



October 5, 2022

Regional Climate Collaboratives Grant Review Committee
California Strategic Growth Council
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative

Dear Regional Climate Collaboratives Review Committee:

The City of Lompoc is pleased to join the County of Santa Barbara and our co-applicants in submitting this application for the Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative of the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative (GLP). Incorporated in 1888, the City of Lompoc is a full-service city, providing the community with public need services such as fire protection, police, and library. Lompoc also maintains its own electrical, water, wastewater, storm water and solid waste utility services for residents and businesses within the city. Lompoc has earned the trust of residents, businesses, and various community stakeholders through its 134-year history serving the area.

Due to the cyclical droughts experienced in California and the uncertainty of natural groundwater recharge from rainfall in the foreseeable future, the City of Lompoc has identified, as an element of its Groundwater Sustainability Plan, an obligation to conduct a groundwater percolation basin feasibility study. That study would identify areas throughout the city that offer optimal environments suitable for stormwater infiltration type projects, such as infiltration basins and bioswales. Conducting the study will assist Lompoc in its efforts to further ensure plentiful water resources for the residents, businesses, and the community served.

The GLP will enable us Lompoc meaningfully participate in the region's climate change readiness initiatives. With the RCC grant, Lompoc will collaboratively conduct the groundwater percolation basin feasibility study. The study will inform the development of a local water resilience strategy that supports Santa Barbara County's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, 2030 Climate Action Plan, and Climate Change Adaptation Plan while meeting the local needs. With the RCC grant, Lompoc will enhance its in-house capacity to engage the community's most vulnerable residents in shaping local climate and water resilience plans to better serve the community's needs while contributing to regional and State climate change initiatives.

The City of Lompoc, with the assistance of the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative, has the staff capacity, expertise, organizational/project management, and

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financial capacity to support this project. Lompoc urges the Strategic Growth Council to fund the GLP and help Lompoc continue to be a leader in community climate action and resilience.

Sincerely,

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City of Lompoc