

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

ENTERED INTO BY THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA,
THROUGH THE
SECRETARIAT OF URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECOLOGY
WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
THROUGH THE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TO ESTABLISH
THE
ARIZONA-SONORA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

A DECLARATION OF COOPERATION ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA, THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT OF URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECOLOGY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA, THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ESTABLISH THE ARIZONA-SONORA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS:

THROUGH THE MECHANISMS OF THE ARIZONA-MEXICO COMMISSION AND THE SONORA-ARIZONA COMMISSION, THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND SONORA SHARE AN INNOVATIVE, EXEMPLARY BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP; AND WHEREAS

THIS PARTNERSHIP, MADE POSSIBLE BY A HISTORY OF TRUST AND COLLABORATION, UNIQUELY EMPOWERS BOTH STATES TO ACT UPON OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR REGION; AND WHEREAS;

THE WESTERN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION HAS RECOGNIZED THAT, "THE FAILURE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIETAL DAMAGE;" AND WHEREAS;

SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS HAS DEVELOPED THAT INCREASING EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE (CO²), METHANE AND OTHER GREENHOUSE GASES RELEASED TO THE ATMOSPHERE ARE AFFECTING THE EARTH'S CLIMATE; AND WHEREAS;

THERE IS GROWING INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO IN STATE-LEVEL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS; AND WHEREAS

ARIZONA AND SONORA HAVE PARTICULAR CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE VARIABILITY ON OUR ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR PROLONGED DROUGHT, SEVERE FOREST FIRES, WARMER TEMPERATURES, INCREASED SNOWMELT, AND REDUCED SNOW PACK; AND WHEREAS;

ACTIONS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE ARIZONA-SONORA REGION. INCLUDING INCREASING ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, MAY HAVE MULTIPLE BENEFITS INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COST SAVINGS, AND IMPROVED AIR QUALITY;

THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND SONORA
BASED ON THESE CONSIDERATIONS, BOTH PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING:

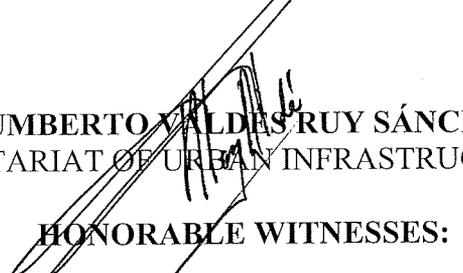
- I. TO WORK TOWARDS DEVELOPING AN ARIZONA-SONORA REGIONAL INVENTORY OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.
- II. TO COORDINATE THE IDENTIFICATION OF EMISSION REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE ARIZONA-SONORA BORDER AND OF CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE ARIZONA-SONORA REGION.
- III. TO FACILITATE PROJECT CERTIFICATIONS THROUGH THE MEXICAN CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM DESIGNATED NATIONAL OFFICE.
- IV. TO DEVELOP A CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP IN SONORA AS A COUNTERPART TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-02 IN ARIZONA.

THIS DECLARATION IS SIGNED ON SATURDAY, THE 18TH OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2005, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PLENARY SESSION BETWEEN THE ARIZONA-MEXICO COMMISSION AND THE SONORA-ARIZONA COMMISSION, HELD IN TUCSON, ARIZONA



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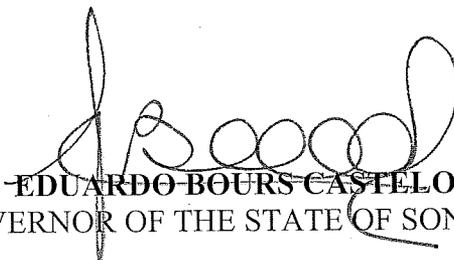
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