

We respectfully request the opportunity to work with the Air Resources Board to craft an investment plan that prioritizes natural resources investments in order to achieve significant emissions reductions while producing critical multi-benefits mentioned above.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue and respectfully urge you to continue work to ensure that natural resources initiatives and solutions, implemented through state conservancies and other proven programs, are prioritized.

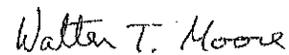
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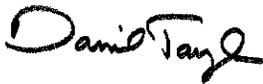
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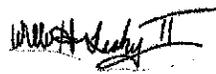
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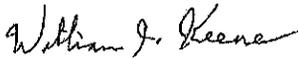
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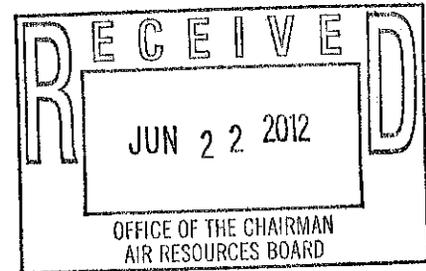
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The Honorable Mary D. Nichols  
 Chairman, California Air Resources Board  
 1001 I Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95812



June 21, 2012

**Re: AB 32 Investment – Natural Resources Solutions**

Dear Chairman Nichols,

Our organizations work throughout the state to develop and implement innovative natural resources and local agriculture protection projects that sequester or otherwise reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We strongly believe that funds generated from AB 32 auctions should be directed toward these projects.

Natural resources projects can be implemented immediately upon investment and can quickly produce real, visible benefits for all Californians.

In addition to reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions, investments in natural resource projects provide for clean water and air, prevent fires, floods and landslides, protect the coast against devastating sea level rise and erosion, revitalize communities, protect food supply, promote business and save residents money.

These investments also grow the state’s agriculture, tourism, recycling, construction, and other industries and create jobs that cannot be outsourced.

Investing AB 32 revenue in the natural resources sector, particularly through state conservancies and the Wildlife Conservation Board, would assist the state to reach its greenhouse gas reduction targets while building and protecting the vital services these resources provide to communities throughout the state.

Investments in existing and new programs that promote the AB 32 goals should include land stewardship, water quality, flood protection, riparian and fish species enhancement, urban forests and river parkways, coastal and ocean protection, and agricultural and open space land preservation.