



## CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE

*Climate Action Reserve Monthly Newsletter*

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- Quote -

"Frankly, I'm deeply concerned that internationally, we have not made as much progress as we need to make. Within the constraints of this Congress, we've tried to do a whole range of things, administratively, that are making a difference - doubling fuel-efficiency standards on cars is going to take a whole lot of carbon out of our atmosphere. We're going to continue to push on energy efficiency, and renewable energy standards, and the promotion of green energy. But there is no doubt that we have a lot more work to do."

- President Barack Obama, in an interview with Rolling Stone magazine, April 25, 2012

### Climate Action Reserve Quick Facts

Account holders: 374  
Total projects: 474  
CRTs: 24,284,716

### Upcoming Events

May 9:  
[General Project Verification  
Training](#)

May 9:  
[Nitrogen Management  
Public Comment Workshop](#)

June 7:  
[Introduction to the Climate  
Action Reserve and  
California Offsets](#)

June 21:  
[Biogas USA Methane  
Offsets Workshop](#)

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### Letter from the President

Dear friends and colleagues,

Thank you to our delegates, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors for joining us at Navigating the American Carbon World (NACW) 2012. Your support and participation helped make the conference a success. I hope that you found the discussions, resources and collaborative opportunities valuable for your organization. Please take a moment to share your feedback on opportunities to improve the experience in the future (see survey link below).

As the buzz during the conference conveyed, this is an exciting and important time in climate policy. California's cap-and-trade program launches later this year and promises to

June 21:  
[Public Certification Exam](#)

[View full calendar](#)

### **Welcome New Climate Action Reserve Account Holders**

Climate Action Reserve account holders represent a variety of industry sectors, including environment, finance and business. Our newest member joining in April includes:

- European Green Exchange

[View all account holders](#)

### **Presentations Available Online**

The Reserve is pleased to share presentations from Reserve workshops and webinars. Recent additions include:

- Reserve 101 Workshop held in conjunction with NACW 2012
- Got Manure? Climate Action Reserve Manure Carbon Management Workshop

[View presentations](#)

### **Bioreactor Issue Paper Available**

The Reserve has released an issue paper assessing the viability of an offset protocol that targets emissions in the solid waste sector through use of anaerobic bioreactors and in situ composting, also known as aerobic bioreactors. Bioreactors manage solid waste that has been deposited in landfills with the goal of

achieve significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions. In addition to working to finalize the details of the compliance program, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) is working to grow and strengthen the system by integrating it with Quebec, adopting new protocol types and exploring opportunities to bring Mexico offset credits into its system.

The Reserve is committed to applying its in-depth experience and knowledge of greenhouse gas emissions reduction policies to help inform the development of regulatory programs and build on the success of our program. We are honored to announce the Reserve's newly formed Honorary Board of Directors to help guide our growth and efforts. The Honorary Board is comprised of key climate leaders: Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, Hon. Gray Davis, Hon. Fran Pavley, Diane Wittenberg and Ed Begley Jr. We greatly appreciate their support through the years and look forward to their valuable input in their new capacity.

Speaking of great climate leaders, in April we announced the 2012 Climate Action Champions in recognition of their efforts to advance climate solutions: Pacific Forest Trust, The Nature Conservancy - California Program, Jan Schori and Peter Miller. Each champion has a long-standing and deep commitment to addressing climate change and is a pioneer and innovator in their actions. We hope that you'll join us in congratulating their leadership.

Warm regards,



Gary Gero  
President

### **Leading Climate Policymakers and Experts Join Reserve Honorary Board**

The Reserve has formed a new Honorary Board comprised of five prominent climate leaders and activists who have been instrumental in raising awareness about climate change and developing climate policies in California, Canada and beyond. The new Honorary Board members are: former Canadian Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell; Hon. Gray Davis, the former governor of California; California State Senator Fran Pavley; Diane Wittenberg, former founding president of The Climate Registry and the California Climate Action Registry; and actor and environmental activist Ed Begley, Jr. They will serve in an advisory capacity to help grow and strengthen the Reserve's carbon offset program. [Read more about the Honorary Board.](#)

expediting waste breakdown and landfill stabilization.

[Read more](#)

### Now Available: Climate Action Reserve 2011 Annual Report



The Reserve's 2011 Annual Report highlights our achievements and activities during the 2011 calendar year. To view a pdf copy, please [click here](#). To request a paper copy, please contact the [communications staff](#).

## Draft Nitrogen Management Project Protocol Available for Public Comment

The Reserve has developed an agriculture sector Nitrogen Management Project Protocol (NMPP) to provide guidance on how to quantify, monitor, and verify greenhouse gas emission reductions from improving nitrogen use efficiency in crop production. Please submit written comments by Wednesday, May 23, 5:00 pm PDT. For more information on the draft protocol and to submit comments, please visit the [Reserve website](#).

## Congratulations to the 2012 Climate Action Champions

The Reserve announced the 2012 Climate Action Champion Award recipients at a recent reception celebrating the 10th anniversary of the organization. The annual Climate Action Champion awards recognize individuals and organizations that exemplify leadership and commitment to the reduction of GHG emissions. For their efforts in the "fight" against climate change, the Reserve presented the climate leaders with signature championship belts. The 2012 champions are: Pacific Forest Trust; The Nature Conservancy - California Program; Jan Schori, retired, General Manager, SMUD; and Peter Miller, Senior Scientist, NRDC. Please visit [our website](#) to learn more about the 2012 champions.



## Please Share Your Feedback on NACW 2012

Thank you for attending and supporting the NACW 2012 conference in San Francisco, California. The conference provided key information, insights and collaborative resources for 600 active and pioneering leaders in the climate policy and carbon management landscape. Photos from the event are available on [Flickr](#) and videos from the plenary sessions are available on [YouTube](#).



To help us maintain the conference as a valuable event, please provide your feedback through a [short online survey](#). The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete. Respondents will be entered into a drawing to win a free delegate pass to NACW 2013.

## Newly Registered Projects in the Reserve

Projects in the Climate Action Reserve achieve registered status upon successfully completing verification by an independent, accredited verification body.

- [RCSWA Landfill GHG Project in Beckley, WV](#)  
Vintages: 2010, 2011 | CRTs issued: 71,124  
In March 2009, the 600-acre Raleigh County Sanitary

Landfill located in Beckley, West Virginia, began collecting and combusting landfill gas in an open flare.

[View the complete list of projects \(both listed and registered\)](#)  
[View Climate Reserve Tonnes \(CRTs\) that have been issued](#)

### *About the Climate Action Reserve*

As the premier carbon offset registry for the North American carbon market, the Climate Action Reserve works to ensure environmental benefit, integrity and transparency in market-based solutions that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It establishes high quality standards for carbon offset projects, oversees independent third-party verification bodies, issues carbon credits generated from such projects and tracks the transaction of credits over time in a transparent, publicly-accessible system. By facilitating and encouraging the creation of GHG emission reduction projects, the Climate Action Reserve program promotes immediate environmental and health benefits to local communities, allows project developers access to additional revenues and brings credibility and value to the carbon market. The Climate Action Reserve is a private 501c(3) nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles, California. For more information, please visit [www.climateactionreserve.org](http://www.climateactionreserve.org).

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