



Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation

March 29, 2024

To: Ms. Coleen Clementson, Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Association of Governments
401 B Street, Suite 800 San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Letter of Support for the SANDAG proposal for the San Diego- Chula Vista, CA Metro Area Phase 2 Implementation Grant of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

Dear Ms. Clementson:

The Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, also known as the Manzanita Band of Mission Indians, is sending this letter in support of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG)– submittal of the Decarbonizing the San Diego Region Project (Project) to the EPA's CPRG Program for Phase 2 Implementation funding. In 2023, SANDAG was awarded CPRG Program Phase I funding to conduct climate action planning in the region with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and harmful air pollution. SANDAG, in coordination with local governments, community-based organizations, tribal governments, and other stakeholder groups, has developed a Regional Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) identifying near-term actions and policies that can be implemented quickly to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution in the San Diego region.

The Project enables the implementation of GHG emission-reduction measures identified in the San Diego Regional PCAP that are well-positioned to advance the CPRG program goals and will accelerate decarbonization in the transportation, building, and energy sectors. This Project will benefit residents, municipalities, and Tribal Nations across the entire region and enable them to take aggressive action now to combat climate change, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation fully supports SANDAG's proposal, which will provide much-needed resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the San Diego region by increasing the adoption of zero-emission vehicles, expanding active transportation opportunities, increasing the use of public transport, electrifying buildings, and increasing solar and energy storage. For any questions feel free to call me directly or our Tribal Administrator, Paola Martinez-Montes, at paolamartinezmontes@manzanita-nsn.gov or via cell phone on (619) 781-7610.

Sincerely,

Angela Elliott-Santos, Tribal Chairwoman
Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation