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April 29, 2026

Chair Lauren Sanchez
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Proposed Amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms Regulation

Dear Chair Sanchez and CARB Board Members and Staff,

On behalf of the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the California Air Resource Board's (CARB) proposed amendments to the Cap-and-Invest regulation.

CALCC supports California's leadership in advancing climate policy and recognizes the importance of maintaining a strong, effective Cap-and-Invest program. Given the scale and complexity of the proposed amendments, we respectfully note the limited timeframe for public review during the current 15-day comment period. Additional time for stakeholder engagement would help ensure thoughtful input and support well-informed implementation of these changes.

We also encourage CARB to prioritize stability and clarity within the Cap-and-Invest program. For organizations and communities that rely on state climate investments, predictability in program structure and outcomes is critical to long-term planning and successful implementation of climate initiatives.

Finally, GGRF investments play a vital role in supporting workforce development, natural resource stewardship, and community-based climate solutions across California. Local conservation corps programs, in particular, depend on consistent and reliable funding to deliver environmental benefits while providing meaningful training and career pathways for young people, especially in underserved communities.

We appreciate CARB's continued leadership and look forward to ongoing engagement as the program evolves.

Sincerely,

Dan Knapp
President
California Association of Local Conservation Corps