



CLIMATE SCIENCE ALLIANCE

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California LCC Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Schlafmann:

The Climate Science Alliance - South Coast (CSA) respectfully requests that the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CA LCC) approve the appointment of a CSA representative to the CA LCC Steering Committee. Should the Steering Committee approve this request, the CSA has nominated Dr. Megan Jennings to serve as the CSA organizational representative to the CA LCC and Mr. Michael Grim as an alternate.

The Climate Science Alliance was established as a partnership formed to create and support a network of leaders, scientists, and natural resource managers focused on sharing ecosystem-based resiliency approaches to safeguard our communities and natural resources from climate change risks. The CSA is composed of more than 80 partners from federal, state, and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions that demonstrate innovative thought, action, and leadership and an interest in cooperative engagement to conserve and manage the communities and natural resources of the South Coast Region in the face of a changing climate. Among our organization's partners are scientists with expertise in regionally-specific climate science as well as land and resource managers tasked with implementing climate adaptation strategies to protect our native habitats and species from the threats of climate change. The San Diego region serves as the hub of the Alliance's network but projects encompass the entire south coast ecoregion of southern California from Santa Barbara through Baja California, Mexico.

The structure and direction of the Climate Science Alliance has been driven collaboratively over the course of the last year by a Vision Team that is composed of 21 individuals representing state, federal, and local government, universities, military, non-profits, and foundations. This Vision Team unanimously determined that organizational representation to the CA LCC was a priority for the CSA and would serve the interests of Alliance partners and others working on climate science, climate adaptation, and conservation within southern California. The group's Advisory Team further discussed and affirmed the organization's commitment to full participation of our named representatives, Dr. Jennings and Mr. Grim, in the CA LCC process. With the nomination of our organizational representative and alternate, the CSA Advisory Team has vested decision-making authority in these representatives.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.



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Sincerely,

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