To: Martinich, Jeremy[Martinich.Jeremy@epa.gov]
From: Birnbaum, Rona
Sent: Tue 1/16/2018 1:37:43 PM
Subject: RE: Climate Assessment for the San Joaquin Valley - California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment

Yes, you should definitely do this.

From: Martinich, Jeremy
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 8:03 AM
To: Birnbaum, Rona <Birnbaum.Rona@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Climate Assessment for the San Joaquin Valley - California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment

Hi Rona, here's the formal invitation for me to be a reviewer for California's Fourth Assessment. I assume that you're still good with me doing this, but happy to discuss if not.

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To All,

As you may know, California's Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California Energy Commission, plans to release California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment in late summer of 2018. The Fourth Assessment comprises more than 50 reports investigating vulnerability and resilience options for sectors, cross cutting areas and particular regions and communities in California. To ensure that the Fourth Assessment meets the highest standards of scientific rigor and merit, only reports that pass peer review will be included in the Assessment.

As an Associate Editor on the Editorial Board implementing peer review for the Fourth Assessment, I am responsible for reviewing and soliciting input on a regional climate assessment for the San Joaquin region. The report is being prepared by researchers at UC Merced. The peer review period would take place from April 6 to April - 27.

I am writing to invite you to serve as peer reviewer on this report.

As peer reviewer, we would ask that you read and evaluate your assigned article(s) and confirm its academic and scientific rigor, commenting where necessary on the report's methodology, findings, and conclusion. The Editorial Board, led by Dan Cayan (Scripps Institute of Oceanography), will carefully consider research teams' responses to peer review comments as a basis for their final decision regarding which reports merit inclusion in the Fourth Assessment.

If you choose to accept, the peer review process you would have up to 21 days to read your report, evaluate its methodology and findings, and submit your comments.

Thank you for considering this request, and I/we hope you can accept. California's world leadership in climate change policy requires practical strategies that are built on a strong foundation of solid, peer-reviewed research. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best regards

Guido Franco