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Subject: Climate Action Plan

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Dear Mr. Barr:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
John Gioia
(Vice-Chair)
David Hudson
Mark Ross
Gayle B. Uilkema

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) staff submitted a comment letter (dated March 15, 2011) on the City of San Ramon's (City's) Climate Action Plan (Plan). In the letter, the District recommended several changes to the Plan in order for the Plan to be considered a "Qualified Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy" in accordance with the District's 2010 CEQA Guidelines. Subsequently, City staff has modified the Plan following the District's recommendations.

MARIN COUNTY
Harold C. Brown, Jr.

A discussion of specific changes to the Plan follows.

NAPA COUNTY
Brad Wagenknecht

Use of New MTC Data

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY
John Avalos
Edwin M. Lee
Eric Mar

The District's earlier comment letter expressed concern that the City was using VMT data that was very recently developed by MTC and based on ABAG's draft economic forecasting. Because this data had not yet been thoroughly vetted or approved by MTC's Commission or ABAG's Board, the District recommended that the City use VMT data that more closely reflects projected travel patterns based on the General Plan build-out. City staff has adjusted the data received from MTC to account for population increases consistent with an annexation in 2008 and the build-out of the General Plan. The District agrees that this is a reasonable approach to forecasting VMT for the City.

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Carole Groom
Carol Klatt

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Liz Kniss
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Emission Reduction Measures

SOLANO COUNTY
James Sperring

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In its March letter, the District recommended additional specific measures that the City consider including in the Plan in order to assure that greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets are met, given the Plan's heavy reliance on state-level measures, voluntary local programs, and the preponderance of GHG mitigation requirements targeting only new development to achieve the GHG reduction target. The City responded by adding text to the Plan stating that, should monitoring efforts find that the Plan is falling short of its goals, the City will add additional voluntary and mandatory measures to the Plan, focusing on existing development, in order to meet the Plan's GHG reduction target.

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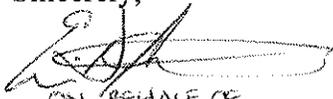
The District supports the inclusion of this additional text, and emphasizes the importance of monitoring the implementation of the GHG mitigation measures in the Plan. Ongoing monitoring is critical in order to demonstrate that the Plan is achieving its goals, thereby maintaining its status as a Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy over time.

With these modifications, the District believes that this Plan meets the minimum standard elements of a Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy as defined by the District's CEQA Guidelines.

The District appreciates the responsiveness with which City staff have addressed the recommendations made in the District's March comment letter. The City has clearly made a significant commitment to climate protection, through the Climate Action Plan and the many climate-friendly policies and programs it has implemented to date. The District looks forward to working with the City of San Ramon as it moves forward with implementing the Climate Action Plan and other climate protection strategies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Abby Young, Principal Environmental Planner, at (415) 749-4754.

Sincerely,



ON BEHALF OF

Jean Roggenkamp
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

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BAAQMD Director David Hudson
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