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Re: CO2 Coalition Evidence of NO Climate Crisis in California

Dear Sir or Madam:

Good news: There is NO climate crisis in California. This claim was verified by the scientific data that were compiled by the CO₂ Coalition, a nonprofit organization with the goal of determining and propagating the facts regarding carbon dioxide (CO₂) and the climate (<u>CO₂</u> <u>Coalition, 2024</u>). The key findings provided below stand in contrast to the climate crisis claims made in the March 1, 2024, California Priority Climate Action Plan (<u>Priority Climate Action Plan, 2024</u>) and the California Climate Disclosure Rules (Senate Bills No. 253 and No. 261) (<u>Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, 2024</u>). More details can be found in the attached letter and appendix.

- Modest warming of California is beneficial and not a cause for concern: Globally, more people have died from the cold than from the heat since 2000.
- Increase in agricultural production: The combination of lengthened growing seasons (from warming) and increased CO₂ concentrations has contributed to this increase.
- CO₂ is essential: Plants need CO₂, sunlight, water, and nutrients from the soil to produce food and oxygen, both of which are essential for human and animal lives.
- CO₂ is beneficial: Exposing plants to higher concentrations of CO₂ increases their growth, food production, and drought-resistance; and greens the Earth.
- California is in no danger of unusual drought: The annual precipitation in California has fluctuated greatly over the last 150 years, with only a slight decrease.
- Ski resorts are experiencing more snow: Most (21 of 22) ski resorts in California had increasing snowfall from 2012 to 2023.
- California is in no danger of drowning: North Spit, CA, has the highest rate of sea level rise of 0.005 meter/year, or 1.64 feet in 100 years, which is easily mitigated.
- Less natural disasters over the years: Significantly reduced number of wildfires and acres burned were reported in the United States and globally; California has infrequent tornadoes, no landfalling hurricane from 1851 to 2023, and no tropical depression from 1950 to 2023; and tropical storms are rare in California, with the last two reported in 2023 and 1997.
- Air quality in California keeps getting better: The concentrations of major pollutants have decreased over the years.

In conclusion, there is NO climate crisis in California and CO2 is essential for all life on

Earth. If you need additional details, the CO₂ Coalition will be happy to respond to any inquiries you may have, and the members of the CO₂ Coalition will be happy to meet with you for further discussions. Several members of the CO₂ Coalition have signed the No Climate Emergency Declaration (CO₂ Coalition, 2023). In particular, Dr. John Clauser, CO₂ Coalition Board Member and 2022 Nobel Laureate in Physics, lives in Northern California and is available to speak to CARB officials and Governor Newsom.

Sincerely,

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