California Natural Resources Agency,

I have reviewed the draft 2017 Safeguarding California Plan (Plan), and attended the associated workshop. The state has done an impressive job of creating this comprehensive plan to prepare California for changes in frequency and severity of extreme weather events. I have the following comments/recommendations on the Plan:

1. The Plan highlights the need to weigh social, economic and environmental factors, but does not exhibit a balanced and integrated approach to achieve these metrics within the two broad policy umbrellas of Social Systems and the Built Environment, and Natural and Managed Resource Systems. The lack of integration across categories and policy areas creates a high potential for implementing recommendations that are inefficient and in some instances at cross-purposes with each other. **Prior to finalizing, the Plan should be scrutinized from a holistic perspective and revised to reflect one synergistic strategy to address adaptation needs that work in consort across categories.**

2. The Plan recognizes the tremendous financial costs (in excess of tens of billions of dollars) to address infrastructure and other adaptation need within the state. The Plan gives little consideration to the potential level of economic hardship to communities who may become financially burdened with compounding state, county and local components of the Plan’s recommendations. **Clarity should be provided as to how the state foresees funding implementation of the recommendations of the Plan, and to what extent county and local governments would be expected to shoulder these costs.**

Thank you,

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