



Associação Metareilá do Povo Indígena Suruí

To: Air Resources Board of the State of California (ARB)

From: Almir Surui, Paiter Surui Tribe, Rondônia, Brazil

Re: Public Workshop and ARB Staff White Paper, [Scoping Next Steps for Evaluating the Potential Role of Sector-Based Offset Credits Under the California Cap and Trade Program, Including from Jurisdictional “Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation” Programs.](#)

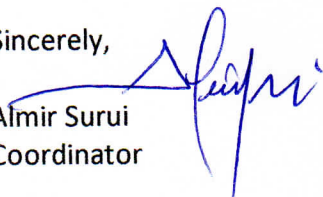
Dear Air Resources Board Members,

I am writing to express the support of the Paiter Surui Tribe for California’s recent initiative, described in the staff white paper: [Scoping Next Steps for Evaluating the Potential Role of Sector-Based Offset Credits Under the California Cap and Trade Program, Including from Jurisdictional “Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation” Programs.](#)

I traveled from Rondônia, Brazil to participate in the ARB workshop held in Sacramento, California on October 28, 2015, that reviewed the ARB staff paper and gathered public input to inform California’s political process. As I expressed in my public comments in this workshop, the Paiter Surui tribe is very interested in having the ARB’s investigation and consideration of sector-based offset credits continue in a strategic and timely manner. The Paiter Surui tribe has a model project in which our indigenous community receives carbon credits for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) in the northern region of Brazil’s Amazon Forest in the State of Rondônia. *(Steve, others, please add in anything 2-3 lines!)*. This project has brought tangible economic benefits to our indigenous people, showing our community—who lives in and depends upon the forest—that sustainable development can happen through sound, monitored, and coherent strategies for reducing and avoiding deforestation.

The Paiter Surui tribe would be honored to further consult with the ARB should you have questions on our project or, more generally, on the ways in which a broader, jurisdictional approach can positively impact tropical forests and forest-dependent people while also contributing to global environmental services and climate change mitigation. Thank you for your consideration of the Paiter Surui tribe’s reality, a positive REDD+ project, in California’s policy deliberation process.

Sincerely,


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