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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 3:08 PM
To: Gray, Laura; Leslie
Subject: RE: all looks ok in this end!
Attachments: V4 EN - Rq Wash France Joint Declaration Edits Compiled + DJ.docx

Hi Laura, Leslie,

Sorry for the delay, I had difficulties to access my email in Le Bourget. Please find attached the joint declaration we'll sign with California and Washington State. It's non-binding, just to a declaration to enforce cooperation between our states.

I need to work on the VIP access for Gov Shumlin : Can you tell me who will accompany him, and if you all have blue zone accreditation ?

Best,
vincent

De : Gray, Laura [mailto:Laura.Gray@vermont.gov]
Envoyé : mardi 1 décembre 2015 19:58
À : Leslie <catherineleslieparker@gmail.com>; DELPORTE Vincent <Vincent.DELPORTE@dgtresor.gouv.fr>
Objet : RE: all looks ok in this end!

Would love to take a look at agreement!

From: Leslie [<mailto:catherineleslieparker@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Gray, Laura <Laura.Gray@vermont.gov>; DELPORTE Vincent <Vincent.DELPORTE@dgtresor.gouv.fr>
Subject: Re: all looks ok in this end!

Laura, would the governor want to sign a joint declaration with France ..non legally binding --- the someone CA and Wa are signing Vincent copied can send it to you... That way all 3 governors at the event will be part of the signing ceremony?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2015, at 9:54 PM, "Gray, Laura" <Laura.Gray@vermont.gov> wrote:

Deb.Markowitz@vermont.gov Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources
Sarah.McKernan@vermont.gov

From: leslie parker [mailto:catherineleslieparker@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 2:54 PM
To: Gray, Laura <Laura.Gray@vermont.gov>
Subject: all looks ok in this end!

just let me know if Shumlin and Deb want to be part
i ll call you at your 4 45 anyway..



Joint Declaration

To

*Support Economic Development,
and the Exchange and Application of Mutually Beneficial
Sustainable Urban Development, Water Management, Biodiversity,
Transportation, Applied Science, and
Energy and Climate Technologies and Policies*

between

The Government of the French Republic

and

The State of Washington of the United States of America

Joint Declaration
to
Support Economic Sustainable Development
between
The Government of the French Republic
and
The State of Washington of the United States of America

WHEREAS, France and Washington State are world renowned for their natural beauty, as well as their rich agricultural lands and spectacular forests;

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WHEREAS, these abundant natural resources provide tremendous ecological value and numerous economic benefits;

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WHEREAS, France and Washington State are global leaders in the fields of communication and innovation, and home to internationally renowned urban centers, academic institutions, and hubs for advanced technology development;

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change pose a grave danger to the natural resources of France and Washington State, threaten human health and public safety, as well as agriculture and food security, and endanger economic prosperity;

WHEREAS, France and Washington State face similar environmental challenges from the impacts of climate change, including watershed management and supply, drought, flooding, wildfire, heatwaves and coastal erosion;

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WHEREAS France and Washington State seek to enhance competitiveness through applied-research partnerships that build on the scientific and technical expertise of French and Californian advanced research institutions in the fields of Sustainable Development, Water Management, Biodiversity, Transportation, Applied Science, and Energy and Climate Technologies and Policies;

1. Purpose

Considering that the purpose of this joint declaration, which is being signed on the occasion of the [COP21](#), the international climate talks being held in Paris, France in December 2015, is to promote cooperation on ambitious responses to climate change and related environmental issues, including Sustainable Development, Water Management, Biodiversity, Transportation, Applied Science, Energy, Energy Efficiency and Climate Technologies.

2. Areas of cooperation

Considering that in terms of climate change mitigation, France and The State of Washington ~~have deemed necessary~~ to escalate their response to the cause and consequences of climate change while supporting sustained economic growth, including reporting greenhouse gases emissions, developing market based instruments that incentivize decarbonization, promoting emissions reductions from forest management, developing climate planning, promoting renewable energy, and cooperating to advance multilateral and subnational action on climate change;

Considering that in terms of adaptation and resiliency, climate change trends will subject areas across France and The State of Washington to more intense and extreme weather events, in particular flooding and wildfire, and require new methods to adapt to changing conditions. To create opportunities that will strengthen and improve resiliency, France and The State of Washington will ~~implement-develop~~ solutions that integrate applied science and result in collaboration with local and regional authorities and institutions of higher education sharing successes and lessons learned;

Considering that in terms of water management, France and The State of Washington both face challenges to their water resources, both in terms of quality and quantity. France and The State of Washington will work together to share best practices on water resource management including agricultural supply, floodplain management and sea level rise;

Considering that in terms of transportation, France and The State of Washington are global leaders in clean transportation technology and policy development, each specializing in specific areas of expertise including high-speed rail, zero emission vehicles and the supporting infrastructure, fuel cell development, public transit, and the coordination between transportation and land use planning. France and The State of Washington will work together on local and regional transportation technologies and policies and to advance electrification of the transportation sector;

Considering that in terms of clean energy, France and The State of Washington are models of integrated, mutually supportive, business-based and sustainable energy systems. France and The State of Washington will share information on encouraging the development and deployment of renewable energy generation, as well as energy storage, smart grid solutions, and energy efficiency technologies and policies at the metropolitan and State level;

Considering that in terms of sustainable building and cities France and The State of Washington are home to world recognized energy efficient and sustainably built cities. France and The State of Washington will work to develop cooperation, innovative multi-benefit projects, and new financial models in the design of building codes, energy efficiency, transit planning and other factors that lead to the development of integrated and sustainable metropolitan areas that are resilient to climate change impacts;

Considering that for the implementation at the regional and local level, France and The State of Washington are home to world-class centers of innovation, with storied institutions of higher education. France and The State of Washington recognize that bilateral cooperation relies on outcome-oriented and place-based local and regional cooperation for effective climate change mitigation and adaptation. France and The State of Washington will work to frame place-based and project-specific applied research programs around smart growth, sustainable urban infrastructure technology and policy

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development, and to create stronger ties between local and regional authorities to promote a mutually beneficial;

3. FORMS OF COOPERATION

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the French Republic and the State of California of the United States declare jointly to support economic sustainable development and the exchange and application of mutually beneficial sustainable urban infrastructure, water management, biodiversity, transportation, applied science, and energy and climate technologies and policies.

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Forms of cooperation under this Joint Declaration may include the following:

- 1) Sharing information and experiences about policies and programs that have effectively reduced greenhouse gas emissions and strengthened climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, as well as efforts that have protected and enhanced human health and the environment;
- 2) Sharing policy design and providing capacity building and technical support to develop and implement climate change policies, including emissions trading programs;
- 3) Inviting the other Participant to comment on program and policy design and rule-making processes it has developed and/or is developing;
- 4) Discussing the possibility of policy and program alignment for mutual environmental and economic benefit;
- 5) Exchanges and temporary assignments of personnel from one of the Participants to the other;
- 6) Cooperative research, development, and deployment projects of clean, energy efficient and/or low carbon technologies;
- 7) Joint organization of symposia, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, and training;
- 8) Facilitating business to business ties and exchanges;
- 9) Any other form of cooperation that the Participants consider may contribute to the goals of this Joint Declaration.

4. FOLLOW UP AND IMPLEMENTATION

~~In order to achieve the objectives of this Joint Declaration, a~~ bilateral group or groups should be established, led by officials representing the Participants, and should maintain coordination and communication to ~~ensure the efficient and effective implementation of~~ monitor cooperation under this Joint Declaration. As part of their coordination, the Participants intend to analyze the need for in-person meetings, according to available resources.

5. DURATION

~~Unless otherwise extended in writing, this Joint Declaration is signed for a period of 4 years. Cooperation under this Joint Declaration is effective on the date of its signature for a period of 4 years. A written extension could be established.~~

Any Participant may discontinue its participation in this Memorandum of Understanding, through written communication sent to the other Participants thirty (30) calendar days in advance. In this case, the ongoing cooperative activities that have been approved or initiated and that have not concluded should continue, unless otherwise decided by the Participants.

6. FINAL PROVISIONS

The Participants acknowledge that this Joint Declaration is only intended to provide for cooperation between the Participants and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations [under national or international law](#). To the extent that any other provision of this Joint Declaration is inconsistent with this paragraph, this paragraph shall prevail.

The Participants ~~commit themselves~~ [sign this Joint Declaration](#) in good faith ~~to implement and declare their intention to develop cooperation~~ [this Joint Declaration](#) to the fullest extent possible, subject to any changes in policy that they may adopt.

This Joint Declaration is signed in [Paris, France on December 7th, 2015](#) — in two originals, in the English and French language.

For the Government of the French Republic,

For the State of The State of Washington
United States of America

Segolene Royal
Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development
and Energy

Jay Inslee
Governor