

Joint Statement on California and Baden-Württemberg Partnership:
Deepening the Cooperation and Implementation of Action in Certain Areas

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) established between the Government of the State of California of the United States of America ("California") and the Government of the Land Baden-Württemberg of the Federal Republic of Germany ("Baden-Württemberg") in 2018, the two states are eager to deepen their relationship and cooperation in the fields of environmental protection, climate change mitigation and adaptation, water management, energy transition, green technology, and public engagement.

Both states face multiple challenges from extreme weather events such as droughts, heavy rains, and heatwaves fueled by climate change, and increasing prices that put burdens on people and businesses alike. In addition, both states are working to ensure a transition away from fossil fuels that is equitable, reliable, and affordable.

Therefore, both California and Baden-Württemberg want to deepen their cooperation in the following areas:

- **Adaptation and Resilience:** making people, nature, infrastructure, and our societies less vulnerable to extreme weather events and climate impacts, including extreme heat;
- **Water Management:** securing the water supply for drinking water, nature, and agricultural and industrial processes; improving irrigation efficiency; and preparing for heavy rainfalls, floods, and droughts;
- **Energy Transition:** moving further away from fossil fuels and further towards renewable energies in industry, domestic use, and transportation in order to mitigate emissions;
- **Green Technology:** shifting jobs and industry equitably to renewable and sustainable technologies to increase efficiency and reduce impacts on the environment; and
- **Public Participation and Engagement:** embedding meaningful public engagement and community participation in decision-making processes and highlighting benefits of climate action for communities.

Actions planned for the areas of cooperation are:

- Exchange of best practice and/or case studies;
- Sharing of relevant public documents, plans, and legislation;
- Joint webinars with government, academic, and industry experts from both states; and
- Participate in other commitments and/or initiatives to promote the deepening of ties between Baden-Württemberg and California.

Through this deeper cooperation, we aim to find effective strategies to overcome our challenges and learn from each other's experiences. We want to continue to inspire innovative approaches in government policies and industry solutions, as well as

encourage each other to be more ambitious in creating a healthy and sustainable environment for all our residents.

Signed in Belém, Brazil on November 11, 2025, in two original copies in English and German.

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