



Air Pollution Control District
San Luis Obispo County

March 29, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) - Implementation Grant Letter of Support for Innovative, Transformative, and Replicable Regional Renewable Energy Park

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the [San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District](#) (SLO County APCD) to express our strong support for the CPRG implementation grant application from the City of Paso Robles that is backed by a thirteen jurisdiction Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). To protect the current and future generations along the Central Coast and beyond, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will be an innovative, transformative, and replicable example of how to 1) effectively manage organic waste, 2) address climate impacts across sectors, and 3) protect against other significant environmental threats.


Through the MOU, a biodigester will process the regional organic waste stream at the RREP and produce renewable biogas (RCNG) and green hydrogen to fuel the waste haulers servicing the facility and other vehicles in the region; mitigating greenhouse gas (GHG), criteria air pollutant, and toxic diesel particulate emissions from transportation. Since the RREP will be located at the city owned landfill, the landfill gas that is currently flared will augment the RCNG production. The biosolids from the digester will be burned in a high-temperature pyrolysis system designed to sequester carbon in the form of biochar. Our local Resource Conservation Districts have demand for the biochar to support their members' regenerative agricultural practices. The RREP will include a solar farm to offset its power needs. The RREP will also provide the co-benefit of helping jurisdictions with the growing need to alleviate PFAS (aka "forever chemicals") contamination in their municipal biosolids and landfill leachates. Low-income and disadvantaged communities throughout the region will be served by the RREP as it enhances our collective economic vitality.

The interconnected nature of the RREP design aligns well with federal environmental initiatives and the CPRG goals and objectives outlined in the [CPRG Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). The RREP is also consistent with California's organic waste reduction goals in [SB 1383](#) (Lara: 75% by 2025) and the state's progression of GHG reductions over time specified in [SB 32](#) (Pavley: 40% GHG reduction by 2030) and [AB 1279](#) (Muratsuchi: carbon neutrality by 2045).

As an agency that helped develop SLO County's GHG inventory, SLO County APCD recognizes that the energy sector has provided the bulk of the county's GHG reductions to date. Reductions from the other emission sectors are critical to meeting local, regional, state, and federal GHG reduction targets. The Paso Robles RREP will provide an opportunity to secure GHG and co-benefit emission reductions from other sectors including waste, transportation, energy, and natural and working lands. Some of these reductions can meet carbon offset protocols and thus provide GHG mitigation for new land uses that emit more than SLO County APCD's GHG land use significance thresholds.

Our agency is excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles on the Regional Renewable Energy Park. The RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. Its solutions are revolutionary in their scope and in the environmental benefits they offer. The project will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change for California and nationwide. To realize the benefits described above, SLO County APCD urges EPA to select the Paso Robles RREP for CPRG implementation grant funding.

Sincerely,



GARY WILLEY
Executive Director / Air Pollution Control Officer
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March 27, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20460

RE: Support for the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park application under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing on behalf of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to express strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will sizably reduce GHG emissions and safeguard against other significant environmental threats throughout California's Central Coast.

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of clean hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and federal environmental initiatives. The Paso Robles RREP solution is pioneering in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

California has been a leader in cleaning the air and the fight against climate change for decades. Most recently, California passed Assembly Bill 1279 (AB 1279) (Muratsuchi, Chapter 337, Statutes of 2022).¹ This bill establishes the State's science-based policy to reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emission (GHGs) and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. This transition will require a historic rate of clean technology production, deployment, rapid consumer adoption, and coordination across all levels of government, while ensuring affordability and maximizing myriad co-benefits. CARB's 2022 Scoping Plan Update² lays out the sector-by-sector, technologically feasible, and cost-effective path for California to achieve the mandates in AB 1279 and highlights how increased climate ambition can address persistent air pollution and opportunity gaps faced by low-income communities and communities of color.

¹ Available online at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1279

² Available online at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2022-scoping-plan-documents>

Paso Robles RREP aligns with the State's overall long-term climate work that calls for ambitious and innovative actions to reduce GHGs and develop renewable energy markets at all levels of government. It is also well aligned with Energy Measure Six: Implement Bioenergy Projects in the State's Priority Climate Action Plan³ developed under its U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CPRG Planning Grant.

CARB is glad to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as appropriate, as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical solutions to local communities and a powerful example of turning organic waste to energy and reducing GHGs.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact International Advisor Sarah Jo Szambelan, at SarahJo.Szambelan@arb.ca.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D., Executive Officer

cc: without enclosures

Rajinder Sahota, Deputy Executive Officer, Climate Change and Research

Matt Botill, Chief, Industrial Strategies Division

³ Available online at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/California%20CPRG%20Priority%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%202024%20March%201_0.pdf

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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Regan,

I am writing in support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in partnership with numerous cities and service districts in the 24th Congressional District.

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and Federal environmental initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

Again, I support this application submitted by the City of Paso Robles on behalf of partners on the California Central Coast region, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Sincerely,

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Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress

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The Paso Robles RREP solution is revolutionary in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

I am excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

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DAWN ADDIS
Assemblymember, 30th District

March 29, 2024

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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of San Luis Obispo Council of Governments to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.


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At SLOCOG we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of sustainable transportation and clean energy goals

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,



John DiNunzio
Senior Regional Transportation Planner
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments



March 29, 2024

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Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant – Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Atascadero Public Works Department to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and Federal environmental initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP solution is revolutionary in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

A foundational tenet of the original "Atascadero Colony" was sustainability, with experts in agriculture, engineering and planning hired to establish and develop a thriving rural community. Minimizing waste and maximizing the efficiency of how we use (and reuse) our valuable natural resources are core values for the City of Atascadero's Public Works Department that are mirrored in the PRRREP's objectives (protection of groundwater resources, reliable local energy and fuel generation, etc.).

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. DeBar, PE
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Working together to serve, build community and enhance quality of life.



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Mission Statement

The San Miguel Community Services District was formed and remains committed to efficiently serving the community with fire protection, water, wastewater, streetlighting/landscaping and solid waste services in San Miguel

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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of San Miguel Community Services District to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and Federal environmental initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP solution is revolutionary in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

At San Miguel Community Services District we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of San Miguel Community Services Districts goals that are supported in the PRRREP's objectives (sustainable transportation, healthy soils, etc.).

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dodds
Kelly Dodds, General Manager



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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March 25, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the CA Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles.

The City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (PR-RREP) project proposed for this grant will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in the local community, protect against other significant environmental threats and generate high quality jobs to support the State's transition to clean energy industries.

The PR-RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor, an integral east-west connector for the State's transportation system. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and Federal environmental and GHG reduction initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP solution is innovative in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer and will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

At GO-Biz we look forward to supporting and collaborating with the PR-RREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of quality jobs that align with the State's climate goals and are supported in the PR-RREP's objectives (sustainable transportation, healthy soils, etc.).

If you have any questions regarding our support, as expressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at poonum.patel@gobiz.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Poonum Patel
Assistant Deputy Director, Business Investment Services
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Administrator Michael S. Regan
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of Travel Paso - the nonprofit marketing organization whose mission is to promote tourism - to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At Travel Paso we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of tourism in a sustainable way that supports our environment and economic vitality.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

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Stacie Jacob,
President & CEO
Travel Paso



CITY OF MORRO BAY

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Date: March 29, 2024

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Morro Bay to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region. The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and Federal environmental initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP solution is revolutionary in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

The City of Morro Bay is excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Greg Kwolek
Public Work Director
City of Morro Bay



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President

Administrator Michael S. Regan
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Jerry D. Smith

Steven T. Majoewsky

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dean Nevins, PhD

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

Sharon Rose

I am writing on behalf of Goleta Sanitary District to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

Steve D. Wagner, PE
General Manager

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both State and Federal environmental initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP solution is revolutionary in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide.

At the Goleta Sanitary District, we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of the harnessing of renewable resources, advancing sustainable transportation, and protection of the environment.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Steve Wagner, P.E.
General Manager
Goleta Sanitary District



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To: Administrator Michael S. Regan
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From: Aaron Floyd, City of San Luis Obispo Utilities
Director

Date: March 29, 2024

RE: **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support**

Cc: Adam Spaulding, City of Paso Robles Solid Waste & Recycling Manager

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the City of San Luis Obispo to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At the City of San Luis Obispo, we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of the City of San Luis Obispo's major city goals of climate action and carbon neutrality for the region that are mirrored in the PRRREP's objectives (sustainable transportation, healthy soils, etc.).

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Floyd
Utilities Director
City of San Luis Obispo

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March 25, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Subject: Support for City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant-Implementation Grant

Dear Administrator Regan,

As the State Senator representing San Luis Obispo County, which includes the City of Paso Robles, and as a former California Secretary for Natural Resources, I am writing to express my strong support for their Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application. With this funding, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions would develop the local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

The Paso Robles RREP will serve as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy onsite will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout Central California, helping to achieve both state and federal environmental initiatives.

The Paso Robles RREP is revolutionary in its scope and in the environmental solutions it will offer such as upgrading organic material into biochar for utilization as a soil amendment to improve soil health, reduce water demand, protect groundwater and reduce pesticide application. The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and provide a model for other projects in California and nationwide. The City of Paso Robles

as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

If you need further information, please contact me or my San Luis Obispo Senior District Representative Clint Weirick at (805) 549-3784 or Clint.Weirick@sen.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration and I urge your support to secure funding for this visionary project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Laird". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Laird" clearly distinguishable.

JOHN LAIRD
State Senator, 17th District

JIMMY PANETTA
19TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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March 21, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Regan,

I write in strong support of the City of Paso Robles' application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. If awarded funding, the City of Paso Robles will implement its Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions in northern San Luis Obispo County in California's 19th Congressional District and protect against other harmful pollution.

The City's proposal explains how it will use this program's training and technical resources to implement the RREP as a key renewable energy hub along the Highway 46 corridor. The onsite creation of green hydrogen and renewable energy will allow for the expansion of zero-emission transportation throughout the Central Coast, helping to achieve both federal and local climate goals.

The Paso Robles RREP will also serve as an example of how coordinated regional efforts can lead to multisector sustainable solutions and replicable change in California and nationwide. I am hopeful that this project has the potential to protect this and future generations along the Central Coast.

Thank you, in advance, for your full and fair consideration of its proposal. Please contact my office if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,

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Jimmy Panetta
U.S. Representative, California
19th Congressional District



Paso Robles Main Street Association

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March 26, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Paso Robles Main Street Association to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At Downtown Paso Robles Main Street Association, we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of sustainable transportation, reduced water demand and healthy soils.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

DOWNTOWN PASO ROBLES MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

Norma Moyer
Executive Director



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

John Peschong District One Supervisor

March 26, 2024

Michael S. Regan, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Regan,

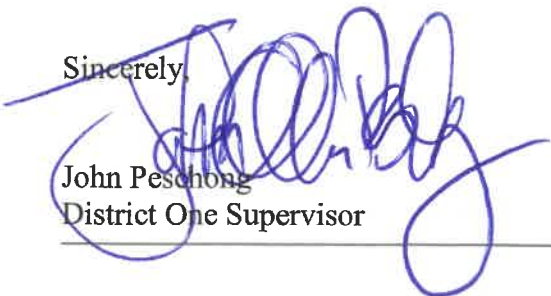
I am the San Luis Obispo County District One Supervisor and the City of Paso Robles falls within my supervisorial district. I'm writing to express my strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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I work collaboratively with the City of Paso Robles and look forward to the Regional Renewable Energy Park which will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,


John Peschong
District One Supervisor

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March 26, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support**

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the **City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP)** will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At the RTA, we look forward to contributing to the success of the **Paso Robles RREP** by coordinating efforts for the further development of the RTA's 2023 Zero-Emission Transition Plan that has been accepted by the Federal Transit Administration and is supported/mirrored in the Paso Robles RREP's objectives of sustainable transportation, healthy soils, and other important community-supported efforts.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

Geoff Straw
Executive Director

The Regional Transit Authority is a Joint Powers Agency serving residents and visitors of:

Arroyo Grande Atascadero Grover Beach Morro Bay Paso Robles Pismo Beach San Luis Obispo and The County of San Luis Obispo



Ideas + Action for a Thriving Central Coast

March 20, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing to express REACH's support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. The Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

REACH is a nonprofit, economic impact organization with a mission to increase economic prosperity on the Central Coast of California through big thinking, bold action and regional collaboration. The north star of our work is collaboration with business, education, government and nonprofit partners to create good paying jobs and provide current and future generations the opportunity to thrive. As part of these efforts, our region is actively working to ensure we have the infrastructure to sustain a resilient community.

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We greatly appreciate the consideration of this project and grant application for the City of Paso Robles' Regional Renewable Energy Park to provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa James".

Melissa James

President/CEO

REACH

melissa@reachcentralcoast.org



Mar 18, 2024

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the Cal Poly Initiative for Climate Leadership and Resilience (ICLR) to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At ICLR, we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts to leverage biochar, a “waste” product from the facility that has great value as an agricultural soil amendment. Indeed, regenerative agriculture is a key climate solution for the Central Coast (an agricultural center), and we do not currently have a local source of biochar. The PRRREP fills a critical gap and will help accelerate the adoption of climate-smart agriculture.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,



-Erin

Dr. Erin P. J. Pearse | [he/him](#)

Initiative for Climate Leadership and Resilience
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Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA

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March 15, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of The Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of sustainable transportation, healthy soils, and the protection of the Paso Robles Wine Country for future generations.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,



Joel Peterson
Executive Director
Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance



Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

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Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (USLTRCD) to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At USLTRCD we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by coordinating efforts for the further development of identifying and creating closed loop systems to address fire/fuels management, climate smart agricultural practices, renewable and alternative energy sources, and healthy soils.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,



Devin Best
Executive Director
Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Connecting the Community to Waste Solutions

March 11, 2024

Administrator Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Administrator Michael S. Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority to express our strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant - Implementation Grant application submitted by the City of Paso Robles. To protect this and future generations along the Central Coast, the City of Paso Robles Regional Renewable Energy Park (RREP) will dramatically reduce GHG emissions in our local community and protect against other significant environmental threats throughout the region.

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At the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority, we look forward to contributing to the success of the PRRREP by supporting our mission to provide coordinated efforts to comply with state waste and recycling policy on behalf of member agencies through practical and cost-effective programs, education and technical support.

We are excited to support and collaborate with the City of Paso Robles as the Regional Renewable Energy Park will provide needed and critical environmental solutions to all members of our community.

Sincerely,

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Jan Marx
Board President,
San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority