

Letters of Support

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant



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March 27, 2024

Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director
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RE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Dear Interim Executive Director Phipps:

I am writing this letter in support of the City and County of Fresno, along with the Fresno COG's application for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). The proposed projects will encompass Trail improvements, new bikeway construction, Sidewalk enhancements, Electric vehicle infrastructure development, and Fleet electrification initiatives. These initiatives will contribute to the reduction of Greenhouse gas in our region and aid in workforce development and job quality initiatives.

The proposed projects will contribute to the development of environmental sustainability and work to spearhead the development of innovative clean energy solutions. In doing so, these efforts will work to cultivate a safe and prosperous future for the communities of Fresno County. The Fresno Workforce Development Corporation is a proposed partner agency in enacting the various initiatives proposed as part of these projects. Their contributions will focus on the upskilling, training, and matching of community members to high-quality, green job opportunities. The allocated funds for the workforce development and job quality initiatives will be instrumental in the empowerment of low-income and disadvantaged community residents by providing them access to stable, well-paying jobs through targeted recruitment efforts, skill and capacity development, and youth engagement efforts.

As California's State Senator from the 14th District, I am particularly aware of the impact these initiatives will bring to the County of Fresno, its surrounding rural communities. I believe this is an important part of the regional move towards sustainability, environmental quality, equity and economic development. As such, I am pleased to lend my wholehearted support to the proposed project and urge the U.S EPA give its strongest consideration to funding this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of the County and City of Fresno and Fresno COG's application for the EPA's CPR Grant. If you have any questions, or concerns please contact my Fresno Office at (559) 264-3070.

Sincerely,

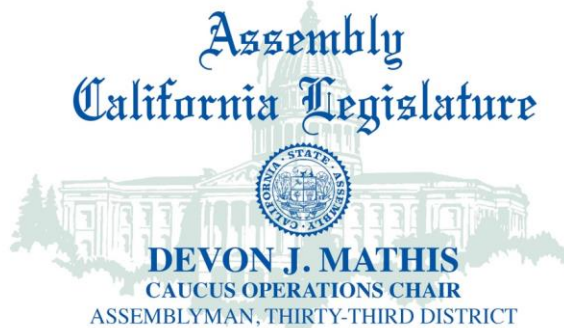
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RE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Mr. Phipps,

As State Assemblymember, I am honored to express my enthusiastic endorsement for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application presented by the reverent Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), in unison with the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno.

I commend the unwavering dedication of the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno, and the Fresno COG to fostering environmental sustainability and spearheading innovative cleaner energy solutions. These proposed projects stand as a glowing testament to their enduring commitment to cultivating a more flourishing future that not only guarantees safety but prosperity for our beloved community and beyond.

The project's notable emphasis on introducing inventive vehicle replacement methods, implementing state-of-the-art electric infrastructure upgrades, and driving forward workforce development initiatives portrays a progressive and forward-looking stance in addressing the imminent environmental challenges of today.

It is heartening to see that these projects hold tremendous potential for creating new job opportunities and fostering technological innovations that have the capacity to transform the landscape of Fresno. The infusion of innovative strategies and sustainable practices is set to not only bolster the local economy but also pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all residents.

Should you have any queries or necessitate further details, please do not hesitate to reach out to my esteemed office. I offer my profound gratitude for considering our endorsement and applaud your dedication to architecting a more sustainable and promising future for the entirety of our community.

Sincerely,

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Should you have any questions or need further details, please do not hesitate to reach out to my offices in either Sacramento or Fresno.

And I offer my gratitude for considering my endorsement and applaud your dedication to helping build a more sustainable and promising future for the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 2024

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Re: Support for joint City of Fresno, Country of Fresno, and Fresno Council of Governments application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Phipps:

As the Assemblywoman for California's 27th Assembly District, I am pleased to write in support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application presented by the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), in unison with the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno.

The proposal focus on trail improvements, new bikeway construction, sidewalk enhancements, electric vehicle infrastructure development, and fleet electrification initiatives are a testament to the coalition's enduring commitment to cultivating a more flourishing future that not only guarantees safety and fosters environmental sustainability but economic prosperity for California's Central Valley.

The funding requested for workforce development and job quality initiatives will empower low-income and disadvantaged community residents by providing access to stable, well-paying green jobs. Through targeted recruitment, skill development programs, and youth engagement initiatives, the funding will not only enhance economic empowerment but also strengthen the local workforce in high-demand sectors.

The infusion of innovative strategies and sustainable practices has the potential to pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all Fresno County residents. Thank you for your consideration of this grant proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my District Director at Gilbert.Felix@asm.ca.gov or (209) 726-5465.

Sincerely,

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ESMERALDA SORIA
Assemblywoman, 27th District



United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America

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Subject: Letter of Commitment in Support of FCOG Coalition Application for EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Paul Herman,

We are writing to express our support for the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, Implementation Grants General Competition. This grant would support the implementation of programs to collectively reduce the climate impacts of transportation systems in our city and neighboring cities.

Carpenters Local Union has shared a positive working relationship with the County of Fresno.

Communities included within this funding request have many infrastructure needs including community-wide bicycle and pedestrian facilities. FCOGs efforts to plan for the needs of these communities will not only contribute to a reduction of greenhouse emissions, but also to compliment Fresno Counties effort to increase connectivity within its' communities.

Fresno County continuously works to provide efficient, safe, integrated active transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people, including accessible pedestrian and bicycle facilities, while fostering economic prosperity and development, and minimizing mobile sources of air pollution. The proposed projects support Fresno COG's regional vision and goals. Carpenter's Local Union strongly supports the FCOGs application. We truly hope that the Environmental Protectional Agency will provide FGOG with this important grant and look forward to working with Fresno County on this project and others that improve transportation options for our communities.

Sincerely,

David Rivas

Senior Field Representative Carpenters Union
Fresno California



March 25, 2024

Michael S. Regan
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Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Letter of Support for the Fresno Council of Governments Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program
Application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan,

The Central Valley Community Foundation strongly supports the Fresno Council of Governments grant application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program on behalf of the 16 local jurisdictions (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma, and County of Fresno) in which the Fresno COG serves as the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. The application serves to implement clean energy and climate resilient transportation infrastructure and development projects to mitigate GHG emissions throughout the region in the transportation sector.

The Fresno region nestled in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley faces one of the most significant air quality challenges in the country and is currently in nonattainment of the latest federal ozone and PM2.5 standards. Additionally, the San Joaquin Valley is home to 7 of the 10 most disadvantaged communities in California. The recent promulgation of a more stringent PM2.5 standard further highlights the importance of investing in cost-effective opportunities that assist in achieving our collective public health goals. Due to the transportation sector contributing to the bulk to GHG emissions, it is imperative that the regional transportation agency pursues implementation for GHG reduction projects through the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

The objectives of the Fresno COG by pursuing the CPRG funding:

- Improve environmental conditions by significantly reducing vehicle miles travelled, congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions by increasing active transportation and advancing adoption of clean energy fleets.
- Catalyze significant projects in the urban/metropolitan region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Create a more robust and efficient transportation network system with a specific focus on supporting the low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Given the significant climate, air quality, and disadvantaged communities benefits coupled with the Fresno Council of Governments strong experience in administering innovative and effective incentive programs, the Central Valley Community Foundation strongly endorses the Transportation sector application and hopes your agency will consider its application for funding selection.

Sincerely,

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Ashley Swearengin,
President & CEO, Central Valley Community Foundation



Fresno City College

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West Fresno Center (WFC)/Advanced Transportation Center (ATC)

City of Fresno

RE: Letter of Commitment - Fresno CPRG Project

Dear Brian Barr,

Fresno City College is thrilled to express our unwavering commitment to supporting the City of Fresno's application for the EPA CPRG grant program. We are particularly impressed by the project's focus on creating a skilled workforce through training initiatives for low-income and disadvantaged communities and existing workforce in green jobs.

Fresno City College has a well-established reputation for delivering high-caliber career and technical education programs that equip students for in-demand careers. We are confident in our ability to develop and deliver a customized occupational skills training program aligned with the City's CPRG project goals. This program will focus on preparing participants for success in various green jobs, specifically:

- **EV Operator:** This training will equip individuals to operate and manage electric vehicle charging stations efficiently, potentially including customer service aspects.
- **EV Infrastructure:** Participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary for the safe and proper installation and maintenance of EV charging stations, including both Level II and DCFC chargers.
- **EV Maintenance:** This program will focus on troubleshooting, repair, and preventive maintenance procedures for EV charging infrastructure.
- **ZEVEV:** Participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary for the safe and proper maintenance, service, diagnosis, and repair of ZEVs (Zero Emission Vehicles)/EVs (Electric Vehicles)/FCEVs (Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles).
- **USDOL Approved Green Jobs Registered Apprenticeships:** We will collaborate with the City and relevant partners to develop registered apprenticeship programs aligned with U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) standards. These programs will provide structured on-the-job training alongside related classroom instruction, preparing participants for careers in specific areas within EV infrastructure or broader green sectors.

Our commitment extends to the following aspects of the project:

- **Curriculum Development:** We will work closely with the City of Fresno to create a comprehensive curriculum tailored to the project's specific needs. This curriculum will be industry-relevant and ensure participants meet all necessary licensing and certification requirements.
- **Industry Certification:** Prepare the student for the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification xEV High Voltage Electrical Safety Level 1 and Level 2.
- **Experienced Instructors:** Highly qualified instructors with extensive experience in green jobs and relevant technical fields will deliver the training programs.
- **Supportive Services:** Fresno City College offers a range of student support services to ensure participant success. These include academic advising, career counseling, tutoring, and financial aid assistance.
- **Community Outreach:** We will leverage our existing partnerships with community organizations to facilitate targeted outreach and recruitment efforts, ensuring participation from low-income and disadvantaged communities.

We believe this partnership between Fresno City College and the City of Fresno will be mutually beneficial. By equipping residents with the necessary skills for green jobs, we can contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable future for Fresno while empowering residents with opportunities for economic advancement.

We are eager to collaborate with you to develop a successful training program and contribute to the City's CPRG project's overall success.

Sincerely,

Martin S. Kamimoto

Marty Kamimoto
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March 20, 2024

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Subject: Letter of Support for the Fresno Council of Governments Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program Application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan,

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Given the significant climate, air quality, and disadvantaged communities benefits coupled with the Fresno Council of Governments' strong experience in administering innovative and effective incentive programs, Fresno State Transportation Institute strongly endorses the Transportation sector application and hopes your agency will consider its application for funding selection.

Sincerely,



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Via email to pherman@fresnocog.org

Subject: Letter of Commitment in Support of FCOG Coalition Application for EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Herman,

We are writing to express our support for the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, Implementation Grants General Competition. This grant would support the implementation of programs to collectively reduce the climate impacts of transportation systems in our city and neighboring cities.

With the exception of one of the projects on the attached project table list, all of the proposed sidewalk/bikeway projects are located in County islands within the City of Fresno. Fortunately, most of the City of Fresno neighborhoods have sidewalks. Accordingly, the County islands that lack basic infrastructure, such as sidewalks, hinder connectivity within and to neighboring communities, schools, and businesses. The projects would provide much needed access to and from the surrounding neighborhoods. It will also safely connect schools and local businesses.

From a transportation perspective, increasing active travel –with walking and biking– is crucial for the future of sustainable cities, as reflected in global decarbonization policies and the goals of the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. We look forward to working with the FCOG to implement these critical projects.

Sincerely,

Steven E. White, Director
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ANNALISA PEREA
Council President, District One

March 28, 2024

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RE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Dear Mr. Phipps:

As the President of the Fresno City Council, I commend the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) for their unwavering dedication to promoting environmental sustainability and leading the charge in innovative cleaner energy solutions. Their proposed projects underscore a commitment to crafting a future that prioritizes safety, prosperity, and a vibrant community for all residents.

The emphasis on enhancing infrastructure within these projects is truly commendable. By investing in forward-thinking initiatives such as innovative vehicle replacement methods, cutting-edge electric infrastructure upgrades, and progressive workforce development programs, Fresno is demonstrating a proactive stance in addressing environmental challenges and fostering sustainable growth.

The potential impact of these infrastructure projects on our community cannot be understated. These projects not only hold the promise of enhancing air quality and environmental conditions but also have the power to generate new job opportunities and drive technological advancements in Fresno. Through these focused infrastructure enhancements, we can not only fortify the local economy but also lay a foundation for a resilient and prosperous future for all our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this crucial grant and I applaud your commitment to advancing a sustainable and prosperous future for our community through critical infrastructure improvements. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 621-7817 or via e-mail at district1@fresno.gov.

Respectfully,

ANNALISA PEREA
Council President

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RE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Phipps:

As the City of Fresno's (City) Mayor, I write in support of the Fresno Council of Governments' (Fresno COG) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application, which would fund various local projects, including light- to heavy-fleet conversion of the City's municipal fleet to zero-emission equipment and infrastructure, as well as new trail connections, bikeways, sidewalks, and bus stops. About half of the proposed projects are within the City's jurisdiction, which consistently ranks among California's top 10 most polluted cities. But the planned upgrades and improvements – slated for multiple Fresno County cities – are critical for our entire region.

By investing in forward-thinking initiatives such as innovative vehicle replacement designs, cutting-edge electric infrastructure upgrades, and alternative transportation methods, Fresno COG's application demonstrates a proactive, regional stance in addressing environmental challenges and fostering sustainable growth.

The potential impact of these infrastructure projects on our region cannot be understated. My One Fresno vision seeking an inclusive, prosperous, beautiful city cannot become a reality without the combined effects of alternative transportation options, cleaner air and a diversified economy that creates good-paying jobs. This application not only holds the promise of enhancing air quality and environmental conditions, but it also has the potential to generate new job opportunities and drive technological advancements.

The level of effort and collaboration between the City and Fresno COG to prepare elements of the proposal has been significant. The City is heavily invested in this regional effort, and I offer my full support of Fresno COG's application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jerry P. Dyer

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Re: Letter of Support -Fresno COG for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Dear Mr. Phipps

As a lifelong resident of the Central Valley and longtime representative of its communities, I am pleased to support Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) for their dedication to promoting environmental sustainability and leading the charge in innovative cleaner energy solutions. Their proposed projects underscore a commitment to crafting a future that prioritizes safety, prosperity, and a vibrant community for all residents.

The emphasis on enhancing infrastructure within these projects is necessary. By investing in forward-thinking initiatives such as innovative vehicle replacement methods, cutting-edge electric infrastructure upgrades, and progressive workforce development programs, Fresno is demonstrating a proactive stance in addressing environmental challenges and fostering sustainable growth.

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I am proud to offer my support to Fresno COG for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to create a sustainable and prosperous future for our community through critical infrastructure improvements. If you would like further input from me regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Fresno District Office at (559) 495-1620.

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA
Member of Congress



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RE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Mr. Phipps,

I am writing on behalf of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) to express our support for the application submitted by Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), in partnership with the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno.

We commend the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno and the Fresno COG for their dedication to environmental sustainability and their impactful work towards advancing cleaner energy solutions. The proposed project is a testament to their commitment to shaping a greener future and safer for our community and beyond.

The project's focus on vehicle replacement, electric infrastructure, and workforce development demonstrates a progressive and forward-thinking approach to addressing environmental challenges. PG&E firmly believes in the importance of such initiatives and is proud to support Fresno COG in this endeavor.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact my office. Thank you for considering our letter of support and for your commitment to creating a more sustainable future for all.

Sincerely,

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PG&E Regional Vice President – Central Valley Region

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As the State Senator representing the Senate District 16, I am writing express my support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application presented by the reverent Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), in unison with the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno.

I commend the unwavering dedication of the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno, and the Fresno COG to fostering environmental sustainability and spearheading innovative cleaner energy solutions. These proposed projects stand as a glowing testament to their enduring commitment to cultivating a more flourishing future that not only guarantees safety but prosperity for our beloved community and beyond.

It is encouraging to witness the positive effects these projects will have on air quality, as well as the broader benefits of creating new employment opportunities and driving technological advancements in Fresno. Through the integration of innovative strategies, these efforts not only strengthen the local economy but also pave the way for a brighter and healthier future for the entire community.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Chief of Staff, Aaron Brieno at (916) 651-4016 or Aaron.Brieno@sen.ca.gov . Thank you again for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Hurtado". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Melissa Hurtado
California State Senator, 16th District

March 28, 2024

Michael S. Regan
EPA Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Letter of Support for the Fresno Council of Governments Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program Application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to express the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (District) support for the Fresno Council of Governments grant application the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. The application serves to implement clean energy and climate resilient transportation infrastructure and development projects to mitigate GHG emissions throughout the region in the transportation sector.

The Fresno region nestled in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley faces one of the most significant air quality challenges in the country and is currently in nonattainment of the latest federal ozone and PM2.5 standards. Additionally, the San Joaquin Valley is home to 7 of the 10 most disadvantaged communities in California. The recent promulgation of a more stringent PM2.5 standard further highlights the importance of investing in cost-effective opportunities that assist in achieving our collective public health goals. Due to the transportation sector contributing to the bulk to GHG emissions, it is imperative that the regional transportation agency pursues implementation for GHG reduction projects through the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

The objectives of the Fresno COG by pursuing the CPRG funding:

- Improve environmental conditions by significantly reducing vehicle miles travelled, congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions by increasing active transportation and advancing adoption of clean energy fleets.
- Catalyze significant projects in the urban/metropolitan region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Create a more robust and efficient transportation network system with a specific focus on supporting the low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Given the long-term benefits, the District is supportive of this Project and hope this application will be selected for funding.

Sincerely,



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March 27, 2024

Robert Phipps
Interim Executive Director
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare St # 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Interim Director Phipps,

I write in support of the Fresno Council of Governments' (Fresno COG) application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), which is intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.

If awarded, it is my understanding that the Fresno COG intends to use the funding to invest in vehicle replacement methods, electric infrastructure upgrades, and workforce development programs to address environmental challenges and foster sustainable growth. These projects intend to enhance air quality and environmental conditions in Fresno, while also creating new job opportunities and driving technological advancements.

As the stated purpose of the CPRG is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution, I believe that Fresno COG's application is consistent with the purpose of this grant and highly competitive on its merits.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Paxton Wagner in my office at (202) 225-2511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tom McClintock".

Tom McClintock

March 25, 2024

Michael S. Regan
EPA Administrator
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RE: Letter of Support for the Fresno Council of Governments Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Program Application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan,

Tranquillity Resource Conservation District (TRCD) strongly supports the Fresno Council of Governments grant application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program on behalf of the 16 local jurisdictions (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma, and County of Fresno) in which the Fresno COG serves as the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. The application serves to implement clean energy and climate resilient transportation infrastructure and development projects to mitigate GHG emissions throughout the region in the transportation sector. TRCD participated in the development of the PCAP as a member of the Coalition.

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Given the significant climate, air quality, and disadvantaged communities benefits coupled with the Fresno Council of Governments strong experience in administering innovative and effective incentive programs, Tranquillity Resource Conservation District as member of the PCAP Coalition and as an implementation applicant, strongly endorses the Transportation sector application and hopes your agency will consider its application for funding selection.



Tranquillity
Resource Conservation District

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have. I may be reached at the following:
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Sincerely,

Steve Haze, Executive Director