



LETTER OF INTENT
ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Environmental Protection Agency of the State of California of the United States and the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as “the Two Parties”), through friendly consultation, renew their intent to cooperate in the coming two years.

With great satisfaction, the Two Parties acknowledge the successful collaboration between their two governments. This collaboration has included the Letters of Intent between them signed October 30, 2013 in Sacramento, California and on March 3, 2015 in The Hague, The Netherlands; cooperation with other national and subnational jurisdictions on accelerating the electrification of transportation through the International Zero-Emission Vehicle Alliance (ZEV Alliance); and the Agreement to establish the Coast to Coast Sustainable Investment Finance Program on Smart and E-Mobility (C2C SIF).

The Two Parties note that successful collaboration has also enabled the Working Agreement between the California Energy Commission and the Province of Noord-Holland, the Netherlands; and the Agreement to collaborate on knowledge exchange and implementation of SolaRoad between the California Department of Transportation and the Province of Noord-Holland.

I. Sustainable Mobility and Zero-Emission Vehicles

The Two Parties note opportunities to continue and expand on their collaboration, such as continued participation in and support for the ZEV Alliance; and the exchange of information and best practices on zero-emission vehicle policies, investments, and infrastructure.

II. Climate Change Policies

The Two Parties affirm their continued commitment to leadership in combating climate change. They will continue to exchange information through their respective government channels with regard to climate policies; and to work together to strengthen the contributions of sub-national jurisdictions in the context of the international climate change negotiations. Specifically, the Two Parties agree to continue to work together



within the framework of the Subnational Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of Understanding (also known as the “Under2 Coalition”) to elevate recognition within the UNFCCC of the importance of subnational governments in achieving countries’ nationally determined contributions; to promote ambitious subnational climate leadership in line with keeping global warming well below 2°C; and to support member jurisdictions in the areas of action, coordination, and cooperation outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

As part of this, and to further strengthen the cooperation between the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and California EPA, the Ministry is willing to support CalEPA by making available temporary staff support, the exact details of which will be mutually agreed upon.

In addition, parties agree to work together on appropriate follow-up based on the outcomes of the “Climate is Big Business” Conference of May 2017 and agree to work together towards the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Bonn.

III. Engagement with Other Parties in Furtherance of this LOI

If the Two Parties deem it helpful or convenient, by common decision of the Two Parties, individuals and entities from the academic, research, private, public, and other sectors, as well as other levels of government within the Netherlands and California, may be invited to support the cooperative activities described herein, provided that they can directly and meaningfully contribute to the achievement of the objectives of this Letter of Intent. In this regard, parties stress the importance of public-private partnerships. As a first action, parties will explore the possibility to set up a public private partnership on Circular Economy, similar to the Coast to Coast Smart e-Mobility program. As part of this, parties will examine opportunities for a circular economy mission to the Netherlands, hosted by the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment.

IV. Annual Meeting

The Two Parties agree to organize an annual high-level meeting of the two governments to take stock of the ongoing cooperation described in this Letter of Intent, and to make recommendations for further cooperation where deemed useful and necessary.

This Letter of Intent will become effective on the date of signature and is done in duplicate in the English language.

San Francisco, May 24, 2017

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