



March 11, 2016

Senator Mike McGuire  
State Capitol  
1303 10th Street, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1030 (McGuire) – Sonoma Climate Protections

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our support for SB 1030 to remove the sunset date on the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA).

JOHN SAWYER  
Mayor

TOM SCHWEDHELM  
Vice Mayor

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The City of Santa Rosa is a member of the RCPA, collaborating with the RCPA on many projects including energy efficiency rebates and financing, renewable energy implementation, low carbon transportation planning, electric vehicle infrastructure planning, public outreach, and planning for climate resilience.

Sonoma County communities rely on the RCPA to advance a countywide long-term response to climate change by providing a regional policy forum, staff level coordination, public education, program management, grant administration, and reporting. The RCPA is able to efficiently develop climate action strategies on behalf of multiple local agencies at once, aligning projects across governments towards maximum, integrated benefits and creating a consistent approach throughout the county. The RCPA is essential for regional long-range planning and programs, including the community climate action plan and regional electric vehicle planning – working to harness funding which we otherwise could not pursue due to staffing and resource constraints.

The State of California is an international leader that has adopted ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Success in meeting those targets will require action and collaboration at all levels of government – local, regional, state, and federal. The RCPA is a proven model for local governments to participate fully and take charge in solving the problem. Local action by Sonoma County communities, working in unison with the RCPA, has immediate and impactful results in the fight against climate change.

Removing the sunset clause will enable the RCPA to work long-term on the climate challenges ahead for our communities. Thank you for your leadership in support of the RCPA.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN SAWYER  
Mayor