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Hello,

As a Senior Environmental Planner and Mitigation Specialist with Caltrans; I am here to express my support for the SoCal Greenprint project and underscore the importance of data in planning for the future transportation needs of the state and region.

- 1. As a State Transportation Agency in a busy SCAG Region, having a Greenprint in this region will assist us to plan future projects within the region by considering resources available within the region either to improve the resources or protect them using our best management practice that will bring benefits to these highlighted by this Greenprint.
- 2. Future Caltrans projects must consider the current issues such sea level rise, adaptation, and resiliency within the SCAG's Region. Having Greenprint in the region will help us to prioritize and address these issues during project planning stages before implementation.
- 3. Greenprints will allow Caltrans to plan for multiple benefits projects within the region, and as a result, we can create partnerships among practitioners, unlock different funding sources, inform smart growth, and lead to durable and lasting results at many levels and in many sectors.
- 4. A transportation agency within a data driven Region like ours, A tool like the SoCal Greenprint will provide essential information to give us a baseline view of how projects can impact the natural environment and how to be efficient in our planning and development.

Therefore, we urge you to complete the SoCal Greenprint and make the resource widely available to all stakeholders.

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