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CRCRC Members,

I'm at my desk as I type, and even inside the office my eyes are burning from the smoke that has reached Sacramento from the Camp Fire raging in Butte County. Another fire is burning simultaneously in Southern California, stretching literally from the mountains to the sea and leaving horrific destruction in its wake. While we know that wildfire is only one of the significant impacts of climate change we face here in the Capital Region, the intense air pollution and the ripple effects of the damage it causes are probably the most visceral reminders of how deeply connected we are and how distant disasters can affect us all directly. Jurisdictional boundaries mean nothing when the whim of wind direction can send smoke hundreds of miles in any direction, bringing "business-as-usual" to a halt and wreaking havoc with the health of our most vulnerable populations. These events are heartbreaking reminders of the importance of building capacity to address climate changes and improve our resilience across the region – starting with awareness and knowledge and continuing with new types of collaborative projects and programs.

To that end we are actively planning our Q1 2019 Adaptation Exchange on February 6th, which will be a presentation of the Sacramento Valley Regional Report of California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment and a dialog about the findings with local leaders. Please make plans to attend and invite your colleagues, as this will be an excellent chance to hear what the latest studies are telling us about the impacts we face in our region. Because this event requires more than the usual resources to plan and conduct, we have opted to substitute our Q4 planned meeting with something we are calling our first "Un-Meeting."

This is an invitation – an exhortation really – to use the time you would have spent at our Q4 gathering to instead attend a community meeting of your choice on behalf of CRCRC. This is a chance to participate in a meeting you wouldn't normally attend, something a bit out of your swim lane, and to be the eyes and ears of CRCRC as we seek to deepen our knowledge and integration in the community we serve. There is no substitute for "showing up," particularly in communities that may lack the resources and time to participate in our quarterly forums. This is a chance for CRCRC members to show up in a few new places, make some new connections and share information about CRCRC if it is appropriate at the meeting you attend. We hope you'll embrace this as a chance to listen, learn and apply the lens of community resilience in a new arena. We also hope that you'll send us a quick summary of where you went, who you met and what you experienced. We'll collect these stories and share them when we meet again next year.

As 2018 draws to a close I want to thank you all for your membership and support of the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative. Together we make possible what none of us could accomplish alone.

Sincerely,

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