



March 29, 2024

To: Ms. Colen 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 San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative 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.

The San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darbi Berry'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darbi Berry

Director, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative