

Use specialist judgement for the judgement —not for rebuilding the record position.

A bounded upstream workstream for advisory, legal, claims, audit, assurance, engineering and expert partners.

WHAT RGRA DOES

RGRA reviews one agreed record set for the matter question and issues a source-linked File-Position Note stating the narrowest factual position supported at the cut-off, the qualifications and contrary material that remain attached, what has changed or been superseded and where the partner's authorised judgement begins.

WHEN THIS BECOMES A DECISION PROBLEM

Observable conditions

- The expected records exist, but the partner team must first determine which position is current.
- Several documents are valid for different commissions, audiences or dates.
- A client summary carries a broader position than the source records support.
- The factual starting point has to be reconstructed before legal, claims, assurance, technical or expert work can begin.
- No accountable client function clearly owns the combined record position for the intended use.

What changes in practice

- Senior partner time is consumed by documentary reconstruction.
- The client may confuse the partner's analytical view with ownership of the underlying decision.
- Qualifications can disappear before the specialist conclusion is formed.
- Scope and opinion risk increase because the factual boundary is unstable.
- The partner must explain the file before applying the judgement for which it was retained.

HOW THE REVIEW WORKS

1. Fix the decision or reliance question, cut-off, audience, intended use and agreed core record set.
2. Identify source identity, authority, status, version path and relationship to later records.
3. Separate supported, qualified, superseded, derivative and contrary positions.
4. Locate the first step the agreed record no longer supports.
5. State the narrowest supportable position—or state that no single position is supportable.

The File-Position Note states

- One defined matter question, cut-off, audience, use and agreed record set.
- A source and authority path with current/qualified/superseded positions.
- Contrary material, unresolved points and the first unsupported step.
- A source-linked File-Position Note suitable for the agreed internal handoff.
- A clear boundary where the partner's legal, technical, commercial, assurance or expert judgement begins.

WHERE THE REVIEW STOPS — AND WHY

The partner retains the client relationship, strategy, professional standards, downstream use and every specialist conclusion. RGRA handles only the agreed record-position workstream and closes cleanly where the partner or client already produces the same adequate position.

NO-DUPLICATION GATE

RGRA is commissioned only where the required source-supported position is not already expressly owned, produced and appropriately reviewed for the same decision, cut-off, audience and intended use.

FORMAT	SCOPE	RECORDS	COMMERCIAL	TARGET
Written-first	One defined question	Typically up to 20 core records	Fixed scope and fee	7–10 business days*

A PRACTICAL FIRST STEP

The internal first question is whether an accountable function already leaves this position for the same decision and use. If not, request a non-sensitive written fit check. No live confidential records are needed at that stage.

*Target begins only after written scope acceptance, material acceptance and confirmation that the agreed review route is operational.

Approval is not execution

A public-record Decision-Basis demonstration using official California High-Speed Rail records.

THE QUESTION

At the close of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board meeting on 29 April 2026, what did the agreed public record establish about Change Order 427 for Construction Package 2-3—and what did it not establish?

Cut-off: Close of the 29 April 2026 Board meeting.

AGREED PUBLIC-RECORD SET

- Official 29 April 2026 Board agenda and Agenda Item 7 memorandum.
- Final Board Resolution HSR #26-06.
- Later-issued minutes/transcript used only to evidence the 29 April event and vote.
- Official Board meeting and resolution registers for routing and identifier control.

OUTSIDE THE AGREED SET

- Executed change order and complete operative terms.
- Implementation or payment evidence.
- Legal, contractual, delay, quantum or entitlement analysis.

BOUNDED POSITION

The official public record supports that the Board approved Change Order 427 and authorised the CEO or designee to execute it for the stated amount. At the cut-off, that agreed record did not establish that execution had already occurred and did not contain the executed instrument or complete operative terms.

SUPPORTED BY THE AGREED RECORD	NOT ESTABLISHED BY THAT RECORD AT THE CUT-OFF
Board approval of the change order.	Completed execution merely because execution was authorised.
Authority for the CEO or designee to execute.	The complete signed terms, implementation, payment or full contractual effect.
The public vote and adopted resolution.	Legal validity, entitlement, claim merit, release scope, delay, quantum or enforceability.

FIRST UNSUPPORTED STEP

The move from authority to execute to a statement that execution had occurred.

Illustrative File-Position wording: At 29 April 2026, the agreed public record established approval and delegated authority to execute Change Order 427. It did not establish completed execution. Execution status was therefore not determinable from the agreed public set at that cut-off.

WHAT THE EXAMPLE DEMONSTRATES

- Approval, authority and completed execution are separate record states.
- Absence of the executed instrument supports non-determinability—not a claim that execution never occurred.
- Later evidence must not be backdated into an earlier cut-off.
- Qualifications and source inconsistencies remain attached to the position.

WHAT IT DOES NOT PROVE

- That the Authority or contractor acted improperly.
- That execution did not occur outside the agreed set or after the cut-off.
- A legal, contractual, claims, delay, quantum or assurance conclusion.
- Client outcome evidence; this is a public-record method demonstration.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

[29 April 2026 final Board agenda](#)
[Agenda Item 7 - CP 2-3 Board memorandum](#)
[Agenda Item 7 - final resolution PDF](#)
[Board schedule and meeting materials](#)
[Board resolutions register](#)

Official sources are hyperlinked in the digital PDF.

SOURCE-CONTROL QUALIFICATION The official schedule identifies the final resolution as HSR 26-06, while the linked resolution PDF displays HSRA 26-02. The Board memorandum is framed around Change Order 427 but contains one reference to CO 437. RGRA preserves these identifier inconsistencies rather than silently normalising them.