

April 29, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Executive Order B-30-15 – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown,

The Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) would like to extend our enthusiastic support and encouragement for your Executive Order B-30-15, which establishes the most ambitious greenhouse gas reduction target in North America and addresses the need for climate adaptation. We applaud your groundbreaking commitment to taking bold action to address and adapt to climate change in ways that will protect all Californians, and we are grateful to have been deeply engaged with the administration in pursuing this initiative.

Your administration continues to demonstrate climate leadership to the nation and the world by taking aggressive action to address climate change and responding to the needs of California's communities and people. Your administration has been incredibly attentive and responsive to the state's changing climate and resources, particularly with the first-ever statewide mandatory water reductions in response to California's historic drought. You have once again taken unprecedented action to address climate change and adapt to its already-harmful effects.

ARCCA's members represent leading regional collaboratives that are already coordinating and supporting climate adaptation efforts in their own regions in order to enhance public health, protect natural systems, build economies, and improve quality of life. Since our inception ARCCA has worked closely with your administration – principally through the Office of Planning and Research who serves in an ex officio capacity on ARCCA - to share the work of our members, and provide constructive input to emerging state adaptation efforts. At every turn, your administration has been receptive and has taken seriously the need for a comprehensive approach to adaptation. Today's announcement reflects the depth of that consideration and we are grateful to see so much of our shared agenda formalized through this Executive Order. The order aligns with ARCCA's Principles of Adaptation by focusing on the regional level, considering the health, safety, and equity of all Californians, and empowering collaboration and coordination across all sectors and levels of leadership.

We look forward to supporting the implementation of this ambitious order that is both necessary and achievable, and working with your team to find effective ways to realize our shared goals for all of California.

Sincerely,



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ARCCA Chair