



October 30, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

We are writing to express [Resilient Cities Catalyst's](#) (RCC's) support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC's) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

Since its inception in 2011, SDRCC has played an integral role in advancing climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region. Established as a network for cities and public agencies to share best practices, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions to facilitate climate change planning, SDRCC's current membership represents more than 80% of the San Diego region. In 2015, SDRCC established and has since maintained a regional sea level rise working group, comprising over 35 stakeholders and facilitates regional dialogues on coastal resilience best practices. In 2019, SDRCC completed the [Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment \(NA\)](#), which highlighted the need for enhanced regional network and information sharing as well as the need to advance multi-beneficial projects with cross-jurisdictional collaboration. In partnership with RCC, SDRCC supported the development and launch of the San Diego Coastal Exchange, which engaged over 60 coastal resilience stakeholders from the region and established opportunity pathways for the region.

For this project, SDRCC will build upon these opportunity pathways and work closely with RCC and the Local Government Commission (LGC), an established set of influential organizations and partners catalyzing climate action at the regional, state, federal and international scales. RCC has a breadth of experience implementing the Resilience Roadmap strategic planning process model, and has proven its effectiveness globally at driving towards improved resilience projects that advance urgent priorities. LGC has been working for over 40 years to connect leaders, advance policies, and implement solutions to build livable communities throughout the state of California.

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Since early 2020, RCC and SDRCC have collaborated closely to design and deliver the San Diego Coastal Exchange, a sequence of webinars, curated small group working sessions, and tactical convenings with local stakeholders and global experts that led to the development of a set of projects and approaches, including the concept of a Roadmap, that build the San Diego region's coastal resilience. We have continued to collaborate to advance this pipeline of innovative coastal resilience projects, and the Roadmap would directly contribute to and build upon this effort. We are excited to continue close coordination and knowledge exchange with SDRCC through this project. In addition, through our partnership, RCC has committed to supporting the Roadmap project by leveraging \$750,000 in matching funds.



RCC is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact me at scarter@rcc.city with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Sam Carter
Founding Principal
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Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

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Local Government Commission has been working for over 40 years to connect leaders, advance policies, and implement solutions to build livable communities throughout the state of California. For this project, LGC will work closely with SDRCC and Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC); together we represent an established set of influential organizations and partners catalyzing climate action at the regional, state, federal and international scales. Since its inception in 2011, SDRCC has played an integral role in advancing climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region. SDRCC's 2019 [Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment \(NA\)](#) highlighted the need for enhanced regional network and information sharing as well as the need to advance multi-beneficial projects with cross-jurisdictional collaboration. RCC has a breadth of experience implementing the Resilience Roadmap strategic planning process model, and has proven its effectiveness globally at driving towards improved resilience projects that advance urgent priorities. This year, RCC and SDRCC collaborated to launch the San Diego Coastal Exchange, engaging over 60 coastal resilience stakeholders from the region and establishing opportunity pathways for the region.

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LGC is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project and utilize the experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region. To demonstrate our investment in this project, we are leveraging the programs on the following page as match funding for this proposal. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tara Bloodworth
Director of Finance
Local Government Commission

Program	Description	Amount
Association of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA): \$40,000	Over 2 years; for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and dissemination across regions and access to experts.	\$40,000
California Adaptation Forum (CAF): \$30,000	About 10% of the total budget; for access to experts and dissemination to a statewide audience.	\$30,000
San Diego Clean Power (SDCP): \$10,000	We will be launching a sustainable energy incubator with San Diego Clean Power early next year, which we can leverage for connections in the San Diego region, coastal resilience as it relates to the energy sector, and best practice sharing.	\$10,000
General meeting supplies	For community engagement and outreach meetings; in-kind	\$250
Printing & Mailing	Printing & mailing for education and engagement; in-kind	\$350
Enhanced virtual engagement	Enhanced virtual engagement software (e.g., HopIn); in-kind	\$3,600
Project Management Software	Project Management software (e.g., Trello Business Class); in-kind	\$2,200
Virtual Meeting Software	Virtual meeting software (e.g., Zoom business class); in-kind	\$2,100
Graphic design software	Graphic design software (e.g., Adobe Acrobat Pro, Adobe InDesign); in-kind.	\$2,500
TOTAL		\$91,000



Oct. 28, 2020

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Sacramento, CA

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The City of Carlsbad has been actively involved with SDRCC almost since its inception. SDRCC has provided invaluable support to Carlsbad and the region as we develop and implement climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. SDRCC's ability to leverage outside partnerships, such as with RCC and LGC, allows local jurisdictions with limited resources to benefit from their collective expertise.

The City of Carlsbad is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL GRIM

Climate Action Plan Administrator

November 3, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

Dear Ms. Kimball,

I am writing on behalf of the City of San Diego to express support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

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Sustainability Department

The City of San Diego is excited to support SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Ashley Rosia-Tremonti
Program Manager
City of San Diego



November 2, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

I am writing to express the Center for Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation's support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

The Center is a research hub based at Scripps Institution of Oceanography focused on improving our understanding of climate change impacts and informing adaptation strategies. We have a history of collaborating with SDRCC to deliver recent and regionally relevant climate change science to government planners in the region to support climate risk assessments and adaptation planning. The Center is also directly involved in several coastal resilience research projects with SDRCC member jurisdictions and is now working with SDRCC and the Resilient Cities Catalyst to further advance of these projects.

The Center supports the proposed collaborative roadmap project as a strategy for mobilizing needed support and investment in coastal adaptation research and projects across the County. We also support the proposal to integrate climate equity considerations into coastal resilience efforts in San Diego County, particularly to include inland communities who don't live on the coast but rely on its natural assets for refuge, recreation, and cultural activities. The Local Government Commission will be a valuable partner to this team because of their experience in identifying and addressing climate and social equity.

We hope you will consider funding this important project as it will benefit San Diego and serve as a template for the broader Southern California region. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Laura Engeman
Program Director

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November 2, 2020
Justine Kimball
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California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative in Response to the Ocean Protection Council Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation

Dear Ms. Kimball,

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation San Diego County Chapter (Surfrider San Diego), we are pleased to extend our support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

Surfrider is a grassroots volunteer organization dedicated to the protection of our oceans and coast, and we recognize that without collaborative and creative sea level rise planning; we will not have beaches in San Diego to protect. SDRCC plays a critical role in preparing our region for the future through its coastal resilience programs. SDRCC's Sea Level Rise Working Group, Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment, and most recently, the San Diego Coastal Exchange (in partnership with the Resilient Cities Catalyst), have all served as critical knowledge gathering and information sharing opportunities for the region.

SDRCC's proposal to engage communities and communicate effectively on coastal resilience in partnership with the Local Government Commission is providential. Surfrider San Diego experiences first-hand how communities here are questioning science around sea level rise, politically blocking thoughtful planning processes, and spreading misinformation about adaptation strategies in general.



The United States Geological Survey estimates that up to two thirds of Southern California beaches could be drowned out by sea level rise by the end of the century. We greatly appreciate SDRCC's well positioned and capable efforts to protect our coastline and coastal communities.

Sincerely,

Laura Walsh
Policy Manager
The Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Chapter

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City of Imperial Beach, California

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October 29, 2020

Ocean Protection Council (OPC)
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Subject: Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation

This letter is to provide support from the City of Imperial Beach for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project: Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment.

The SDRCC provides a regional benefit to local jurisdictions as a network to advance climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region to share best practices, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions for climate change planning. In 2019, SDRCC completed the Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment (NA), which highlighted the need for enhanced regional network and information sharing as well as the need to advance multi-beneficial projects with cross-jurisdictional collaboration. In partnership with the Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC), SDRCC supported the development and launch of the San Diego Coastal Exchange, which engaged over 60 coastal resilience stakeholders from the region and established opportunity pathways for the region.

The proposed project by SDRCC will work closely with RCC, the Local Government Commission (LGC), and local stakeholders to develop a resiliency road map for the San Diego Region. The project embraces a regional approach to developing and funding climate adaptation solutions. Project partners will prioritize equitable community engagement and work to build capacity and alignment in communities of concern to aid in the development of a Coastal Resilience Roadmap.

The City of Imperial Beach is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Sincerely,

Serge Dedina
Mayor



Economic Development Department

October 30, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

We are writing to express the City of Chula Vista's support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

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The City of Chula Vista is the second-largest municipality in San Diego County and located at the center of one of the richest cultural, economic and environmentally diverse zones in the United States. This natural environment helped City leaders recognize the value of preserving the environment for future generations and taking early action. Starting in 2000 with the adoption of the Carbon Dioxide Reduction Plan (or Climate Action Plan), which was the first Climate Action Plan (CAP) adopted in San Diego, the city's climate planning work over the past 20 years has made possible a number of community shared benefits such as utility savings, better air quality, reduced traffic congestion, increased public health, local economic development – improved quality of life. The City of Chula Vista is a founding member of the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative and is on the advisory board.

The City of Chula Vista is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Gakunga
Chief Sustainability Officer
Economic Development Department



October 29, 2020

Ms. Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

Dear Ms. Kimball:

We are writing to express the Port of San Diego's (Port) support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

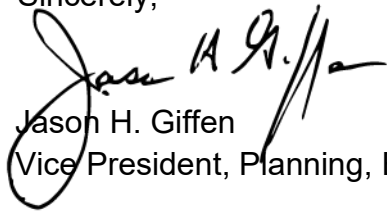
The Port was one of the founding members of SDRCC and still maintains an active board membership role. Since its inception, SDRCC has played an integral role in advancing climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region. SDRCC serves as a network for cities, public agencies, non-profit groups, utilities, and private partners to share best practices, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions to facilitate climate change planning. For this project, SDRCC will work closely with the Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC) and the Local Government Commission (LGC), an established set of influential organizations and partners catalyzing climate action at regional, state, federal and international scales. RCC has a breadth of experience implementing the Resilience Roadmap strategic planning process model, and has proven its effectiveness globally at driving towards improved resilience projects that advance urgent priorities. LGC has been working for over 40 years to connect leaders, advance policies, and implement solutions to build livable communities throughout the state of California.

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The Port is excited to support the proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jason H. Giffen
Vice President, Planning, Environmental & Government Relations



October 27, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation

We are writing to express San Diego Coastkeeper's (Coastkeeper) support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*. Founded in 1995, Coastkeeper is a non-profit organization working to protect and restore the San Diego region's bays, beaches, watersheds, and ocean.

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equitable community engagement and work to build capacity and alignment in communities of concern to aid in the development of a Coastal Resilience Roadmap.

San Diego Coastkeeper has a close working relationship with SDRCC and is excited to partner with them on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Matt O'Malley
Executive Director and Managing Attorney



City of Encinitas

November 5, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation

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The City of Encinitas adopted its latest Climate Action Plan in 2018 and dedicated a chapter of the plan to the City's efforts to adapt to a changing climate. As a small City, Encinitas relies on regional collaborative efforts to achieve many of the climate adaptation goals and actions outlined in our CAP. As a coastal city, the ability to remain resilient to a changing climate is particularly critical. Selection of SDRCC's project would be fundamental to the successful implementation of the City of Encinitas CAP.

The City of Encinitas looks forward to the opportunity to leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative and other regional climate entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at cnajera@encinitasca.gov or 760-943-2285.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crystal Najera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Crystal Najera
Climate Action Plan Program Administrator
City of Encinitas



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November 6, 2020

Ocean Protection Council (OPC)
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Dear OPC:

Subject: Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) supports the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment* (project).

For the past decade, the San Diego region has laid the foundation to foster collaborative efforts to advance coastal resilience in the region. This project will support a network analysis of the region's coastal resilience assets, as well as include a strong coastal resilience communication campaign to mobilize the region. Project partners will prioritize equitable community engagement and work to build capacity and alignment in communities of concern to aid in the development of a Coastal Resilience Roadmap. The project will provide additional support to strengthen coastal resilience efforts and help define long-term regional sea level rise priorities, building on the work completed in local and regional sea level rise assessments, including SANDAG's [Regional Transportation Infrastructure Sea Level Rise Assessment and Adaptation Guidance](#). This project will be a parallel effort to SANDAG's Regional Beach Sand Replenishment Study being proposed for Proposition 68 funding that seeks to address immediate needs. Both efforts will advance sea level rise adaptation planning efforts in the San Diego region.

Since its inception in 2011, SDRCC has played an integral role in advancing climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region by serving as a network for cities and public agencies to share best practices, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions. SDRCC's regional sea level rise working group is comprised of over 35 stakeholders and facilitates regional dialogues on coastal resilience best practices. As a founding partner, SANDAG has served on the SDRCC's Steering Committee for the past 9 years. In 2019, SANDAG was awarded funding through a Caltrans Senate Bill 1 adaptation planning grant, with SDRCC as a subrecipient, to prepare the [Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment](#), which highlighted the need for advancement of multi-beneficial projects with cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

The SDRCC will work closely with Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC) and the Local

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Government Commission (LGC) on this project. RCC has a breadth of experience implementing the Resilience Roadmap strategic planning process model. LGC has been working for over 40 years to connect leaders, advance policies, and implement solutions to build livable communities throughout the state of California. Collectively, RCC and LGC bring an established set of influential organizations and partners catalyzing climate action at the regional, state, federal, and international level.

SANDAG looks forward to collaborating with SDRCC on this Project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Sincerely,

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HASAN IKHRATA
Executive Director

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Attn: Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

November 2, 2020

Subject: *Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation*

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express my support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

The Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR) conducts and facilitates science-to-management in partnership with state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations and explores opportunities for advancing nature-based solutions to sea level rise and other climate impacts on critical remaining wetland and coastal habitat in the region. Our partnership with SDRCC stands out as one of the most collaborative and fruitful. Through our Coastal Training Program, we have had the privilege of serving as a strategic training partner and in other leadership capacities on the SDRCC Advisory Board and Sea Level Rise Working Group (SLRWG).

Since its inception in 2011, SDRCC has played an integral role in advancing climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region – established as a network for cities and public agencies to share best practices, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions to facilitate climate change planning; SDRCC's current membership represents more than 80% of the San Diego region. Recently, SDRCC completed the [Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment \(NA\)](#), which highlighted the need for enhanced regional network and information sharing as well as the need to advance multi-beneficial projects with cross-jurisdictional collaboration. In partnership with the Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC), SDRCC supported the development and launch of the San Diego Coastal Exchange, which engaged over 60 coastal resilience stakeholders, including TRNERR, from the region and established opportunity pathways for the region.

After a decade of foundational work and coalition building in the region, reinforced by the NA and Coastal Exchange, the direction forward is clear. Now is the time to advance concrete actions to accelerate project-based action and alignment through elements proposed in this project: a network analysis of the region's coastal resilience assets; a strong coastal resilience communication campaign to mobilize the region; and equitable community engagement in communities of concern to aid in the development of a Coastal Resilience Roadmap. This project is further strengthened by partnership with RCC and the Local Government Commission, both well recognized as key organizations that catalyze climate action at the regional, state, federal and international scales. TRNERR is eager to engage with SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of project proponents and regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region together. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kristen Goodrich, Ph.D.

Coastal Training Program Coordinator, TRNERR

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I am writing to express The San Diego Foundation's support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's (SDRCC) application to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation for their project *Establishing a San Diego Regional Coastal Resilience Roadmap to Enable Project-Based Action and Investment*.

Since its inception in 2011, SDRCC has played an integral role in advancing climate solutions and resilience for the San Diego Region. SDRCC was established as a network for cities and public agencies to share best practices, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions to facilitate climate change planning. SDRCC's current membership represents more than 80% of the San Diego region. In 2015, SDRCC established and has since maintained a regional sea level rise working group, comprising over 35 stakeholders where it facilitates regional dialogues on coastal resilience best practices. In 2019, SDRCC completed the [Regional Adaptation Needs Assessment \(NA\)](#), which highlighted the need for enhanced regional networking and information sharing, as well as the need to advance multi-beneficial projects with cross-jurisdictional collaboration. In partnership with Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC), SDRCC supported the development and launch of the San Diego Coastal Exchange, which engaged over 60 coastal resilience stakeholders from the region and established opportunity pathways for the region.

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For this project, SDRCC will work closely with RCC and the Local Government Commission (LGC), an established coalition of influential organizations and partners catalyzing climate action at the regional, state, federal and international levels. LGC has been working for over 40 years to connect leaders, advance policies, and implement solutions to build livable communities throughout the state of California. RCC has a breadth of experience implementing the Resilience Roadmap strategic planning process model and has proven its global effectiveness at driving improved resiliency projects that advance urgent priorities.

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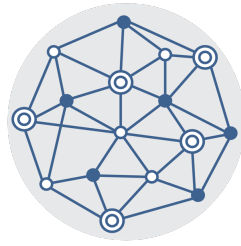
The San Diego Foundation is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project to leverage the extensive experience, capacity, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region. As our region's largest community foundation, The San Diego Foundation encourages, supports, and facilitates action on issues affecting the quality of life for San Diego's diverse communities – including climate change. Since the establishment of our Climate Initiative in 2006, we have partnered with all 19 local governments, the region's academic institutions, and other local public organizations to catalyze regional action to reduce emissions and prepare our communities for the impacts of climate change.

Thank you for your consideration of SDRCC's proposal. Please reach out with any questions or concerns regarding the project and partnership moving forward.

Sincerely,



Lydia Van Note
Director, Environmental Initiatives
The San Diego Foundation



ARCCA

Alliance of Regional Collaboratives
for Climate Adaptation

October 27, 2020

Justine Kimball
Senior Climate Change Program Manager
California Ocean Protection Council
Sacramento, CA

Subject: Letter of Support for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 68 Grant Solicitation

Dear Ms. Kimball,

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ARCCA is a California-based network of regional climate collaboratives – each encompassing a diverse, multisector network of agencies and organizations working together to accelerate climate adaptation throughout their region and to catalyze on-the-ground resilience-building initiatives. As a statewide network, ARCCA brings together thought leaders and practitioners to advocate for equitable and effective adaptation principles and policies, to collaborate towards innovative and holistic solutions, and to build a culture of prioritizing climate and community resilience. Our member collaboratives represent regions from across the state. SDRCC, as the representative for San Diego County, is an invaluable ARCCA member and provides vital support to ARCCA's statewide climate adaptation and resiliency efforts.

ARCCA is excited to partner with SDRCC on this proposed project and leverage the extensive experience, energy, and commitment of regional entities to build a more resilient San Diego region.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Phil Gibbons, ARCCA 2020 Chair

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Simone Cordery-Cotter, ARCCA 2020 Vice Chair

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