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Larry Goldzband, Executive Director
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
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Dear Mr. Goldzband:

The Little Hoover Commission has begun a new study examining climate change adaptation in California.

As a major coastal state with trillions of dollars of infrastructure and developed property fronting the Pacific Ocean, California is particularly vulnerable to rising sea levels and other impacts of climate change. The state's water and energy supplies, forested land, agriculture and wildlife are equally vulnerable.

The Commission's study will examine the governance and legal structures necessary to effectively adapt to changing climate conditions. As part of this review, the Commission will assess appropriate frameworks to guide responses, decisions and investments during a time of uncertainty.

The Commission is beginning the study with a public hearing on **Thursday, August 22, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol.**

The Commission's goal is to deliver a high quality report that will be of greatest value to executive branch and legislative policy-makers, as well to the general public. Any recommendations that you or your staff could provide the Commission on this topic, as well as any experts whom we should contact or research of which we should be aware, would be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Stuart Drown, our executive director, or Jim Wasserman, the project manager for this study. They can be reached by telephone at (916) 445-2125 or by email at stuart.drown@lhc.ca.gov or jim.wasserman@lhc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Shapiro
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