



Despacho
del Gobernador
GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO DE JALISCO

Palacio de Gobierno
Ramón Corona # 31, Planta alta
C.P. 44100, Colonia Centro,
Guadalajara, Jalisco, México.

August 19, 2019

Re: Support for California Tropical Forest Standard

**CALIFORNIA AIR AND RESOURCES BOARD,
STATE CAPITAL SUITE 1173
SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA, 95814, USA.**

Dear Members of the California Air Resources Board,

We reiterate our support for the Tropical Forest Standard and its endorsement by the California Air Resources Board. California has been a global leader in addressing climate change and this standard is an urgently needed signal that can increase the impact of California's policy beyond its borders. As a tropical forest state, Jalisco is aware of the responsibility that this represents, therefore we are committed to the protection and sustainably manage of forests, and we also recognize and promote our forest ecological and cultural value- locally and worldwide. We are working to partner with other jurisdictions to face the challenges of stopping deforestation, and California is a strategic actor in this discussion.

The need to address climate change is critical, and halting tropical forest deforestation is indispensable and one of the most significant steps the world can take to be on a safer path. The conservation of tropical forests has a global reach, affecting weather events such as droughts and wildfires that are increasingly affecting California and many other parts of the world. California's standard will be a robust example of how to set incentives for large-scale forest programs that address deforestation with environmental and social integrity. The standard is based on sound science; it will provide a needed model for emerging markets around the world for how forest protection efforts could be recognized by emerging markets, sustainable supply chain efforts and other climate protection programs.

For years, Jalisco and California have been learning from each other and collaborating through the Governors Climate and Forest Taskforce and the California led Under2 MOU. Over the past several years, some of our elected officials and civil servants have traveled to California to participate in hearings and workshops to insure respect and integration of appropriate safeguards and international tools. Some of us have also engaged with the Environmental Justice community to better understand their viewpoints and concerns. During the last years, Jalisco has worked hand in hand with the National Forestry Commission strengthening its public policies not only in the environmental sector, but also in the agricultural and social ones, with the purpose of achieving a sustainable rural development to promote the valuation and protection of forests, during this process, social and environmental safeguards programs associated with this policies have been developed, and the forest monitoring, reporting and verification system has been enhanced, strengthening our instruments to have access to additional resources that will enlarge the protection of our forests. So that, TFS would be the guide to consider on the type of requisites to expect from compliance markets, voluntary markets, and sustainable supply chains to recognize our sector based forest protection efforts.

We look forward to a continued collaboration and joint subnational leadership to address climate change, halt tropical deforestation and promote sustainable livelihoods. We ask you to take the next step and endorse the Tropical Forest Standard.

Sincerely,

**ENRIQUE ALFARO RAMIREZ
GOVERNOR STATE OF JALISCO**

C.c.p. Archivo



Jalisco
GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO