



March 31, 2026

The Honorable Isaac Bryan  
 Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
 1020 N Street, Room 164  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2184 (Wilson) - Continuous Funding for Nature Based Solutions and Sustainable Agricultural Practices: (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair Bryan,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing in strong support of AB 2184 (Wilson), a bill that will ensure continuous funding, starting in FY 27-28, for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to achieve nature-based solutions targets and sustainable agricultural practices targets as identified in AB 1757 (C. Garcia and R. Rivas, 2022), the 2022 Scoping Plan, and SB 1383 (Lara, 2016). AB 2184 offers a critical opportunity to invest in projects that advance the state's climate goals, improve affordability, strengthen climate resilience, and deliver meaningful health benefits to communities across California.

Natural disasters have cost California over \$250 billion in 2025 alone, and these disasters are becoming more frequent, severe, and common as the world plummets closer to the “not to exceed” thresholds established in the Paris Agreement.

Nature-based climate solutions (NBS) and sustainable agricultural practices leverage the power of healthy ecosystems to reduce the impact of natural disasters. For example, restoring wetlands can absorb floodwaters and lessen storm surges, while restoring and managing forests through controlled burns and forest thinning to remove excess fuel helps prevent catastrophic wildfires and protect nearby communities. Improving soil health and water use efficiency on California’s farmlands reduces drought and flood risks and food price spikes.

However, NBS and sustainable agricultural practices have long been underfunded, despite their proven ability to deliver cost-effective and durable climate mitigation and resilience. Of the 81 targets identified by the California Natural Resources Agency in the 2024 nature-based solutions climate targets, only targets under “Wildfire Risk Reduction,” such as prescribed fire and fuel reduction projects, receive continuous funding through SB 840 (Limón, 2025).

‘Nature-Based Climate Solutions’ and ‘Sustainable Agricultural Practices’ are the only priority areas included in the Cap-and-Invest program that do not receive continuous appropriations in SB 840 (Limón, 2025). Failing to invest in nature-based and sustainable agricultural climate solutions now will worsen the crises — fires, floods, sea level rise, and droughts — that drive up everyday costs for Californians, from energy and insurance bills to food prices at the grocery store.

Therefore, proactive investment in climate resilience is critical. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce found that \$1 spent on climate resilience saves communities \$7 in economic costs, plus an additional \$6 in reduced disaster cleanup and damage—totaling \$13 in avoided losses. In addition, NBS and sustainable agricultural practices reduce long-term public expenditures by lowering utility and healthcare costs, preventing disasters, cooling urban areas, addressing the root causes of poor water and air quality, and maintaining viable regional economies. These healthy natural and working landscapes reduce the frequency and severity of disasters, helping to stabilize insurance markets and reduce food price inflation.

Importantly, AB 2184 balances consistency of funding for NBS and sustainable agricultural practices with flexibility for the legislature to incrementally adjust individual program funding levels over time in response to changes in legislative priorities, program demand and effectiveness, federal funding, new technologies, regulatory pressures, and adoption curves of specific solutions.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your “aye” vote for AB 2184.

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