

Regeneración/Regeneration

PÁJARO VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION



March 29, 2024

Cora Panturad, Sustainability Program Manager (Interim)
County of Monterey, Chief Administrative Office
168 West Alisal Street, 3rd Floor
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Re: Letter of Commitment for Monterey County's *Agriculture and Tourism Worker EMobility Network* proposal to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

Advisory Board

Jakki Castorena - Davila
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Vice President of Community Programs, Ecology Action

Amy Ross
Director of Patient Services, Salud Para la Gente

Dear Ms. Panturad,

I am writing on behalf of Regeneración Pájaro Valley Climate Action to confirm our support of and participation in Monterey County's *Agriculture and Tourism Worker EMobility Network* proposal to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Regeneración envisions a safe, vibrant, climate resilient Pájaro Valley, where every person is healthy, thriving, and living in harmony with the natural world. We work to achieve climate justice through community-driven solutions. Toward that end we manage monthly language-accessible meetings of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative (Collaborative), a multi-sector group of over forty climate and social service agencies and organizations working to co-create equitable climate solutions. These Collaborative Members implement frontline community social safety-net programs, respond to disasters, help monolingual-Mixteco farmworking women become economically self-sufficient and facilitate peacemaking circles centered in local indigenous history and protocol. As a subawardee to Ecology Action, Regeneración will center the EMobility Network project in Collaborative meetings for program implementation plan feedback, program enrollment promotion and partnership development. Appended to this letter of commitment we have shared Letters of Commitment for a State of California Regional Climate Collaboratives grant from our Members that serve Monterey County in which each one shared their role in climate and justice work and committed to participate in co-creating equitable climate projects and participating in Collaborative Activities.

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In addition to managing the Collaborative, we are formerly partnered with the project team serving as the community engagement lead in Pájaro Valley for *Ecology Action's EVs para Todos/ EVs for Everyone* project, and as a subawardee project manager and community engagement

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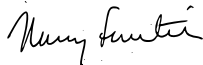
lead for Monterey County's California Strategic Growth Council *Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant* for the communities of Watsonville and Pajaro.

Should the EPA CPRG grant be awarded, Regeneración is committed to supporting roll out of the EMobility Network services in the following ways:

- Participate in planning meetings to ensure program design meets community needs from the lens of our programs and population served, including high school students, farm-worker families, immigrants, and women.
- Center the project development and roll out in the monthly *Clima y Equidad* meetings of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, supporting engagement of frontline and social service community based organizations to help design and connect to outreach contracts to enroll residents in new EMobility services.
- Support implementation of the EMobility Network through promotion of services through our extensive partner network, College Corps and Service Learner programs at local universities, social media channels and e-newsletter, and contacts at news outlets.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation with limited public transportation options, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,



Nancy Faulstich
Executive Director, Regeneración

Monterey Bay Area Climate Justice Collaborative

Letters of Commitment to Participate in MBACJC

The following letters were submitted to the California Strategic Growth Council RCC Round 2 Grant Program and confirm Member engagement in MBACJC activities and requests for CBO compensation.

Organization Type	Member Organization
Indigenous Community Representatives	Kanyon Sayers-Roods, Kanyon Consulting
Collaborative Managers and Facilitators	Healing and Reconciliation Institute Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative Esperanza Community Farms San Benito Youth Alliance
Low Income Building Electrification Project	Central Coast Energy Services
Frontline / Social Service CBO Capacity and Outreach Partners	Center for Community Advocacy Community Action Board Community Bridges Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) Leaders 4 EARTH MILPA Collective Mujeres en Acción Santa Cruz Community Ventures
Environmental CBOs	Watsonville Wetlands Watch Land Trust Santa Cruz
City Agencies	Cities of Gonzalez, King, Salinas, Santa Cruz and Watsonville
County Agencies	Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Resource Conservation District of Monterey County Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
Regional Agencies	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Central Coast Community Energy Central Coast Climate Collaborative (ARCCA member) 4C
Federal Agencies	United States Army Corp of Engineers, Silver Jackets Program
Economic Development Agencies	Monterey Bay Area Certified Green Business Program Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Academia	Pajaro Valley Unified School District University of California Ag and Natural Resources Office University of California Santa Cruz Sustainability Office



Regional Climate Collaboratives Program California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 29, 2023

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am pleased to express Kanyon Consulting LLC's wholehearted support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal.

At Kanyon Consulting LLC, our efforts are focused on bridging the gap between Indigenous and contemporary value systems, and to facilitate strategic planning for seven generations. As the Principal, Co-Founder, and CEO, I, Kanyon Sayers Rood, am dedicated to providing opportunities to share Indigenous perspectives and foster meaningful networks. In my role as a Cultural Representative and Native Monitor for the Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan Ohlone People, I collaborate with archaeologists, engage in Cultural Resource Management, and offer cultural insights in the field to inform current practices and sacred site protections. Our services extend broadly to communities and corporations, with a significant focus on my ancestral homelands, spanning from the Monterey Bay Area to the San Francisco Bay Area. My base remains in Indian Canyon, the only federally recognized land continuously held and occupied by Indigenous peoples in the Monterey Bay Area region.

Through this letter, Kanyon Consulting LLC confirms its keen interest in becoming a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative. Our aim is to collaborate on developing proposal-ready projects and securing increased funding to address the equity and climate needs of low-income, under-invested, and frontline communities in our region.

Upon the successful awarding of the RCC grant, our organization is committed to active Collaborative Participation, including:

- Engaging in meetings to foster relationships between climate agencies, organizations, and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participating in peer exchanges to share insights into the lived experiences of our community members and identifying action opportunities for advancing equity in our region.
- Contributing to work groups focused on developing equitable climate projects and grant proposals.

As a confirmed RCC grant Consulting Partner, Kanyon Consulting LLC pledges to offer the following unique services and will be duly compensated for these contributions:

- Local Indigenous history, traditional ecological knowledge, tribal liaison communications, protocol, and advisory consultation.
- Cultural Sensitivity/Competency Training.
- Land Acknowledgements (offering & education about best practices).
- Culture Sharing Opportunities.
- Decolonization/Re-Indigenization Workshops.

We extend our gratitude for considering our proposal, which is designed to serve the lowest-income residents in the state, facing the challenges of living in some of the nation's highest-cost-of-living and housing markets, while working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke, and drought conditions.

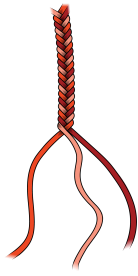
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Healing and Reconciliation Institute

SENT VIA EMAIL

November 29, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Jeanne.LePage@ecoact.org

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Healing and Reconciliation Institute (HRI) to confirm our support of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal.

The Healing and Reconciliation Institute works toward a more resilient future by bridging Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives. We address historical and ongoing harms by facilitating a framework for repair.

Over the summer and early Autumn of 2023, the Healing and Reconciliation Institute had the honor of serving as facilitating consultants to a collaborative of regional partners, the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, who came together to address inclusivity and equity amidst local climate action initiatives. Our program work includes supporting the governance needs for our region's Native American Tribes and Indigenous-led organizations, all of whom are unrecognized by the Federal government, but continue to maintain descendent status at the regional and State level. Our governance support includes leadership coaching, peacemaking/facilitation, culturally appropriate document drafting and support for intertribal and interagency relationships.

With this letter HRI is confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region, especially the eighteen (18) or more Native American Tribes and Indigenous-led organizations that call the lands of the Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County regions home.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
- Participate in local agency project, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant HRI will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Bridge Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives through facilitated peacemaking processes, supporting dispute resolution through these approaches
- Co-design and facilitate Collaborative meeting processes and agendas
- Address historical and ongoing harms by facilitating a framework for repair.
- Facilitate and increase local and teacher indigenous representation in processes

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the State, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

With much appreciation,

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November 22, 2023

**Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Central Coast Energy Services to confirm our support of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal.

Central Coast Energy Service (CCES) provides a wide range of utility assistance programs to low-income households in the counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, and the City and County of San Francisco. Our mission is to improve household safety, health, and economic security within our communities. CCES is the designated Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) service agency that focuses on providing services that reduce the overall energy burden of some of the most vulnerable households. In addition to utility assistance, CCES also provides home weatherization, workforce development, consumer education and advocacy, job training, and holds a deep understanding of the social and economic realities that low-income underserved communities face.

With this letter, we are confirming our intent to participate as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested, and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation which will include the following:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
- Participate in local agency project, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, Central Coast Energy Services will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Present our resources on weatherization and electrification services and energy payment assistance for low-income households
- Promote our developing training center to train students and community members on residential energy efficiency and electrification
- Lead workgroup(s) on low-income home electrification transitions that focus on community engagement, information, and feedback to avoid unintended consequences and develop viable solutions

I appreciate you taking the time to consider our proposal. This grant will allow this Collaborative to best serve the most vulnerable and disadvantaged residents in California from our region.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Osmer
Chief Executive Officer
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November 29, 2023



Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Central Coast Climate Collaborative (4C) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**. 4C is a regional collaborative of more than 50 member organizations including local and state governments, community groups, tribal nations, businesses, academia, and non-profit organizations with the common goal of working together for a resilient, equitable Central Coast. Our collaborative stretches across six Central Coast counties: Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura. 4C seeks to foster a network of local and regional community leaders engaged in climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience, share information and best practices, leverage efforts and resources, identify critical issues and needs, and engage all communities throughout the region to help ensure a resilient and low-carbon Central Coast prepared for the impacts of climate change.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. 4C will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
- Participate in local agency project, policy, program, and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, 4C will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Peer learning exchanges and annual solutions symposium;
- Connecting Monterey Bay Area work to the larger six-County regional collaborative; and

- Developing Regional Capacity Building Toolbox and Community Solutions Inventory.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke, and drought conditions. 4C fully supports this project proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Allen, 4C Chair, at (805) 654-2871 or centralcoastclimate@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Heather Allen
Chair, Central Coast Climate Collaborative



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Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Center for Community Advocacy (CCA) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Our organization's mission is Identify, cultivate, and recognize leadership from farmworkers and low-income families to expand opportunities in their lives. The communities we serve include low income families and farmworkers. We provide program services in Monterey County and Santa Cruz County and have offices and community centers in Salinas and Castroville.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

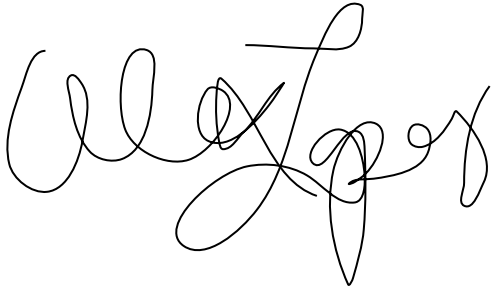
- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
- Participate in local agency project, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, CCA will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and engagement of farmworker families with a focus on housing, health and Youth for Change

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

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Alex Lopez
Communications & Reports Manager



Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 29, 2023

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

CAB's mission is to eliminate poverty and create social change through advocacy and essential services. CAB serves 10,000+ low income, majority Latinx, including farmworkers and Indigenous language speaking clients annually through immigration legal support, employment readiness and emergency preparedness, response and recovery services throughout Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley, including Davenport, Santa Cruz and Watsonville.

This letter confirms our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative to partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring more funding to address both equity and climate needs of the very low-income communities we serve.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization commits to Collaborative Participation:

- Meetings to build relationships between climate organizations and frontline communities
- Peer exchanges re: community member lived experience and equity action opportunities
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals
- Participate in local agency policy and development advisory bodies and working groups
- Community outreach re: climate change impacts, preparation, and participating in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and economic opportunities

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, CAB will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and feedback from lower income marginalized community members
- Workforce and economic empowerment to help eliminate poverty and create change

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the most lowest income in the state, living with a very high rent burden and working outside in extreme climate conditions.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena De La Garza
Executive Director



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November 27, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Community Bridges to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Community Bridges envisions a thriving community where every person has the opportunity to unleash their full potential. Our family of ten programs delivers essential services, provides equitable access to resources, and advocates for health and dignity across every stage of life. Every year, we meet the needs of thousands of local children, families and seniors with broad support from individuals, businesses, foundations and government. We believe that when we work together, anything is possible. We provide program services across Santa Cruz and Monterey County and have offices or family resource centers in Pajaro, Watsonville, Freedom, Santa Cruz Beach Flats (LIC) and Lower Ocean St. neighborhoods, Live Oak, Felton, and Ben Lomond.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
- Participate in local agency project, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.

OUR FAMILY OF PROGRAMS ● Elderday ● Lift Line ● Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County ● La Manzana Community Resources ● Live Oak Community Resources ● Mountain Community Resources ● Nueva Vista Community Resources ● Child & Adult Care Food Program ● Early Education Division ● Women, Infants and Children (WIC)



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- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, Community Bridges will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Feedback from and outreach to thousands of low-income families served by our ten programs focused on essential services, equitable access to resources, and advocacy for health and dignity across every stage of life.
- Leader in Pajaro flood recovery and onsite service provider to North Monterey County
- Leveraging existing outreach and climate justice related funding grants aiming to expand awareness of electrification, electric vehicle adaptation and climate preparedness planning.
- Electric transit and equity transportation expertise

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Raymon Cancino

Chief Executive Officer



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California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Our organization's mission is to develop leadership skills in ordinary people so they can engage effectively in public life; to build power to negotiate with public and private sector leaders; to work for the common good by transforming the economic, social, political and cultural pressures on our families and neighborhoods. The communities we serve include farmworkers, rich and poor, immigrant and citizen, English-speakers and Spanish-speakers, and people of any creed and race, labor, religion and others. We provide program services in Santa Cruz and Monterey County and have our office in Watsonville, CA.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
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- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, COPA will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and feedback from a network of 27 organizations representing a diverse cross-section of the region, rich and poor, immigrant and citizen, English-speakers and Spanish-speakers, and people of any creed and race, labor, religion and others.
- Expertise on affordable housing, healthcare access, safety, immigration, education and economic development.
- Expertise in community conversations and engagement, including but not limited to leadership development of ordinary community members.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Mayra Bernabe

Mayra Bernabe
COPA Organizer



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Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Leaders 4 Environmental Activism Reclaiming Their Health (Leaders4EARTH) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Our organization's mission at Leaders4EARTH which is a youth-founded and youth-led working group dedicated to cultivating leadership with a focus on social and environmental justice. We approach grassroots community organizing through education and youth-led engagement nurturing the growth of healthy and thriving communities within the environmental movement. The communities we serve include youth, undocumented/immigrant communities, and frontline residents. We provide program services in collaboration with the University of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz in the Monterey Bay County, and lead programs in the communities of Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Chular, Greenfield, and San Francisco.

With this letter, we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested, and frontline communities in our region.

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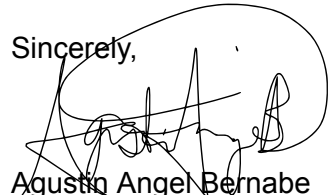
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- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, Leaders 4 EARTH will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and feedback from youth empowerment program participants from primarily monolingual Spanish/ indigenous communities
- Youth Participatory Research Action Projects

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

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Agustín Angel Bernabe
Co-Founder, Leaders4EARTH



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Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

We are writing on behalf of MILPA (Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Advancement) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**. We're committed to supporting next-generation leadership and infrastructure within communities, organizations, and systems. We use a healing-informed, relationship-centered approach that incubates next-generation leadership while re-thinking accountability and striving for racial justice. The communities we serve include intergenerational families, systems impacted youth and adults and students. We provide program services in Monterey County, Santa Cruz County, and Solano County and have offices in Salinas and Watsonville.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Provide information for and/or serve as leads on grant proposal submittals.
- Participate in local agency projects, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

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MILPA

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, MILPA will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Dissemination of environmental information to the community and how it intersects with social justice in multiple forms of outreach to a system impacted community
- Outreach to and feedback from youth programs and community circulos that center political education and cultural healing to empower the community to come together to build community and advocate for their needs.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Karina Moreno
Program and Leadership Coordinator

Bernie Gomez
Program and Leadership Coordinator

“Cultivating Change Makers for The Next Seven Generations”





November 28st, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Mujeres en Acción to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Our organization's mission is a peer-to-peer support, economic self-sufficiency and leadership development program that unlocks the full potential of low-income women. Through weekly capacity building and mentoring meetings, Mujeres generates opportunities for hard-working women, yet vulnerable, to live healthier and more dignified lives. Mujeres believes that with sufficient access to knowledge, resources, and connections, these women are capable of transforming their own lives, the lives of their families, and their communities. The communities we serve include women's advancement groups. Most of the women the organization works with are farmworkers, monolingual (Spanish or Mixteco), about half are single mothers (sometimes of children with special needs) and approximately 75% of the women are undocumented—all of this to say that they face tremendous hardships with access and awareness to governmental assistance programs. We have virtual support groups that have participants from different cities such as King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Salinas, Castroville, Pajaro and Watsonville and our office is located in Salinas, CA.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
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- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, Mujeres en Acción will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and feedback from women farm workers and their families
- Partnering with COPA to create a workforce development strategy and can incorporate climate opportunities
- Actively developing and promoting "Earn while Learning" internship opportunities in climate projects like we are in aerospace, Salinas Inclusive Economic Development and with COPA

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena Manzo
Director



11/28/2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Ventures to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Our organization's mission is to build compassionate and equitable local economies that contribute to our communities' wellbeing. Ventures' primary purpose is to partner with rural Latine working-class families on California's Central Coast to ensure a shared and equitable economic future for all. Together, we work towards a shared and prosperous economic future where zip code, race, gender, or immigration status do not dictate income or wealth. We provide our programs in San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and have our office in Watsonville.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, Ventures will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and feedback from lower income marginalized community members – We focus on working class individuals in rural communities, and we have experience in community input and outreach.



- Workforce and economic empowerment – Ventures aims to cultivate economic and political power in its community with its existing programs and increase its focus on climate including establishment of worker cooperatives.
- Connect climate with our programs that work to eliminate poverty and create social change through advocacy and essential services

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Maria Cadenas
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Maria Cadenas, Executive Director



Watsonville Wetlands Watch
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Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Watsonville Wetlands Watch (WWW) to confirm our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal**.

Watsonville Wetlands Watch works to preserve and restore the wetlands and natural environment of the Pajaro Valley, educate and develop the next generation of environmental leaders in our community, and ensure community directed and led environmental improvements where nature and our community will thrive into the future. The communities we serve include the City of Watsonville, Community of Pajaro, and the greater Pajaro Valley. Our Wetlands Education Center and offices are located on the campus of Pajaro High School in the City of Watsonville.

With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
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- Participate in local agency project, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.
- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, WWW will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Outreach to and feedback from high school students, youth and young adult workforce development and community members
- Nature based climate solutions, watershed and urban tree canopy expertise
- Workforce and economic empowerment through youth Climate Corp Leadership Institute youth program

Thank you for considering our proposal which will represent an important investment in the long-term health, climate justice, and resilience of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Pilch". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jonathan Pilch
Executive Director
Watsonville Wetlands Watch



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November 30, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) to confirm our support of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Proposal. MBEP is a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 with a mission to improve the economic health and quality of life in the tri-county region of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz. By championing regional leadership, fostering a cross-sector network, addressing housing affordability, bridging the digital divide, and promoting economic and workforce development, MBEP continues to make significant strides in creating a more inclusive, vibrant, and resilient community for the benefit of all. With this letter we are confirming our interest in participating as a compensated member of the Climate Justice Collaborative so we can partner to develop proposal-ready projects and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, under-invested and frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is committed to general Collaborative Participation. We will:

- Participate in meetings to build relationships between climate agencies and organizations and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share information about the lived experience of our community members and action opportunities to advance equity in our region.
- Participate in local agency project, policy, program and funding proposal development advisory bodies and working groups.

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- Conduct outreach to help our community members understand how they are affected by climate change, help them prepare for impacts and help them participate in programs that reduce emissions, improve health well-being and their economic opportunities.

As a confirmed RCC grant Partner, MBEP will provide the following unique services and receive compensation for providing these services:

- Coordination with regional workforce, housing and economic development initiatives
- Participation and presentation opportunities in high-profile annual State of the Region conference
- Coordinate activities between California Jobs First Uplift Central Coast and Regions Rise Together Collaborative
- Outreach to community leaders who are members from public, private, academic and nonprofit sectors

Thank you for considering our proposal. This proposal will be transformative for our region and it will serve among the lowest income residents in California living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Tahra Goraya, President & CEO



11/22/2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC)
Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of **Regeneración - Pajaro Valley Climate Action** to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative, through its revolutionary race relations education program, has discovered the strong need to educate our community in matters of climate control, carbon footprint, environmental control education and awareness. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

Dirrick Williams
Founder / Executive director
Black Leaders And Allies Collaborative



Esperanza Community Farms

11/22/2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of **Esperanza Community Farms** to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- Esperanza Community Farms is working to respond to climate change by promoting local consumption of produce in schools and through subsidized community CSA boxes of produce, as well as educating the public about how organic and regenerative farming helps address climate change.
- Esperanza Community Farms is working to address equity issues by forming a staff team that mirrors the local immigrant and Latinx demographic and using a system's change approach to widen access points for nutritious, fresh local produce for all families in the central coast region. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Mireya Gomez

Mireya Gomez-Contreras
Administrative Co-Leader

Guillermo Lazaro

Guillermo Lazaro
Farmer Co-Leader



November 27, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of **Let's Green CA!**, an initiative of the Romero Institute, to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is keenly interested in exploring potential collaboration in the following areas (participation is funding dependent):

- **Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings:** We aim to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- **Promoting the services, programs, and/or engagement opportunities:** We look forward to showcasing the valuable offerings of our organization and the participating agencies within the Climate Justice Collaborative and the collaborative itself to benefit community members.
- **Participating in peer exchanges:** We are open to sharing insights on critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other information that is vital to community climate response.
- **Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members for outreach:** We are interested in exploring opportunities to collaborate on outreach efforts, spreading awareness about programs, resources and community opportunities.
- **Promoting grant project partnership opportunities:** We are open to exploring and promoting potential grant project partnerships within the collaborative.
- **Contributing to work groups:** We are eager to contribute and learn from workgroups focused on developing equitable climate projects and grant proposals.

This is important to us because:

- Let's Green CA! is actively responding to climate change by implementing sustainable initiatives, promoting environmental awareness, and fostering resilience in vulnerable communities.

- Addressing equity issues, we focus on home and transportation electrification initiatives within low-income, predominantly Spanish-speaking LIC/DAC communities associated with parishes within the Diocese of Monterey. Our goal is to bridge socioeconomic disparities by fostering awareness and enhancing the resilience of these communities vulnerable to climate change impacts. Through our work, we have identified a critical need for funded staff positions, stipends and resources to empower individuals and organizations from frontline communities in preparing their communities for climate change, engaging their communities in emissions reductions, partnering on grant applications, and ensuring local policies and programs reflect the needs of their communities.

Thank you for considering of our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie Austin", followed by a horizontal line.

Leslie Austin
Director, Let's Green CA!

11/30/2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of **Regeneración - Pajaro Valley Climate Action** to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- Black Leaders and Allies Collaborative, through its revolutionary race relations education program, have discovered the strong need to educate our community in matters of climate control, carbon footprint, environmental control education and awareness. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering our proposal.
Sincerely,

Diane Ortiz, M.S.W.
CEO
Youth Alliance



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Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative,
Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, the Land Trust is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- The Land Trust is working to respond to climate change by protecting and stewarding land that – when properly managed and restored - can provide protective services for communities against the dramatic impacts of climate change. Having a network of partners representing diverse lived experiences ensures that our work will serve the most vulnerable communities.

- The Land Trust is working to address equity issues by prioritizing climate-resilient land protection, stewardship and public access to natural and working lands in frontline, park-poor areas of the County. In this work we have found it to be essential to work directly with the communities we seek to serve, and that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to partner with us in this work.

Thank you for considering of our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke, and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sarah Newkirk".

Sarah Newkirk
Executive Director



City of Gonzales

Council Member Liz Silva, Council Member Lorraine Worthy, Council Member Maria Orozco
Mayor Jose L. Rios, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Funk, City Manager Carmen Gil

Small town, big heart! ~ ¡Pueblo chico, corazón grande!



December 1, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative,
Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of City of Gonzales to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community based organizations to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our agency is interested in:

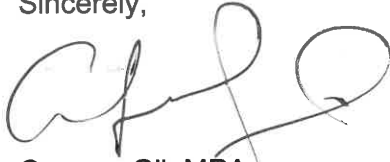
- Promoting agency incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about agency programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- Our City is working to respond to climate change by ensuring we have processes in place that can support emergency response and resilience efforts.
- Our City is working to address equity issues by being more intentional about our work and outreach to hard-to-reach populations. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering of our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gil', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Carmen Gil, MPA
City Manager



November 22, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the City of King to express our support for the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our agency is interested in:

- Promoting agency incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.

This is important to us because:

- King City is working to respond to climate change by installing and planning for multi-use pedestrian/bike paths throughout the community, making improvements to the City's downtown streetscape that encourage pedestrian traffic, construction of a downtown plaza, adding new bus stop locations and planning for a multi-modal transit center.
- King City is working to address equity issues through joint efforts with the Blue Zones Project. King City is active with community walking moais, healthy cooking demonstrations, community outreach and planning for future bike/walk community events such as Cycloviva. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering our input on this proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Octavio Hurtado
Public Works Director



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November 20, 2023

Maura F. Twomey
Executive Director
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
24580 Silver Cloud Ct,
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Salinas to express our support of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local community-based organizations to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative that increases social service CBO capacity will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our agency is interested in:

- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach regarding programs, resources, and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

The City of Salinas is working to respond to climate change by developing our first Climate Action Plan and including climate adaptation and resiliency in our Visión Salinas 2040 General Plan Update. Ensuring an equitable transition to a green future will be a key component of both efforts. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities

for climate change, engage their communities in reduction of emissions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community. Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, and working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimbley Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Kimbley Craig
Mayor
City of Salinas



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November 16, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council Staff:

As City Manager for the City of Santa Cruz (City), I am writing to express support for the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Round 2 Program Proposal**. The City is supportive of the proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations (CBOs) to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, the City is interested in:

- Participating in Clima y Equidad/Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting City incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and sharing climate change preparedness and other City information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with collaborative CBOs' members to conduct outreach about City programs, resources, and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.

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- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting collaborative members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, and policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important because our City Council has recognized equity as one of three priority focal areas that improve community well-being. Specifically, the City:

- Is working to respond to climate change through implementation of our equity-focused Climate Action Plan 2030 and Climate Adaptation Plan 2023.
- Is working to address broader social equity issues through our Health in All Policies initiative by carrying out: 1) annual workplans focused on increasing diversity in representation in City commissions and committees; 2) activities contained in our adopted anti-racial discrimination resolution; and 3) an internal diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility initiative.
- Serves as the Vice Chair for the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group, a consortium of local government jurisdictions focused on securing transformative and equitable climate funding for the region.

In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reduction activities, partner on grant applications, and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering this proposal, which will serve some of the lowest-income residents in the State, who are living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation and working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke, and drought conditions.

Sincerely,



Matt Huffaker
City Manager



Public Works and Utilities Department

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October 21, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of support for the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative** application for funding under the Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program, Round 2 Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Watsonville to confirm our support of and participation in the development of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative** (Collaborative) **RCC Proposal** (Proposal). We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to partner community members and frontline community-based organizations (CBOs) with local agencies to advise on and develop climate work to advance equitable outcomes. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative will contribute toward a more coordinated climate response and address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

This letter confirms our commitment to continue participation in the future. Should the RCC grant be awarded, the City will provide in-kind support with staff engagement in the activities outlined in the proposal appropriate for our involvement, including:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Project concept development meetings
- Promoting agency incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges to share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to a more resilient, coordinated community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about agency programs, resources, and community opportunities.



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- Inviting and supporting Collaborative members to engage in climate, health and workforce policy and program development and implementation.

The Proposal advances Watsonville's goals because:

- Our City adopted an ambitious Climate Action and Adaptation Plan in 2021 with a goal of being net-negative emissions by 2030. To achieve this goal, we recognize the need for increased community engagement and enhanced regional collaboration.
- The City of Watsonville is working to address equity issues in climate work by integrating justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion into the implementation of our Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. The main pathway for this integration is through investment in our local community advisory climate committee, with greater emphasis for representation of underserved groups. To maintain the equitable operating model made possible by a previous grant, we may require outside funding to compensate committee participants representing frontline communities for their expertise serving on the committee. As a utility-funded division we are unable to provide direct funding for the committee under Prop 218 restrictions.
- Through the proposed Monterey Bay Regional Climate Justice Collaborative, however, the City would be able to not only secure outside funding for local community committee compensation, but also increase community capacity and alignment for a more resilient regional network. This compound benefit offered through participation in the Collaborative will create a multi-scalar space where frontline communities can work with the government on climate action in a way that informs decision-making and honors community wisdom and lived experience, both in Watsonville and the broader Monterey Bay region.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal, which will allow our climate action to center the people and communities who experience systemically-created disparities—who experience the impacts of the climate crisis first and worst—and ultimately build long-term resilient networks achieving climate justice.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Courtney Lindberg

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Courtney Lindberg

Director of Public Works

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SONIA M. DE LA ROSA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



November 30, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative,
Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program Application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on to express my support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal (Proposal)**. The Proposal would compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations (CBOs) to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications with the focus of ensuring an equitable climate response and access to funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, as a collaborative partner we are interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies, organizations, and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and sharing critical climate response, climate change preparedness, and other agency information important to community climate response.
- Coordinating with collaborative CBO members to conduct program, resource, and community outreach opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting collaborative members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

We join in the commitment to address climate change through an equity centered approach. The County of Monterey's Sustainability Program is currently drafting a Community Climate Action and Adaption Plan needed to reach the County's 2030 goals and beyond. We have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare for climate change, engage in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications, and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering of the Proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the

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SONIA M. DE LA ROSA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Sonia M. De La Rosa
County Administrative Officer





County of San Benito
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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November 22, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC)
Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of San Benito County to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations is interested in:

- Participating in Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- San Benito County is working to respond to climate change and address equity issues. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering of our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Loupe".

Steve Loupe
Public Works Administrator



County of Santa Cruz

County Administrative Office

Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3)

701 Ocean Street, Suite 520, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/OR3.aspx>

David Reid – OR3 Director

November 16, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz, Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3) to express our support for the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We approve of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations (CBOs) when partnering with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative that sustains social service CBO engagement will ensure a broad-based climate response and allow for increased funding to implement equitable strategies that address the climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our agency is interested in:

- Promoting agency incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about agency programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- OR3 sees the need for equity-based climate action and the value in working with community partners to better understand and respond to the impacts of climate change.

- OR3 is working to address equity issues through implementation of our Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering of our proposal, which will focus on a segment of the population in California that is low income and residing in an area with the highest cost of living and most unaffordable housing markets in the nation while also working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

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David Ried, Director

Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3)

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November 28, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

We are writing on behalf of the Resource Conservation Districts of Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations are interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- Our Resource Conservation Districts are working to respond to climate change by providing technical assistance to improve community resilience to climate change through conservation and stewardship of natural resources including forest health and wildfire resilience, stormwater management, water conservation for drought resilience, and improving soil health on agricultural and working lands.

- Our Resource Conservation Districts are working to address equity issues by co-developing our programs and services with diverse and limited resource growers and rural land managers, and directing our services to meet the needs of underserved community members. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering this proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,



Lisa Lurie
Executive Director
Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County



Karminder Aulakh Brown
Executive Director
San Benito Resource Conservation District



Paul Robins
Executive Director
Resource Conservation District of Monterey County



November 20, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments to express our support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach of compensating community-based organizations (CBOs) to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of disadvantaged, underserved, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, AMBAG is committed to:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between public agencies and CBO's working in marginalized communities.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.

AMBAG is working to respond to climate change by implementing sustainable communities strategies and partnering with member agencies to develop a number of sustainability initiatives. In this work we have found that individuals, organizations, and agencies from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, create emissions reductions programs, partner on grant applications, and implement local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Therefore, we would like to again express our strong support for the Centering Equity in Monterey Bay Climate Response, Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal.

Sincerely,

Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director



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November 21, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) to express our support for the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications in partnership with local agencies. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service community-based organizations will ensure an equitable climate response and bring much needed funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our agency is interested in contributing our staff time and expertise to:

- Monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting incentives, services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and sharing critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative members to conduct outreach about agency programs, resources, and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our projects and programs.

This proposal is in alignment with the 3CE mission and will be integral in regional community-based efforts to improve energy equity and climate justice in our communities. 3CE procures clean and renewable energy, and we offer community energy programs to support public agencies, residential and commercial customers in our service area. In our collaborative work with community-based organizations, we have found that individuals and organizations in frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their

communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

We offer our highest recommendation for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative proposal. We applaud the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative for its vision and tireless work; this funding will provide the resources necessary to continue meaningful work in and for our most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Dawn Mathes-Park

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Dawn Mathes-Park

Director of Communications and Outreach

11/22/2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of collaborative interest for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative,
Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing to applaud the work proposed by **Ecology Action, Regeneració - Pajaro Valley Climate Action and partners** through the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. In particular, we are enthusiastic about the proposals' approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications.

Compensating these organizations allows folks on the ground who have relationships with and are most connected to affected communities to dedicate time and crucial technical expertise to collaborative and equitable climate adaptation work alongside other local, state, and federal agencies.

In our own planning and decision process, we acknowledge the importance of this type of expertise and yet without resources/capacity for these organizations, it is difficult to get their input involved in public processes.

This is one of the only ways that we can truly achieve equitable outcomes that don't repeat past mistakes where, for decades, consequential decisions were made *about* affected communities *without* the input of those affected communities. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure the people most affected by climate change impacts and adaptation have a voice in the decisions that affect their long term health, safety, and wellbeing in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, USACE is interested in:

- Continuing to leverage our ongoing technical assistance, floodplain management services, and Interagency Programs; and promoting additional ones that convene local, state, federal agencies and community organizations on flood Emergency Action Planning and preparedness activities.
- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Providing Collaborative Members the opportunity to shape federal rule making and other related policy initiatives *through federal register and public process) that affect issues of climate, emergency response, environmental justice, housing, and public health.

This is important to us because:

- We know that community members and organizations have valuable technical expertise and connection to the land which is essential for effective climate adaptation-- we as an 'outside agency' do not have this expertise and can't do it alone.
- Along with the rest of the "federal family", we are being asked by Executive Order 14096 (April 2023) to contribute to a whole-of-government approach to Environmental Justice to help ensure that all communities have access to a healthy and sustainable

environment. We also know it's the right thing to do. In that light, the best way we can create that future is by working alongside individuals and organizations from frontline communities who are sufficiently funded and staffed with the resources they need to participate in climate adaptation decision making.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ludy

Environmental Justice and Flood Risk Program Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
San Francisco District



November 21, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of California Green Business Network to express our support of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

This is important to us because:

- California Green Business Network has found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.
- CAGBN is prioritizing equity in everything we do so that we can serve all small businesses in California, ensuring that the Green Business advantage is delivered to communities and small businesses that need it most. It's working. We've increased our participation from underserved

communities by 20%. We've engaged and funded CBOs in these communities, had a Spanish language emphasis, and are adding business sectors that have been marginalized and have significant opportunities for reduced toxic exposure. Attached is our Impact Statement." And then attach the latest impact statement.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

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Josephine Fleming,
Executive Director

CALIFORNIA GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK



MONTEREY BAY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

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Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of **Regeneración - Pajaro Valley Climate Action** to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is interested in:

- Inviting Collaborative Members to contribute to the development of a Climate Action Module for the MBCLC's Resident Leadership Academy.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Inviting Collaborative Members to serve on equity advisory committees and work groups to inform our project, program, policy and/or grant proposal development efforts.

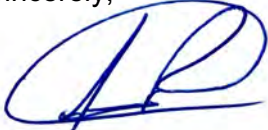
This is important to us because:

- Our Organization, the Monterey Bay Central labor Council, AFL-CIO is working to respond to climate change by raising awareness among union activists and non-profit volunteers about what actions, individually and collectively, they can take to address the impact of climate change in the workforce and local economy.
- The Monterey Bay central Labor Council, AFL-CIO is working to address equity issues by providing stipends to our Leadership Academy participants who must miss work to participate in the Leadership Academy and to our facilitators, who are

chosen from among prior year Resident Leadership Academy participants. In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering of our proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke, and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

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Francisco Rodriguez D.
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November 22, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Community Foundation for Monterey County to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We support the proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organization is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings that build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.
- Contributing to work groups that develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.

This is important to us because:

- Community Foundation for Monterey County is working to respond to climate change by becoming a dues paying member of a national community foundation climate change collaborative. This will allow us to work at a local level.

Thank you for considering our proposal, which will serve the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Michael Castro

Michael Castro
Director of Community Initiatives and Partnerships

November 21, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of Community Foundation Santa Cruz County to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. We support the proposal's approach to compensate community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, our organizations is interested in:

- Coordinating with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about our programs, resources and community opportunities.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Participating in peer exchanges and share critical climate response, climate change preparedness and other agency information critical to community climate response.

This is important to us because:

- Community Foundation Santa Cruz County is working to respond to climate change and the environment by building and investing philanthropic resources in community-driven, local solutions. Together with donors we've established over \$3.4 million in endowed funding to serve as a permanent source of local funding for this type of work.
- Our vision is to make Santa Cruz County thrive for all who call it home, now and in the future. To achieve that vision, we continuously advance equity in our work: in who we serve, who we are, our partnerships, and the impact we make together. We agree with proposal partners that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering this proposal and its vision for supporting healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all.

With gratitude,



Kevin Heuer
Director of Engagement & Impact
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



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November 22, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff,

Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) serving 16,287 K-12 students is proud to express our support of the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. The proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs and grant applications is an approach that reflects our belief and commitment to a Whole, Child, Whole Family, Whole Community framework. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline youth, families, and communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, PVUSD is interested in:

- Participating in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies, organizations and individuals.
- Promoting our organization's services, and program engagement opportunities that can benefit community members.
- Promoting grant project partnership opportunities and participating in grant partnerships.
- Contributing to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.
- Lifting up the voices and participation of our students in program activities to ensure perspectives of future generations are present in the work.

This is important to us because:

- PVUSD is working to respond to climate change through the actions and advocacy work of our district-wide Green Team.
- PVUSD is working to advance equity of outcomes across Whole Child domains, and to expand collaborative opportunities to increase climate justice and climate response initiatives that reflect the needs of our students, families and community.

Thank you for considering of this proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

Murry Schekman
Interim Superintendent of Schools

November 20, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative, Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear Strategic Growth Council staff:

I am writing on behalf of **Regeneración - Pajaro Valley Climate Action** to express our support for the **Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal**. The UC Environmental Stewards program fully endorses the Proposal's approach to compensate local social service and equity community-based organizations to partner with local agencies and organizations to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will ensure an equitable climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, frontline communities in our region. This approach is consistent with our own program's guiding principles.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, UC Environmental Stewards would commit to the following roles:

- Participating in relevant monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships between local agencies and organizations and individuals from marginalized communities.
- Supporting the implementation of a UC Climate Stewards course through collaboration with the project partners. This includes the establishment of a collaborating agreement, training of local instructors, co-design of the Climate Stewards course, assistance with course evaluation, and the provision of post-course support to sustain engagement in locally established projects in education, conservation, adaptation and community resilience, and participatory/community science.
- Connecting the RCC project to other resources available through the various programs of UC Agricultural and Natural Resources.

This project aligns closely with our program's goals and the public values of the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources which emphasize the importance of building community resilience to climate change through a wide range of technical assistance, community development, and education and service approaches. In particular, UC Environmental Stewards addresses structural, procedural, and distributional equity issues by operationalizing our 4 R's framework for Diversity Equity, Inclusion and Justice. This framework builds **Relationships** with frontline communities, uses a collaborative design process to ensuring local and cultural **Relevance** of our course content, eliminates barriers to **Recruitment**, and takes **Responsibility** and accountability for our measuring our progress toward our stated goals.

From our experience, we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering this proposal, which will serve among the lowest income residents in the state, living in some of the highest cost of living and housing markets in the nation, working outdoors in extreme heat, smoke and drought conditions.

Sincerely,

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Gregory C. Ira
Director, UC Environmental Stewards
Discovery – Action – Stewardship



December 5, 2023

Regional Climate Collaboratives Program
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Support for the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative,
Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Round 2 Program application

Dear California Strategic Growth Council staff,

I am writing on behalf of University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) to express our support of the Monterey Bay Climate Justice Collaborative RCC Proposal. We are supportive of the Proposal's approach to partner with local agencies to advise on and develop projects, programs, and grant applications while compensating local social service and equity community based organizations (CBOs) for their community expertise. Supporting a diverse Climate Justice Collaborative with capacity for social service CBOs will support an inclusive climate response and bring increased funding to address both equity and climate needs of the low-income, immigrant, frontline communities in our region.

Should the RCC grant be awarded, UCSC intends to lend support and involvement on the following:

- Participate in monthly Clima y Equidad / Climate and Equity meetings to build relationships and trust between local agencies, organizations, and individuals from frontline communities.
- Participate in peer exchanges and share important climate response, climate preparedness and other agency information critical to community-based climate response.
- Coordinate with Collaborative CBO members to conduct outreach about agency programs, resources, and community opportunities.
- Promote grant partnership opportunities.
- Contribute to work groups to develop equitable climate projects and grant proposals.

This is important to us because:

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- We are working to respond to climate change by facilitating and leading the community dialogue process for the Pajaro Valley TCC planning grant with support from undergraduate students.
- At the end of the planning grant, we will be developing a best practices report and guide for other community organizations wanting to work alongside and conduct participatory-based and/or community-led program development.
- We are working to address equity issues by helping the community take the lead in identifying climate resilience projects, supporting students in their professional development as future sustainability and equity professionals.

In this work we have found that individuals and organizations from frontline communities need funded staff positions, stipends, and resources to prepare their communities for climate change, engage their communities in emissions reductions, partner on grant applications and ensure local policies and programs reflect the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering our proposal, if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Ileana Ortega Brunetti
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