



ARCCA

Alliance of Regional Collaboratives
for Climate Adaptation

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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 on behalf of the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Change Adaptation (ARCCA) 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*.

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 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.

For this project, SDRCC will 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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For the past decade, the San Diego region has laid the foundation to foster collaborative efforts to advance coastal resilience in the region. Now is the time to advance concrete actions to accelerate project-based action and alignment. 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.

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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