD personnel a verbal summary of the preliminary findings and discussed preliminary recommendations for corrective actions, if any.

On May 26, 2011, staff conducted a post-review exit meeting with SRTD's GM/CEO and the department managers. Staff notified the attendees that no non-compliant findings were found in the 7 checklists and no hence there was no need for any corrective actions.

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### 3. BACKGROUND

The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors comprised of members of the Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom City Councils as well as the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

#### **SRTD Rail System Description**

SRTD currently operates approximately 39 miles, covering a 418 square-mile service area and 47 Stations. Light rail trains currently operate from 4:30 AM to 10:30 PM daily with service every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes in the evening, on weekends and during holidays. Weekday ridership averages 51,000 passengers.

SRTD began operations in 1973 with the acquisition of the Sacramento Transit Authority. Over the next decade, SRTD continued to expand its bus service while a cooperative effort emerged among city, county and state government officials to develop a light rail system. In 1987 the 18.3 mile light rail system opened linking the northeast (Interstate 80) and eastern (Highway 50) corridors with downtown Sacramento. In 1998 SRTD began expanding the light rail system to further meet the transportation needs of the Sacramento area. Since then a number of light rail expansion projects have been completed, including:

- 1998 - 2.3 mile Mather Field extension and Brighton Bridge double track project
- 2003 - Bee Bridge double track project
- 2003 - 6.3 mile South Line Phase I extension
- 2004 - 2.8 mile extension from Mather to Sunrise
- 2005 - 2.4 mile extension from Sunrise to Folsom
- 2006 - 0.55 mile extension to Amtrak
- 2009 - Watt Avenue Grade Separation

In late 2005 SRTD changed its light rail system from the North Line, Folsom Line and South Line to the Gold Line and the Blue Line. The Gold Line runs from the

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Historic Folsom Station in downtown Folsom to the Sacramento Valley Station at the Amtrak Station in downtown Sacramento. The Blue Line runs from the Watt/I-80 Station in the northeast corridor to the Meadowview Station in the south area.

Additional projects are the Green Line to the River District extension, which is a 1 mile extension from the downtown Sacramento area to Richards Boulevard and the 7<sup>th</sup> and Richard/Township 9 station. This design/build project will include 2 stations and runs 30 minute service from the Township 9 station to the existing 13<sup>th</sup> Street station. The extension is currently under construction and scheduled for completion in December 2011.

The South Sacramento Corridor Phase II is an extension from the Meadowview Station to Consumens River College, a 4.3 mile extension. Currently the project is in final design phase and expected to begin construction in 2012 with completion in December 2014.

Green Line to the Airport project is a future extension extending the system from the Richards Boulevard/Township 9 station to the Sacramento International Airport. This project is in its early stages and is expected to be completed in 2017.

In 2003 SRTD purchased 21 light rail vehicles from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. A project is under way to renovate these cars so they may operate on the SRTD light rail system and resemble similar operating conditions of the existing fleet. These cars are expected to be ready for operation with the completion of the South Sacramento Corridor Phase II project scheduled to open in December 2014.

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### **Status of the 2008 SRTD Triennial Review Recommendations**

Staff performed the previous triennial on-site safety review in April 2008. Of the thirty-two checklists used, Staff made nine recommendations for corrective actions. Results of the Yr 2008 review demonstrated that SRTD was in compliance with its SSPP.

CPUC Commission Resolution ST-99 adopted staff's final report and ordered SRTD to develop appropriate corrective action plan and implementation schedule to respond to the issued recommendations. Resolution ST-99 also ordered SRTD to submit monthly status reports tracking the implementation of these corrective actions through full completion.

SRTD developed and submitted a corrective action plan and an implementation schedule to fulfill each of the nine recommendations. On May 14, 2009, SRTD submitted its final 2008 CPUC Safety Review Monthly Status Report completing its last corrective action in compliance with ST-99.

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#### 4. SECURITY REVIEW PROCEDURE

Staff conducted the 2011 security review in accordance with Rail Transit Safety Section Procedure RTSS-4, *Procedure for Performing On-Site Triennial Safety and Security Reviews of Rail Transit Systems*. Staff developed nine (9) checklists to cover various aspects of system security responsibilities, based on Commission and FTA requirements, SRTD SEPP, security-related SRTD documents, and the knowledge of Staff of SRTD operations. A list of the 7 checklists is provided in Appendix B.

Each checklist identified security-related elements and characteristics that were either inspected or reviewed by staff. The completed checklists include the findings of Staff and recommendations corresponding to non-compliant findings with the SEPP of SRTD, its procedures, and/or Commission regulations. The methods used to perform the review included:

- Discussions and interviews with SRTD management
- Review of rules, procedures, policies, and records
- Interviews with rank and file employees

The review checklists concentrated on requirements that affect the security of rail operations and are known or believed to be important in reducing security hazards and preventing security related incidents.

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## 5. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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## APPENDIX A

### ABBREVIATION and ACRONYM LIST

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CA MUTCD	California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Commission	California Public Utilities Commission
CPSD	Consumer Protection and Safety Division
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GO	General Order
HOS	Hours of Service
IIPP	Injury and Illness Prevention Program
ISSA	Internal Safety and Security Audit
OCC	Operations Control Center
PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis
PM	Preventive Maintenance
RTCB	Rail Transit and Crossing Branch
RTSS	Rail Transit Safety Section
SCP	Safety Certification Plan
SCVR	Safety Certification Verification Report
SEPP	Security and Emergency Preparedness Program Plan
SSP	System Security Plan
SSPP	System Safety Program Plan
Staff	Consumer Protection and Safety Division personnel

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SRTD	Sacramento Regional Transit District
TSA	Transit Security Administration

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