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RE: Letter of Commitment for the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Application for a CPRG Implementation Grant EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Dr. Ayala:

I am writing to express my continued support for *Going Beyond Green: Cultivating Community, Connections, and Crops*, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (Sac Metro Air District) grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) notice of funding opportunity. The County of Nevada has been a strong partner throughout the development of the region's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), known as the Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan, and stands ready to support the implementation efforts described in the Sac Metro Air District's application.

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors have established Climate Resiliency as a priority objective to safeguard economic durability, environmental integrity, public health, and safety by preparing for, adapting to, and mitigating climate conditions that reflect our rural quality of life.

The *Going Beyond Green* project will enable the County of Nevada to pursue key Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction measures outlined in the Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan, specifically:

(1) Green-Means-Go: BE-1 Infill Development, in which the County of Nevada will catalyze non-transportation infrastructure that will remove key barriers to infill development, as part of a regional approach to helping accelerate development options and reduce vehicle miles travelled.

(2) Mobility Hubs: TR-1 Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Adoption and Charging, TR-2 Public Transit Improvements, TR-5 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programs, in which the County of Nevada will: 1) develop and deploy the infrastructure necessary to support the county transitioning to zero emission vehicles, 2) engage private partners in the creation of community-based charging infrastructure to allow for the expansion of zero emission technology throughout the region and 3) design and implement operational and mobility improvements which increase the efficiency of public transit and enhance community accessibility.

(3) Carbon Farming: NW-4 Carbon Sequestration/Carbon Farming, in which the County of Nevada will work with project and county-based partners to prioritize place-based sequestration strategies, provide technical assistance for the development of site-specific Carbon Farm Plans, and develop a one-stop-shop information hub and funding application to accelerate the

deployment of incentive dollars for priority carbon sequestration practices that enhance soil health and the reduction of GHG emissions.

The Sacramento-Roseville, CA Combined Statistical Area continues to be a leader in climate adaptation and mitigation and *Going Beyond Green* continues that commitment.

- **This application is ambitious.** It leverages the Sacramento region's long history of urban-rural collaboration by implementing greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures that are projected to reduce GHGs by more than 50,000 tons per year by 2030 and across a 7,380 mile² area (30 miles² larger than the State of New Jersey).
- **This application centers equity.** Based on partner-building activities and surveys conducted during the development of the PCAP, *Going Beyond Green* identifies and centers community benefits from implementation strategies in low-income and disadvantaged communities.
- **This application leverages funds from every level of government.** With an unimpeachable record of carrying out federal and state grants, Sac Metro Air District is requesting funding to implement activities that are nearly impossible to fund elsewhere.
- **This application produces scalable innovation.** With a land area larger than some states and situated across multiple climate zones and topography, *Going Beyond Green* produces scalable innovation within California and throughout the nation for urban, suburban, rural, and agricultural communities.

The County of Nevada will continue to work with Sac Metro Air District and project partners to implement the measures outlined in the grant proposal. The County of Nevada commits to participation on the regional steering committee, as well as leading or supporting each of the three measures, as identified in the application.

We appreciate EPA's consideration of Sac Metro Air District's *Going Beyond Green* grant application. We ask that you fund this important project through the CPRG program this year to assist the Sacramento region in achieving its climate targets. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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