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**3-7-17 Board Meeting-Item 7  
Climate Change  
Deadline: 3/3/17 12 noon**

March 3, 2017

Board Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95812-0100



Dear Board Members:

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on Proposed Resolution Adopting a Comprehensive Response to Climate Change, Resolution No. 2007-0059 and supports the implementation of improved climate change practices in California. Pertaining to Item 7 scheduled for discussion on March 07, 2017, we offer the following comments and suggestions:

- Please clarify permit conditions for critical transportation system infrastructure, regarding protection of public health, safety, and mobility of California. Caltrans requests a process for active engagement with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on agreements, and policies to partner on solutions in addressing the Governor's Executive Order B-30-15, while allowing flexibility in design safety and integrity of the State Highway System.
- Please clarify how the SWRCB will incentivize natural infrastructure and shoreline protection. Caltrans is concerned this may hinder the ability to protect vulnerable transportation infrastructure from the effects of sea level rise and increased wave run-up. We request the SWRCB recognize the need for structural solutions available, such as retaining walls, seawalls, and rock revetments, used in conjunction with natural solutions to protect infrastructure and cope with sea level rise, extreme events, slope stability, and erosion.
- We look forward to working cooperatively with the SWRCB on agreements with a balance of natural and structural solutions to reach our mutual goal of protecting California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Swanger".

Bruce D. Swanger, P.E.  
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