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## Bay Area Regional Collaborative

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TO: Bay Area Regional Collaborative Governing Board

FR: Bay Area Regional Collaborative Executive Director

RE: Implications of Governor Edmund G. Brown's Executive Order B-30-15

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On April 29, 2015 Governor Edmund G. Brown released Executive Order B-30-15, which outlines a set of aggressive climate change goals for the State of California. In addition to establishing a new interim statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, the Governor has outlined for the first time goals related to climate adaptation and the need to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate by sector and regions.

The Executive Order is encouraging for a number of reasons, including:

1. It further positions the State of California as a leader in addressing climate change in a meaningful and measurable way in the United States, and in international forums such as the United Nations;
2. It establishes a framework through which California's state agencies must organize themselves to meet the challenges set forth for both climate adaptation and mitigation;
3. It reinforces the fact that the Bay Area is ahead of the curve and well positioned to help the State of California meet these climate goals by sector and as a region, and in the process help to establish best practices and models that can be adapted elsewhere.

From Plan Bay Area, to the Climate Protection Strategy to the development of a Regional Adaptation Plan, the Bay Area's regional agencies, in close partnership with our cities and counties, will lead the way with the State. The recent decision by the Governing Board of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) to focus our efforts primarily on climate change is a prescient illustration of how we are further organizing ourselves to meet our climate challenges. Additionally, as a member of the Alliance for Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA), along with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and Collaboratives representing the Sierras, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego, the regional agencies are part of a broader network of practitioners across the State who are engaged in fostering and leveraging impactful programs and policies at all scales to deal with climate adaptation.