

Dear Mr. Kersnar,

We wanted to express our strong support for the California Tropical Forest Standard. We are aware that this is a critical moment in California's cap-and-trade program, which has been an inspiration for governors around the world, like us, to commit to conserving forests in all of our jurisdictions as our economies continue to grow. California is proving how a well-designed carbon market can reduce emissions across all sectors, ensuring that industries innovate and participate in the collective fight against climate change. The work of the California Air Resources Board has also shown us the importance and power of consulting with partner jurisdictions, local communities, civil society, and regulatory experts on the development of standards. The inclusion of forestry sector offsets would send an important message to the world about the power and potential for innovative leadership in the climate agenda from all levels of government.

22 members of the Governors' Climate and Forests (GCF) Task Force, the world's largest network of subnational governments for climate and forests, have sent letters to the California Air Resources Board expressing their strong support for this standard (Letters are attached). We recognize that the cohesive leadership at the state level on climate and forest issues is more important than ever. We are with you and we are prepared to do our part fighting this global battle against climate change.

We are following and learning from the California example in many ways. The Under2 MOU led by California, which many GCF governors have signed, is challenging us to search for long-term low-carbon development paths in our states and provinces. California's partnerships with Indigenous Peoples, such as the Yurok Tribe, show how state and tribal governments can work together to conserve forests, promote economic development, and respect Indigenous Peoples' histories, lands, livelihoods, knowledge, and culture. Recently, at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the GCF Task Force in San Francisco, we took advantage of the leadership that California has shown in backing the Guiding Principles for Collaboration and Partnership between Subnational Governments, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Through these principles, we committed to working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and local communities, ensuring that our efforts to reduce tropical deforestation will improve the livelihoods of local communities and recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We urge the California Air Resources Board to endorse the California Tropical Forest Standard. The standard is based on solid science and will provide an example for the emerging markets around the world on how compensation in the forest sector can be recognized through a rigorous process. This standard also ensures that forest sector reductions will be achieved through a process that safeguards environmental integrity as well as the rights and livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities. We enthusiastically encourage you to move forward with this endorsement. As a global community, we cannot address climate change without addressing tropical deforestation, which holds up to 30% of the climate change solution.

If California's Air Resources Board endorses this standard, it will give a critical "stamp of validity" that will allow us to start testing this standard across the GCF's network of 38 states and provinces and sharing these lessons with California and other partners. But we can only do this with the strong endorsement from the board. California is showing the world that we can protect forests and address climate change while reducing emissions. As our 22 letters of support for this standard show, we stand with California. Thank you for your inspiration and leadership.

Sincerely,
Governors' Climate and Forest Task Force Members:

Acre, Brazil

Amapa, Brazil

Amazonas, Brazil

Maranhao, Brazil

Mato Grosso, Brazil

Rondonia, Brazil

Roraima, Brazil

Tocantins, Brazil

Caqueta, Colombia

Pastaza, Ecuador

Campeche, Mexico

Chiapas, Mexico

Jalisco, Mexico

Oaxaca, Mexico

Quintana Roo, Mexico

Yucatan, Mexico

Cross River State, Nigeria

Amazonas, Peru

Piura, Peru

Huanuco, Peru

San Martin, Peru

Ucayali, Peru



GOVERNO DO ESTADO DO AMAPÁ

Macapá, 11 de outubro de 2018

Governor Edmund G. Brown
State Capital Suite 1173
Sacramento, California 95814
USA

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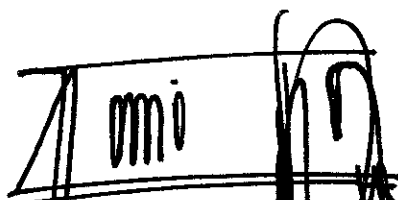


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ANTÔNIO WALDEZ GOES DA SILVA
GOVERNOR

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Governador do Estado do Amapá



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Manaus/AM , 26 de October de 2018.

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Regards,

Marcelo José de Lima Dutra
Secretary of State for the Environment - SEMA



San Francisco de Campeche, Campeche, October 17th, 2018
Subject: Support letter to California State Cap and Trade Program

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I reiterate our commitment and willingness to collaborate.

Without another particular, I take the opportunity to send you a cordial greeting.

Sincerely

Roberto Iván Alcalá Ferrández
Secretary and GCF Delegate of Campeche State

C.c.p. Colleen Mary Scanlan Lyons.- Project Director, Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF) Task Force.
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Florencia Caquetá, 24 de octubre de 2018

Señores
Junta de Recursos del Aire de California
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Estimados miembros de la Junta,

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Desde el departamento de Caquetá los felicitamos por el liderazgo de California al abordar uno de los desafíos más importantes de nuestro tiempo: La amenaza del cambio climático irreversible y su impacto en nuestras comunidades, nuestras economías y nuestro medio ambiente. Como miembro y presidente actual de la Fuerza de Trabajo de Gobernadores para el Clima y los Bosques (GCF), la red de gobiernos subnacionales más grande del mundo para el clima y los bosques, reconocemos que el liderazgo cohesivo a nivel estatal en temas de clima y bosques es más importante que nunca. La conservación de los bosques tropicales realmente tiene un alcance global, que afecta las sequías y los incendios forestales que se han convertido en una realidad en California. Estamos con usted y estamos preparados para hacer nuestra parte en la lucha en esta batalla mundial contra el cambio climático.

Estamos siguiendo y aprendiendo del ejemplo de California de muchas maneras. El memorando de entendimiento Under2, liderado por California, al que nos hemos adherido muchos gobernadores del GCF, nos está desafiando a desarrollar vías a largo plazo para el desarrollo de bajas emisiones en los estados que Gobernamos y que aún conservamos bosques tropicales. Las asociaciones de California con los pueblos indígenas, como la tribu Yurok, nos muestran cómo un gobierno estatal y un gobierno tribal pueden trabajar juntos para conservar los bosques, promover el desarrollo económico y respetar la historia, las tierras, los medios de vida, el conocimiento y la cultura de los pueblos indígenas. Recientemente, en la Reunión Anual del Grupo de Trabajo del GCF de 2018 en San Francisco, aprovechamos el liderazgo que California ha demostrado al respaldar los Principios Rectores para la Colaboración y la Asociación entre los Gobiernos Subnacionales, los Pueblos Indígenas y las Comunidades Locales. A través de estos principios, nos comprometemos a trabajar en asociación con los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales, demostrando nuestro compromiso de garantizar que nuestros esfuerzos para reducir la deforestación tropical mejoren los medios de vida de las comunidades locales y reconozcan los derechos de los pueblos indígenas.

El sistema de límites máximos y comercio de California también ha servido de inspiración para que los gobernadores de todo el mundo, como nosotros, nos comprometamos a conservar los bosques en nuestras jurisdicciones mientras continúan creciendo nuestras

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Lo instamos a dar este próximo paso y lo felicitamos por la publicación de un borrador del Estándar del Bosque Tropical de California. Este borrador establece un estándar de oro para garantizar que las reducciones del sector forestal deben lograrse a través de un proceso que garantice la integridad ambiental y proteja los derechos y medios de vida de los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales. El borrador de la norma se basa en una ciencia sólida y sería un ejemplo para los mercados emergentes de todo el mundo sobre cómo se pueden reconocer las compensaciones del sector forestal a través de un proceso riguroso. Lo instamos con entusiasmo a seguir adelante con el estándar, reconociendo que, como comunidad global, no podemos abordar el cambio climático sin abordar la deforestación tropical.

Esperamos poder colaborar en el futuro mientras mostramos al mundo que los gobiernos subnacionales están liderando el camino para frenar las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, promover medios de vida sustentables y brindar beneficios ambientales, tanto económicos para hacer frente al cambio climático en los estados, departamentos y provincias en general.

Cordialmente,

ÁLVARO PACHECO ÁLVAREZ

Gobernador del Departamento del Caquetá
Presidente GCF – TF 2018-2019

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Florencia Caquetá, October 24, 2018.

California Air Resources Board

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Best Regards,

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GOBIERNO REGIONAL AMAZONAS

Sede Administrativa

"AÑO DEL DIALOGO Y LA RECONCILIACION NACIONAL"

Chachapoyas, 26 de octubre de 2018.

OFICIO N° 324- 2018- G.R.AMAZONAS/GR

Señor:

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Atentamente,



GOBIERNO REGIONAL AMAZONAS

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Huánuco, 25 de octubre de 2018

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Estimados miembros de la Junta,

Lo felicitamos por el liderazgo de California al abordar uno de los desafíos más importantes de nuestro tiempo: la amenaza del cambio climático irreversible y su impacto en nuestras comunidades, nuestras economías y nuestro medio ambiente. Como miembros de la Fuerza de Trabajo de Gobernadores para el Clima y los Bosques (GCF), la red de gobiernos subnacionales más grande del mundo para el clima y los bosques, reconocemos que el liderazgo cohesivo a nivel estatal en temas de clima y bosques es más importante que nunca. La conservación de los bosques tropicales realmente tiene un alcance global, que afecta las sequías y los incendios forestales que se han convertido en una realidad en California. Estamos con usted y estamos preparados para hacer nuestra parte en la lucha en esta batalla mundial contra el cambio climático.

Estamos siguiendo y aprendiendo del ejemplo de California de muchas maneras. El memorando de entendimiento Under2, liderado por California, al que se han adherido muchos gobernadores del GCF, nos está desafiando a desarrollar vías a largo plazo para el desarrollo de bajas emisiones en los estados de bosques tropicales y provincias que gobernamos. Las asociaciones de California con los pueblos indígenas, como la tribu Yurok, nos muestran cómo un gobierno estatal y un gobierno tribal pueden trabajar juntos para conservar los bosques, promover el desarrollo económico y respetar la historia, las tierras, los medios de vida, el conocimiento y la cultura de los pueblos indígenas. Recientemente, en la Reunión Anual del Grupo de Trabajo del GCF de 2018 en San Francisco, aprovechamos el liderazgo que California ha demostrado al respaldar los Principios Rectores para la Colaboración y la Asociación entre los Gobiernos Subnacionales, los Pueblos Indígenas y las Comunidades Locales. A través de estos principios, nos comprometemos a trabajar en asociación con los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales, demostrando nuestro compromiso de garantizar que nuestros esfuerzos para reducir la deforestación tropical mejoren los medios de vida de las comunidades locales y reconozcan los derechos de los pueblos indígenas.

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Somos conscientes de que es un momento crítico en el programa de límites máximos y comercio de California. El trabajo de la Junta de Recursos del Aire de California también nos ha mostrado la importancia y el poder de la consulta con las jurisdicciones asociadas, las comunidades locales, la sociedad civil y los expertos en reglamentación al desarrollar normas. La inclusión de compensaciones sectoriales del sector forestal enviaría un mensaje importante al mundo sobre el poder y la posibilidad de un liderazgo climático innovador en todos los niveles de gobierno.



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Lo instamos a dar este próximo paso y lo felicitamos por la publicación de un borrador del Estándar del Bosque Tropical de California. Este borrador establece un estándar de oro para garantizar que las reducciones del sector forestal deben lograrse a través de un proceso que garantice la integridad ambiental y proteja los derechos y medios de vida de los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales. El borrador de la norma se basa en una ciencia sólida y sería un ejemplo para los mercados emergentes de todo el mundo sobre cómo se pueden reconocer las compensaciones del sector forestal a través de un proceso riguroso. Lo instamos con entusiasmo a seguir adelante con el estándar, reconociendo que, como comunidad global, no podemos abordar el cambio climático sin abordar la deforestación tropical.

Esperamos poder colaborar en el futuro mientras mostramos al mundo que los gobiernos subnacionales están liderando el camino para frenar las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, promover medios de vida sostenibles y brindar beneficios ambientales, tanto económicos como necesarios, a los estados y provincias en general. Los frentes del cambio climático.

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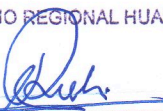
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Evidence on local REDD+ impacts from a long-term global comparative study

Dear California Air Resources Board and Staff,

This letter is a follow-up to our letter to Governor Edmund G. Brown dated 29 October 2018 and entitled “Support for the California Tropical Forest Standard.”

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) has conducted the most comprehensive global assessment of the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of REDD+ initiatives at national, subnational and local levels¹. Although the California Tropical Forest Standard goes beyond REDD+, as scientists involved in rigorous research on the impacts of REDD+ projects and programs on the ground for nearly a decade, we feel obligated to respond to recent claims that such initiatives have negative impacts on tropical forest communities.

In fact, our long-term systematic evaluation of the impacts of 17 local REDD+ projects and 5 subnational jurisdictional programs in Brazil, Cameroon, Indonesia, Peru, Tanzania and Vietnam provides a much more nuanced picture. Our study combines socioeconomic surveys in 150 communities and nearly 4,000 households (including control groups) with forest cover change data to measure the effects of REDD+ interventions on forests and people. So far, two rounds of panel data have been collected, at baseline in 2010-11 and again in 2013-14. A third round of data collection is being done this year to assess longer-term impacts.

Findings to date highlight some important impacts: First, more than half of the REDD+ initiatives reduced deforestation at the community level, although with small effect sizes². Second, we observed no systematic negative impacts of REDD+ on local welfare at these sites³, with some site-level evidence of significant livelihood benefits⁴. Third, it is clear that sensitive and systemic issues such as land tenure insecurity cannot be fully addressed at the project scale. For instance, while REDD+ interventions did not worsen smallholder tenure insecurity, there is

¹ CIFOR's Global Comparative Study on REDD+: <https://www.cifor.org/gcs/>

² Bos, AB, AE Duchelle, A Angelsen, V Avitabile, V De Sy, M Herold, S Joseph, C de Sassi, EO Sills, WD Sunderlin, S Wunder. 2017. Comparing methods for assessing the effectiveness of subnational REDD+ initiatives. Featured article in *Environmental Research Letters* 12, 074007: <http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/aa7032/meta>

³ Sunderlin, WD, C de Sassi, AD Ekaputri, M Light, CD Pratama. 2017. REDD+ contribution to well-being and income is marginal: the perspective of local stakeholders. *Forests* 8(4): <http://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/8/4/125>

⁴ Duchelle, AE et al. Letter to Governor Edmond G. Brown entitled “Support for California Tropical Forest Standard.” 29 October 2018.

little evidence that project level efforts to address tenure security produced positive results⁵. Fourth, while there are examples of REDD+ projects enhancing women's participation in village decision-making, there is also evidence that implementers could do more to promote gender equality and safeguard women's rights⁶. Finally, incentives for smallholders and communities (e.g. payments or infrastructure) significantly alleviated the burdens of land use restrictions (e.g. through law enforcement, protected areas) associated with some REDD+ initiatives⁷.

A robust review of the recent scientific literature on REDD+ project impacts reflects these findings⁸. The few studies published on carbon/land use outcomes show moderately encouraging results, while the more numerous studies on wellbeing highlight small, or mixed results that are more likely to be positive when incentives are part of the offered intervention.

Jurisdictional programs for reducing tropical deforestation are fundamentally different from local REDD+ projects. However, we believe that rigorous evaluations of early REDD+ interventions on the ground can help inform design and implementation of these broader programs. We emphasize that careful research design is critical for understanding which outcomes can be attributed to REDD+. We also recognize that any such initiative should constructively address the lessons learned – both positive and negative – from experience to date, towards achieving positive outcomes for forests and people.

We reiterate our support for the California Tropical Forest Standard, and thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

As a member of the GCF Task Force and director president of the Institute for Climate Change and Regulation of Environmental Services (IMC) and representing the Acre State Government of Brazil, I am honored to congratulate the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the publication of the California Tropical Forest Standard document.

Acre's territory of 164.123 km² in the southwestern Brazilian Amazon maintains until present about 87% of the primary tropical forest cover, principally due to the implementation of long term public policies, aiming an inclusive, sustainable, and low carbon development, as well as the monitoring of deforestation based on the national PRODES satellite borne surveillance data.

In 2010 the System of Incentives for Environmental Services (SISA) was created by the State Law 2308, based on participatory consultations and a solid institutional and legal framework. The consultations of SISA took 9 months and were focused on the monitoring of forest carbon stocks, the prioritized areas, the definitions of base lines and targets, the financial and economical mechanisms for benefit sharing, the governance and institutional and legal framework, and the needs for funding and fund raising. More than 150 representatives from technical and scientific groups, beneficiaries, market related, politicians, and from international organizations contributed in presence and additional 120 through written comments. In total, 357 recommendations were collected and incorporated into the documents related to the SISA Law.

The rights of the indigenous peoples has been recognized at international level through the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP, 2010), the International Labor Convention 169 (ILO Convention 169, 2011), and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD, 1992). The last two were ratified in Brazil, through Legislative Decree No. 143 of June 20, 2002 and Provisional Measure No. 2186-16 of August 23, 2001.

All activities, projects, programs, and policies that may have implications for territories, cultural heritage, identity, survival, and collective well-being must have the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of indigenous peoples and local communities, including the right to determine what kind of process of participation, consultation and decision-making is appropriate for them.

Acre's SISA includes a REDD+ program that has been implemented during 2012-2017 with support of the REDD Early Movers initiative (REM) of the German Development Bank (KfW), benefiting indigenous peoples, local communities and small farmers by more than 70% of the funds. A second phase of REM started in partnership of KfW and the BEIS department of the United Kingdom, rewarding results of REDD+ of the Brazilian states Acre and Mato Grosso during 2018-2021.

The jurisdictional REDD+ Program applies FPIC in all phases of the process as an important safeguard, especially regarding the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities. The development of a social and environmental safeguards, including indicators for monitoring was based upon the Declaration of Principles, published by Acre's Indigenous Peoples in 2013.



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The participation of indigenous peoples and local communities under compliance with the social and environmental safeguards, based on the guidance of the UNFCCC decisions in Cancun 2010, is guaranteed by SISA's governance system, which includes the representative validation commission (CEVA) and thematic chambers for indigenous peoples and gender. In 2013 Acre's indigenous peoples published a Declaration of Principles, endorsing the protection of their rights and cultural traditions also within REDD+ activities.

The benefit sharing from rewards of REDD+ result is defined in a participatory consensus between the 8 representatives of CEVA, under advisory of the thematic chambers, as a permanent governance procedure of SISA and the REDD+ Program. The dissemination of information is available in local language and accessible to the community. Agreements are recorded and distributed to all participants (<http://imc.ac.gov.br/governanca/>).

Recently Acre's indigenous representatives were integrated into the Global Committee for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities of the GCF Task Force (<https://gcftf.org/news/2018/9/5/updates-on-gcf-task-force-processes-in-mexico?rq=indigenous%20committee>).

Representing the experience of Acre's SISA, I strongly recommend that the principles of the Global Committee may be incorporated into the California Tropical Forest Standard published by CARB. The compensations for REDD+ should require the compliance with the legitimate rights of the forest dependent indigenous peoples and local communities, recognized in the global climate negotiations as effective guardians.

We look forward to collaborate with you in future and show the world that **subnational governments lead in curbing greenhouse gas emissions**, promoting sustainable livelihoods and bringing social, environmental and economic benefits to states and provinces on the frontline of strategies addressing climate change.

With best regards,

Magaly Medeiros

Director President Institute for Climate Change and
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Piura, 25 OCT. 2018

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Srs.

JUNTA DE RECURSOS DEL AIRE DE CALIFORNIA

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Estados Unidos

Estimados miembros de la Junta,

Lo felicitamos por el liderazgo de California al abordar uno de los desafíos más importantes de nuestro tiempo: la amenaza del cambio climático irreversible y su impacto en nuestras comunidades, nuestras economías y nuestro medio ambiente. Como miembros de la Fuerza de Trabajo de Gobernadores para el Clima y los Bosques (GCF), la red de gobiernos subnacionales más grande del mundo para el clima y los bosques, reconocemos que el liderazgo cohesivo a nivel estatal en temas de clima y bosques es más importante que nunca. La conservación de los bosques tropicales realmente tiene un alcance global, que afecta las sequías y los incendios forestales que se han convertido en una realidad en California. Estamos con usted y estamos preparados para hacer nuestra parte en la lucha en esta batalla mundial contra el cambio climático.

Estamos siguiendo y aprendiendo del ejemplo de California de muchas maneras. El memorando de entendimiento Under2, liderado por California, al que se han adherido muchos gobernadores del GCF, nos está desafiando a desarrollar vías a largo plazo para el desarrollo de bajas emisiones en los estados de bosques tropicales y provincias que gobernamos. Las asociaciones de California con los pueblos indígenas, como la tribu Yurok, nos muestran cómo un gobierno estatal y un gobierno tribal pueden trabajar juntos para conservar los bosques, promover el desarrollo económico y respetar la historia, las tierras, los medios de vida, el conocimiento y la cultura de los pueblos indígenas. Recientemente, en la Reunión Anual del Grupo de Trabajo del GCF de 2018 en San Francisco, aprovechamos el liderazgo que California ha demostrado al respaldar los Principios Rectores para la Colaboración y la Asociación entre los Gobiernos Subnacionales, los Pueblos Indígenas y las Comunidades Locales. A través de estos principios, nos comprometemos a trabajar en asociación con los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales, demostrando nuestro compromiso de garantizar que nuestros esfuerzos para reducir la deforestación tropical mejoren los medios de vida de las comunidades locales y reconozcan los derechos de los pueblos indígenas.

El sistema de límites máximos y comercio de California también ha servido de inspiración para que los gobernadores de todo el mundo, como nosotros, se comprometan a conservar los bosques en nuestras jurisdicciones mientras continúan creciendo nuestras economías. California está demostrando cómo un mercado de carbono bien diseñado puede reducir las emisiones en todo el sector y garantizar que las industrias innoven y se unan a la lucha colectiva contra el cambio climático.



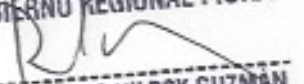
Somos conscientes de que es un momento crítico en el programa de límites máximos y comercio de California. El trabajo de la Junta de Recursos del Aire de California también nos ha mostrado la importancia y el poder de la consulta con las jurisdicciones asociadas, las comunidades locales, la sociedad civil y los expertos en reglamentación al desarrollar normas. La inclusión de compensaciones sectoriales del sector forestal enviaría un mensaje importante al mundo sobre el poder y la posibilidad de un liderazgo climático innovador en todos los niveles de gobierno.

Lo instamos a dar este próximo paso y lo felicitamos por la publicación de un borrador del Estándar del Bosque Tropical de California. Este borrador establece un estándar de oro para garantizar que las reducciones del sector forestal deben lograrse a través de un proceso que garantice la integridad ambiental y proteja los derechos y medios de vida de los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales. El borrador de la norma se basa en una ciencia sólida y sería un ejemplo para los mercados emergentes de todo el mundo sobre cómo se pueden reconocer las compensaciones del sector forestal a través de un proceso riguroso. Lo instamos con entusiasmo a seguir adelante con el estándar, reconociendo que, como comunidad global, no podemos abordar el cambio climático sin abordar la deforestación tropical.

Esperamos poder colaborar en el futuro mientras mostramos al mundo que los gobiernos subnacionales están liderando el camino para frenar las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, promover medios de vida sostenibles y brindar beneficios ambientales, tanto económicos como necesarios, a los estados y provincias en general. Los frentes del cambio climático.

Atentamente,

GOBIERNO REGIONAL PIURA


Ing. REYNALDO HILBECK GUZMÁN
GOBERNADOR REGIONAL



GOBIERNO REGIONAL PIURA

"Decenio de la Igualdad de Oportunidades para Mujeres y Hombres"
"Año del Diálogo y Reconciliación Nacional"

Piura, 25 OCT. 2018

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OFÍCIO Nº. 1383/18/GS/SEMA

São Luís, 30 de outubro de 2018.

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Oaxaca State expresses its support for the California's cap-and-trade process, dated October 18, 2018.

ATTENTIVELY


LIC. ALFREDO AARÓN JUÁREZ CRUZ

GENERAL DIRECTOR DE COMISIÓN ESTATAL FORESTAL

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OFÍCIO Nº 2566/2018/GAB/SEMA/MT

Cuiabá/MT, 24 de Outubro de 2018

GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN

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Sincerely.

Original Assinado

André Luís Torres Baby

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Attentively


Antonio Kubes
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“Decade of equal opportunities for women and men”

"Year of Dialogue and National Reconciliation"

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Best regards,

Regional Government of Piura

Reynaldo Hilbck Guzmán

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**GOVERNO DO ESTADO DE RONDÔNIA
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Porto Velho, Rondônia/Brasil, 26th of December 2018.


Hamilton Santiago Pereira
Secretário de Estado do Desenvolvimento
Ambiental - SEDAM


Renato Berwanger da Silva
Diretor Executivo
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GOVERNO DE RORAIMA
"AMAZÔNIA: PATRIMÔNIO DOS BRASILEIROS"

2018-October- 25, Boa Vista- Roraima, Brazil.

Governor Edmund G. Brown
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Flávia Furtado Alves
Delegate of GCF


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Delegate of GCF

Moyobamba, 25 OCT. 2018

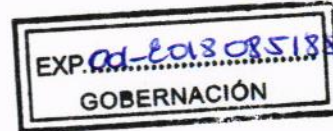
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JUNTA DE RECURSOS DEL AIRE DE CALIFORNIA

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Estados Unidos.-

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El sistema de límites máximos y comercio de California también ha servido de inspiración para que los gobernadores de todo el mundo, como nosotros, se comprometan a conservar los bosques en nuestras jurisdicciones mientras continúan creciendo nuestras economías. California está demostrando cómo un mercado de carbono bien diseñado puede reducir las emisiones en todo el sector y garantizar que las industrias innoven y se unan a la lucha colectiva contra el cambio climático.

Somos conscientes de que es un momento crítico en el programa de límites máximos y comercio de California. El trabajo de la Junta de Recursos del Aire de California también nos ha mostrado la importancia y el poder de la consulta con las jurisdicciones asociadas, las comunidades locales, la sociedad civil y los expertos en reglamentación al desarrollar normas. La inclusión de

compensaciones sectoriales del sector forestal enviaría un mensaje importante al mundo sobre el poder y la posibilidad de un liderazgo climático innovador en todos los niveles de gobierno.

Lo instamos a dar este próximo paso y lo felicitamos por la publicación de un borrador del Estándar del Bosque Tropical de California. Este borrador establece un estándar de oro para garantizar que las reducciones del sector forestal deben lograrse a través de un proceso que garantice la integridad ambiental y proteja los derechos y medios de vida de los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales. El borrador de la norma se basa en una ciencia sólida y sería un ejemplo para los mercados emergentes de todo el mundo sobre cómo se pueden reconocer las compensaciones del sector forestal a través de un proceso riguroso. Lo instamos con entusiasmo a seguir adelante con el estándar, reconociendo que, como comunidad global, no podemos abordar el cambio climático sin abordar la deforestación tropical.

Esperamos poder colaborar en el futuro mientras mostramos al mundo que los gobiernos subnacionales están liderando el camino para frenar las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, promover medios de vida sostenibles y brindar beneficios ambientales, tanto económicos como necesarios, a los estados y provincias en general.

Sin otro particular, y agradeciendo la atención que brinde a la presente, quedo de usted.

Atentamente,

 **GOBIERNO REGIONAL**
SAN MARTÍN

Victor Manuel Noriega Redtegui
GOBERNADOR REGIONAL

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF SAN MARTÍN

GENERAL SECRETARY

"Year of Dialogue and National Reconciliation"

Moyobamba, October 25, 2018

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We urge you to take a next step highlighting the relevance of the release of the draft version of the California Tropical Forest Standard. This draft establishes a gold standard to ensure that forest sector reductions will be achieved through a process that ensures environmental integrity and protects the rights and livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities. The standard draft is based on a solid science and would provide an example for the emerging markets around the world on how compensation in the forest sector can be recognized through a rigorous process. We enthusiastically encourage you to move forward with the pattern, recognizing that, as a global community, we can't address climate change without addressing tropical deforestation.

We look forward to collaborating into the future as we show the world that subnational governments are leading the way in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting sustainable livelihoods and bringing much-needed environmental, as well as economic benefits to the states and provinces.

Without another particular, thanking you for your attention.

Best Regards,

Regional Government of San Martín

Victor Manuel Noriega Reátegui

Regional Governor of San Martín



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OFICIO: VI/1196 /18

Dirección de Planeación y Políticas para la
Sustentabilidad

Asunto: Estándar Jurisdiccional para la
Conservación del Carbono en los Bosques Tropicales
Fecha: 22 de octubre de 2018

**California Air Resources Board
State Capital Suite 1173
Sacramento, California 95814
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As Delegate of the GCF Task Force, representing the State of Yucatan and in name of the Governor Mauricio Vila Dosal, I would like to thank the Government of California for their valuable contributions within the framework of this international initiative for the conservation of tropical forests. We recognize that the GCF Task Force has highlighted the role of subnational governments in the fight against climate change, favoring the protection of biodiversity and the recognition of local and indigenous communities as indispensable allies for the achievement of global goals.

The government of California has been an example in promoting important agreements such as the Under2MOU. This agreement promotes a model of international cooperation and coordination between governments of states and regions and contributes to the achievement of the Paris Agreement goals. In the same way, California has played an important role leading the Under2Coalition, through which synergies have been generated on crucial issues such as sustainable communities, land use and forestry, transformative climate investments with a long-term vision for the a low carbon development.

Addressing the particular issues of working with indigenous peoples and climate change, the work of the Government of California with the Yurok tribe has been outstanding in promoting forest conservation, economic development and respect for livelihoods, knowledge and culture of this tribe. Adding to California's work, their commitment has been reaffirmed with the support for the *"Guiding Principles for Collaboration and Partnership between Subnational Governments, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities"*, signed within the framework of the 2018 GCF Task Force Annual Meeting.



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In this way we urge the government of California to continue with this important work and apply the necessary actions to implement the *California Tropical Forest Standard* in the subnational market of commerce of GHG emissions, which would represent a fundamental global example of how a well-designed carbon market can reduce emissions and ensure that industries innovate and join the collective fight against climate change.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our interest in continuing to collaborate in the development of joint actions that contribute to curbing greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable livelihoods and provide both environmental and economic benefits to states and provinces to address climate change.

Sincerely,

M.I.A. Sayda Melina Rodríguez Gómez
Minister



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M.G.A. Toshio Julián Yokoyama Cobá, Director de Gestión Ambiental y Conservación de los Recursos Naturales.

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GOVERNO DO ESTADO DO TOCANTINS

Ofício nº 183.

Palmas, 22 de outubro de 2018.

A Sua Excelência o Senhor
EDMUND GERALD BROWN
Governador do Estado
Suíte Capital do Estado 1173
Sacramento, Califórnia 95814 – EUA

Assunto: **Congratula-se com a atuação da Califórnia em defesa do Meio Ambiente.**

Senhor Governador,

Dirijo-me a Vossa Excelência para, em primeiro ponto, destacar a liderança da Califórnia ao abordar um dos desafios mais importantes do nosso tempo - a ameaça de mudanças climáticas irreversíveis e seu impacto em nossas comunidades, nossas economias e nosso meio ambiente.

Como membro da Força-Tarefa de Governadores para o Clima e Florestas (GCF), a maior rede governamental de clima e florestas do mundo, reconheço que a liderança coesa e subnacional em questões climáticas e florestais é mais importante do que nunca, tendo em vista que a conservação de florestas tropicais, como a Amazônia, pode combater as secas, os incêndios florestais e as altas temperaturas que se tornaram realidade, por exemplo, na Califórnia. Por isso mesmo, reitero o compromisso de estar ao seu lado nessa batalha global contra as mudanças climáticas.

Todos os Governadores têm buscado acompanhar e aprender com o exemplo da Califórnia de várias maneiras: o Under 2 MOU, liderado pela Califórnia, assinado por vários governadores do GCF, está nos desafiando a desenvolver caminhos de longo prazo para o desenvolvimento de baixas emissões nos estados e províncias de florestas tropicais que governamos; as parcerias da Califórnia com povos indígenas, como a Tribo Yurok, mostram como um governo estadual e um governo tribal podem trabalhar juntos para conservar florestas, promover o desenvolvimento econômico e respeitar a história, a terra, os meios de subsistência e a cultura dos povos indígenas.

No Estado do Tocantins, através do programa Jurisdicional de REDD+, busca-se promover o diálogo com povos tradicionais e comunidades indígenas



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reconhecendo seus esforços para a manutenção da floresta e da savana, bem assim para a redução do desmatamento ilegal.

O sistema *cap-and-trade* da Califórnia também serviu de inspiração para Governadores de todo o mundo, inclusive para mim, no sentido de nos comprometermos a conservar as florestas em todas as nossas jurisdições. O exemplo da Califórnia tem comprovado como um mercado de carbono bem projetado e altamente regulado pode ser um catalisador para limitar as emissões de gases causadores do efeito estufa, unindo a indústria e o governo na luta coletiva contra as mudanças climáticas. Estamos conscientes de que este é um momento crítico no programa *cap-and-trade* da Califórnia.

O trabalho do *California Air Resources Board* tem também mostrado a importância e o poder da consulta com as jurisdições parceiras, comunidades locais e especialistas em regulamentação para o desenvolvimento de padrões. A inclusão de compensações setoriais do setor florestal enviaria uma mensagem importante sobre o poder da liderança inovadora subnacional sobre o clima. Pedimos que considere isso seriamente.

Por fim, agradeço, assim como o faço aos estados mexicanos de Campeche, Quintana Roo e Yucatán, por co-presidir o GCF em 2017. Como o GCF "nasceu" na Califórnia, há dez anos, é apropriado que nos unamos a Vossa Excelência e aos outros co-presidentes do GCF 2018, a fim de que possamos continuar apoiando e aprendendo uns com os outros, à medida que mostramos ao mundo que os governos subnacionais estão liderando o caminho em estratégias para reduzir as emissões de gases do efeito estufa, promover modos de vida sustentáveis e trazer maiores benefícios ambientais e econômicos para os estados e províncias na linha de frente das mudanças climáticas.

Atenciosamente,

Assinatura manuscrita em azul do Governador Mauro Carlesse.

MAURO CARLESSE
Governador do Estado



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“Año del Diálogo y la Reconciliación Nacional”



Pucallpa, 24 de octubre de 2018

CARTA Nº 023-2018-GRU-GR

Junta de Recursos del Aire de California
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Estados Unidos

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al desarrollar normas. La inclusión de compensaciones sectoriales del sector forestal enviaría un mensaje importante al mundo sobre el poder y la posibilidad de un liderazgo climático innovador en todos los niveles de gobierno.

Lo instamos a dar este próximo paso y lo felicitamos por la publicación de un borrador del Estándar del Bosque Tropical de California. Este borrador establece un estándar de oro para garantizar que las reducciones del sector forestal deben lograrse a través de un proceso que garantice la integridad ambiental y proteja los derechos y medios de vida de los pueblos indígenas y las comunidades locales. El borrador de la norma se basa en una ciencia sólida y sería un ejemplo para los mercados emergentes de todo el mundo sobre cómo se pueden reconocer las compensaciones del sector forestal a través de un proceso riguroso. Lo instamos con entusiasmo a seguir adelante con el estándar, reconociendo que, como comunidad global, no podemos abordar el cambio climático sin abordar la deforestación tropical.

Esperamos poder colaborar en el futuro mientras mostramos al mundo que los gobiernos subnacionales están liderando el camino para frenar las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, promover medios de vida sostenibles y brindar beneficios ambientales, tanto económicos como necesarios, a los estados y provincias en general. Los frentes del cambio climático.

Atentamente,

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Dear Board Members,

We congratulate this illustrious Board for leading California to address one of the most important challenges of our time - the threat of irreversible climate change and its impact on our communities, economy and environment. As members of the Governors' Climate and Forests (GCF) Task Force, the world's largest network of subnational governments for climate and forests, we recognize that the cohesive leadership in a state level on climate and forest issues is more important than ever. Tropical forest conservation really has a global power, impacting the droughts and forest fires that come true in California. We are with you and we are prepared to do our part fighting this global battle against the climate changes.

We are following and learning from the California example in many ways. The Under2 MOU led by California, that many GCF governors have signed is challenging us to search for long-term low-carbon development paths in our states and provinces in the Tropical Forests. California's partnerships with indigenous peoples, such as the Yurok Tribe, show how state and tribal governments can work together to conserve forests, promote economic development, and respect indigenous peoples' history, lands, livelihoods, knowledge, and culture . Recently, at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the GCF Task Force in San Francisco, we take advantage of the leadership that California has shown in backing the Guiding Principles for Collaboration and Partnership between Subnational Governments, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Through these principles, we commit ourselves to work in a partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities, demonstrating our commitment to ensure that our efforts to reduce tropical deforestation will improve the livelihoods of local communities and recognize the rights of indigenous peoples.

California's cap-and-trade system has also worked as an inspiration for governors around the world, like us, to commit on conserving forests in all our jurisdictions as our economies continue to grow. California is proving how a well-designed carbon market can reduce emissions across all the sectors ensuring that industries will innovate and participate in the collective fight against climate change.

We are aware that this is a critical moment in California's cap-and-trade program. The work of the California Air Resources Board has also shown us the importance and power of consulting with partner jurisdictions, local communities, civil society, and regulatory experts on the development of standards. The inclusion of forestry sector offsets would send an important message to the world about the power and potential for an innovative leadership in the climate at all levels of government.

We urge you to take a next step highlighting the relevance of the release of the draft version of the California Tropical Forest Standard. This draft establishes a gold standard to ensure that forest sector reductions will be achieved through a process that ensures environmental integrity and protects the rights and livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities. The standard draft is based on a solid science and would provide an example for the emerging markets around the world on how compensation in the forest sector can be recognized through a rigorous process. We enthusiastically encourage you to move forward with the pattern, recognizing that, as a global community, we can't address climate change without addressing tropical deforestation.

We look forward to collaborating into the future as we show the world that subnational governments are leading the way in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting sustainable livelihoods and bringing much-needed environmental, as well as economic benefits to the states and provinces on the front lines of the climate changes.

Best regards,

Regional Government of Ucayali

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