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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
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Letter of Commitment for Monterey County's *Agriculture and Tourism Worker EMobility Network* proposal to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

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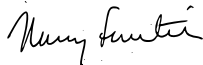
lead for Monterey County's California Strategic Growth Council *Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant* for the communities of Watsonville and Pajaro.

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