Section 3.4.3 of the Reserve’s Verification Program Manual states that “the Reserve will accept the California Air Resources Board (ARB) verification trainings for the Coal Mine Methane, Forest, Livestock, Ozone Depleting Substances, and Urban Forest compliance protocols in lieu of the Reserve’s project protocol verification trainings.” ARB verification trainings will only be accepted for verifiers of projects using the Reserve’s Forest Project Protocol (FPP) v2.1 – v3.3. FPP v4.0 includes significant changes to verification processes for forest projects not covered by the ARB verification training or previous Reserve verifier trainings. Lead verifiers must successfully pass an FPP v4.0 verification training and exam to be eligible to verify FPP v4.0 projects.

This guidance is effective immediately and will be incorporated into the Reserve’s Verification Program Manual when it is next updated.