



**Resolution by the California Biodiversity Council
To Help Implement the
Strategic Growth Council's
Integrated Regional Planning Initiative**

October 29, 2014

WHEREAS, The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has resolved to improve the efficiency of implementing priority development projects, support and preserve working landscapes, and the effective conservation of California's natural resources.

WHEREAS, The SGC has resolved to avoid, minimize and mitigate environmental impacts of development on public and private lands through an Integrated Regional Planning approach that links development and regional resource conservation planning processes.

WHEREAS, The SGC is committed to engage all stakeholders in the Integrated Regional Planning process; including state, federal, tribal and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and private landowners.

WHEREAS, The SGC is seeking strategic partnerships to assist in the development and implementation of this Integrated Regional Planning initiative, which requires a comprehensive regional conservation assessment of biodiversity, agriculture and other important natural resources.

WHEREAS, The California Biodiversity Council (CBC) was formed in 1991 to improve the coordination and cooperation of resource conservation activities across federal, state, tribal, and local governments.

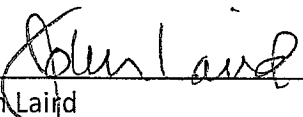
WHEREAS, The CBC is seeking ways to advance its 2013 Agency Alignment Resolution calling on CBC member agencies to work in new ways that transcend individual agencies ownerships, missions, and authorities that lead to strong alignment of resource conservation goals, plans, policies and regulations across ownerships and jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, The SGC Regional Integrated Planning Initiative provides a significant opportunity to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the ongoing resource conservation activities of CBC member agencies on public and private lands.

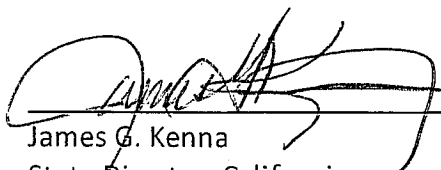
RESOLVED, In recognition of the importance of the SGC Integrated Regional Planning initiative and the opportunity to advance CBC goals through support of this initiative, the CBC and its member agencies commit to work with the SGC to:

1. Develop the framework, methods and outcomes of the regional resource conservation assessment component of Integrated Regional Planning.
2. Support the implementation of at least one SGC Integrated Regional Planning pilot project. This will include sharing relevant datasets, analytical tools, and staff to complete the regional resource conservation assessment component of the pilot project. This pilot project will help refine the resource conservation assessment framework, methods and products, and demonstrate the value of Integrated Regional Planning.
3. Draft a comprehensive, long-term SGC-CBC partnership agreement to advance Integrated Regional Planning for discussion and adoption at the subsequent CBC meeting. The partnership agreement will outline SGC and CBC roles and responsibilities needed to define and meet regional resource conservation goals and priorities, and it will describe how the CBC and its member agencies will contribute to this effort by helping to convene stakeholders, and through their programmatic participation, datasets, analytical tools, and other resources.

Approved at the October 29, 2014 CBC meeting:



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Note: this draft resolution was prepared by the CBC Executive Committee for discussion at the October 29, 2014 CBC meeting.