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SCOTT MORGAN, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Scott Morgan is the Director of State Clearinghouse and Deputy Director of Administration for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). He has 20 years of experience working with CEQA, California planning law, land-use and environmental regulations. He is a member of the Association of Environmental Professionals, the American Planning Association, is an Ex-Officio Member of the Governor's Military Council and is the Principal from California to the Western Regional Partnership. Scott works with Federal, State, Tribal, and Local agencies on land use, environmental, renewable energy development, and cultural site protection issues.

CARA MARTINSON, CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Cara B. Martinson is a Senior Legislative Representative and Manager of Federal Affairs at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), where she focuses on environmental issues. In this capacity, Ms. Martinson performs legislative advocacy on behalf of California's 58 counties on a variety of issues, including energy, climate change, solid waste management, air and water quality, emergency management, flood control, forestry and agriculture. Prior to coming to CSAC in 2007, Ms. Martinson served as the California Manager of Government Relations at the Trust for Public Land, a national, nonprofit, land conservation organization. Ms. Martinson also worked as a Research Analyst for Boston-based CENTRA Technology, where she conducted analytical research relating to national security and homeland security issues, including national infrastructure protection. Ms. Martinson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and French from San Diego State University and Master's Degree in Politics from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

ERIN EVANS-FUDEM, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

Erin Evans-Fudem serves as a Legislative Representative for the League of California Cities. In this capacity, Ms. Evans-Fudem represents California cities on legislative, budgetary, and regulatory matters related to Environmental Quality and Community Services. Ms. Evans-Fudem also works closely with city officials through the League's policy-making process, which allows for cities to debate issues facing the state and establish policy directions on those issues. Erin Evans-Fudem has been engaged in public advocacy for more than a decade. Prior to joining the League of California Cities, Ms. Evans-Fudem has worked as a legislative advocate on behalf of local education agencies, statewide associations, and nonprofit entities. She holds a Juris Doctorate from University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from California State University, Sacramento.

ANYA LAWLER, WESTERN CENTER ON LAW & POVERTY AND THE CLIMATE JUSTICE WORKING GROUP

Anya Lawler has over 15 years of experience working in policy at the state level, including a decade as a committee consultant in the Legislature. Her primary expertise is in housing and land use issues, including housing element law, housing finance, homelessness, and mobile homes. She played a key role in shaping a

number of the programs funded through Proposition 1C and helped ensure ongoing funding for affordable housing from cap and trade funds. She is particularly interested in sustainable development issues and ensuring that low-income communities benefit from state policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions through more compact development patterns.

KURT KAPEROS, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Kurt Karperos was appointed Deputy Executive Officer for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in November 2014. In this capacity, Mr. Karperos directs the efforts of CARB's scientists and engineers in the Air Quality Planning and Science Division and the Research Division. Mr. Karperos has 27 years of experience at CARB in air quality planning and program development and implementation. Mr. Karperos's responsibilities include managing CARB's scientific, technical, and planning teams as they develop the State Implementation Plans (SIPs) required by federal law to meet air quality standards for all areas of the State that exceed federal health-based air quality standards. He also oversees CARB's research program that includes a broad portfolio of basic and applied scientific research in the health impacts of air pollution; actions to mitigate exposure to mobile source emissions in the built environment; motor vehicle emissions; field studies to identify sources of methane, a strong climate-forcing pollutant; and environmental justice. His regulatory responsibilities include California's program to reduce emissions of refrigerant gases that, like methane, have a large impact on climate, and consumer products. Mr. Karperos has a Bachelor of Science in applied mechanics from the University of San Diego and a Master of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

BILL HIGGINS, CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Higgins is an enthusiastic regionalist and enjoys working on the day to day policy issues that improve the ability of regional governments to serve their member cities and counties. Mr. Higgins joined CALCOG as its executive director in 2011. Previously, he spent 11 years as a senior staff attorney, program manager, and legislative representative for the League of California Cities and its nonprofit affiliate, the Institute of Local Government. There, he focused his efforts on local and regional planning, housing, economic development, and land use policy. He has been an adjunct professor at Sonoma State University and teaches periodic classes through the UC Davis and UCLA Extension Programs. Mr. Higgins obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Resource Economics from Oregon State University and a law degree from the University of Minnesota.

CHANELL FLETCHER, CLIMATEPLAN

As the Associate Director of ClimatePlan, Chanell leads campaign and research efforts to achieve our network's shared policy goals. Previously, as Senior California Policy Manager for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, Chanell worked with state agencies and the state legislature to support safe walking and bicycling for children and families, especially in lower-income communities throughout California. Prior to that, Chanell was ClimatePlan's Policy and Engagement Manager, supporting our statewide network and helping lead state and regional campaigns on transportation funding and regional planning. Chanell began her career as an intern in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, analyzing the federal transportation bill, MAP-21, connecting it to states' performance and funding needs. Chanell received her Master's in Public Administration from San Francisco State University and studied history at the University of California, Santa Cruz.