

## POWER IN NATURE COALITION THANKS LEADERS FOR MOVING PROPOSITION 4 TO THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT

**Sacramento, CA** – <u>The Power In Nature Coalition</u> today thanked California legislative leaders for voting to place Proposition 4 on the November 2024 ballot. Proposition 4 will help ensure that California continues its progress toward its goal of protecting 30% of lands and coastal waters by 2030 (30x30).

Proposition 4 includes critical investments in clean water, funding to protect against wildfire, sea level rise, flooding, and extreme heat, and investments in our farms, natural lands, inland waters, coastal waters, and parks for the benefit of all Californians.

"Globally and locally, we are facing the intertwined crises of climate change and loss of wildlife habitat," said Tomas Valadez, CA Policy Associate, Azul. "Those impacts are taking a toll on some of our most vulnerable communities, who are facing flooding, wildfire, poor air quality, and lack of clean water. We welcome this new bond opportunity to help combat these effects of climate change."

<u>Scientists worldwide agree</u> that in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and help protect wildlife at risk of extinction, we must – at a minimum – protect 30% of our lands and coastal waters by 2030. In 2020, Governor Newsom committed California to the 30x30 goal. In 2023, that goal became state law. California is making strong progress towards 30x30 but 6 million acres still must be conserved in less than 6 years.

This year, California cut more than \$1 billion in natural resources funding in the state budget. These budget cuts put the state's momentum towards 30x30 in jeopardy. Proposition 4 will provide critical funding towards achieving 30x30 as well as investments in protecting clean water sources and wildfire prevention.

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## About the Power In Nature Coalition

Power In Nature is a statewide coalition of over 100 community groups, environmental and conservation organizations, land trusts, indigenous organizations, and tribal members dedicated to advancing California's 30x30 commitment. The Power In Nature coalition has identified nearly 100 potential 30x30 projects across the state and works on a broad range of issues including biodiversity protection, climate resilience, equity, recreation, outdoor access, and social justice. For more information visit <u>PowerInNature.org</u>.