



CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE



Climate Action Reserve Monthly Newsletter

September 2011

- Quote -

"This is still the most viable of the alternatives to achieve the goals of AB 32."

--Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board, speaking about cap-and-trade during the ARB meeting on August 24, 2011.

Climate Action Reserve Quick Facts

Account holders: 401
Total projects: 453
CRTs: 16,512,337

Upcoming Events

September 19:
[Carbon Market Workshop
in Sacramento](#)

September 20:
[General Project Verification
Training](#)

September 26:
[Organic Waste Digestion
Verification Training](#)

September 27:
[Organic Waste Composting
Verification Training](#)

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[Protocol-Specific Lead
Verifier Certification Exams](#)

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for Project Developers and
Verifiers](#)

September 28:

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Letter from the President

Dear friends and colleagues,

Congratulations to the board and staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for the unanimous vote on August 24 to adopt the updated environmental analysis and re-affirm the AB 32 Scoping Plan. This is a significant step in California's march to address global climate change. California's cap-and-trade program will be a key mechanism to achieving the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals, and the Reserve is pleased to serve a central role in informing the program. For more information on ARB's cap-and-trade program development, please visit www.arb.ca.gov.

As the largest and most respected offsets registry in the nation, our program has demonstrated that it is possible to both set the highest, most rigorous standards and create a real, functioning offsets market. To date, we have issued over 16 million CRTs to over 100 projects across the U.S. Ensuring the environmental integrity of emission reduction claims is the key element of a cap-and-trade program that truly achieves benefits for local communities and global climate.

With summer coming to an end, we are expecting nothing less

Reserve Board Meeting

October 11-12:
[Forest and Urban Forest
Verification Training](#)

[View full calendar](#)

Protocol-Specific Lead Verifier Certification Exams

The Reserve offers the option for private protocol-specific lead verifier certification exams scheduled at your preferred date and time. Protocol-specific certification exams are offered for each Reserve project protocol.

[More information](#)

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 members joining in August include:

- City of Brownsville
- Garibaldi Forest Management, LLC
- Richardson Smith Gardner & Associates
- Roseburg LFG Energy
- Sixes and Dickey Rivers, LLC

[View all account holders](#)

Presentations Available Online

The Reserve is pleased to share presentations from Reserve workshops and webinars. Recent additions include the presentation materials from the California Offsets Workshop held in San Francisco on August 8.

[View presentations](#)

than an action-packed fall. In addition to our involvement with the development of California's cap-and-trade program, we continue to work with stakeholders to develop accurate and comprehensive guidelines for performance-based offset protocols in new sectors, including rice cultivation and nutrient management. At our Board meeting in September, we will be presenting the draft version of the Mexico Forest Project Protocol. And, in the very near future, we will be making an announcement on the dates and location for Navigating the American Carbon World 2012 so stay tuned for that!

Warm regards,



Gary Gero
President

Carbon Offsets Workshop in Sacramento

The Climate Action Reserve is hosting a half-day workshop to provide an overview of the Reserve offsets program, approved project types, and current state of the California carbon market. It will be useful for policymakers and regulators, companies covered by the California cap-and-trade program, project developers, consultants, verifiers, carbon market investors, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about the Climate Action Reserve program. The workshop is free and open to the public. However, space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

Monday, September 19, 2011
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm PDT
California EPA Building
Klamath Room
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA
[Register here](#)

Please note this workshop is neither sponsored by nor affiliated with the California EPA, California ARB or any other California state agency.

Nitric Acid Production Project Protocol Version 2.0 Available for Public Comment

The Climate Action Reserve has released the draft revision of the Nitric Acid Production Project Protocol for public review and comment. Proposed changes include the expansion the project definition to include tertiary catalyst projects at nitric acid plants with existing NSCR units. To review all the proposed changes, please visit the [Nitric Acid Production Revision webpage](#).

Please submit written comments by using the [online form](#). Comments are due by 5:00 pm PDT on September 9, 2011.

[Reserve Staff Members Share Reading Recommendations](#)
Climate Action Reserve staff members share their reading recommendations for books with a connection to climate change solutions.

[Read blog](#)

[Employment Opportunities with the Reserve](#)

The Reserve is currently hiring for Reserve Administrator and Business Development Associate positions. Job descriptions and information on how to apply are available on our website.

[Apply for employment](#)

[Newly Registered Projects in the Reserve](#)

Projects in the Climate Action Reserve change status from "listed" to "registered" when they have successfully completed verification. Please visit our website to [view the complete list of projects](#) (both listed and registered), and to [see Climate Reserve Tonnes \(CRTs\)](#) that have been issued.

[Indian Creek Landfill Gas Project in Hopedale, IL](#)

Account holder: Blue Source

Vintages: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 | CRTs issued: 51,937

[Mt. Herman Landfill Gas Project in Caldwell County, NC](#)

Account holder: Camco International Group, Inc.

Vintages: 2009, 2010, 2011 | CRTs issued: 24,910

[Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency Landfill Gas Project in Linn County, IA](#)

Account holder: Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency

Vintages: 2010, 2011 | CRTs issued: 14,166

[Holsum Elm in Chilton, Calumet County, WI](#)

Account holder: Holsum Dairies, Inc.

Vintages: 2010, 2011 | CRTs issued: 13,496

[Holsum Irish Dairy in Hilbert, Calumet County, WI](#)

Account holder: Holsum Dairies, Inc.

Vintages: 2010, 2011 | CRTs issued: 12,016

[Meet Katy Young, Reserve Senior Attorney](#)

As Senior Attorney, Katy Young advises the Reserve on the legal aspects of offset projects and legal elements of the overall Reserve program. Prior to joining the Reserve, Katy was a Southern California Coro Foundation Fellow and an Associate with Latham & Watkins, where she focused on environmental and land use issues, including zoning, planning, and the California Environmental Quality Act. Katy also serves as Of Counsel at Parsus Law, where she handles matters related to local planning and zoning regulations, and related environmental issues. Katy is a graduate of the UCLA School of Law with a BA in History from UC Berkeley. She is a member of the State Bar of California, and serves on the Coro Foundation's Board of Directors.

[This Month's Featured Climate Action Offsetter: Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle](#)

In 2010, Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle instituted a comprehensive sustainability program called PanEarth, which makes sustainable and environmentally friendly practices a top priority. Through the PanEarth program, Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle offers guests the option to offset their air and car travel by purchasing Climate Reserve Tonnes from a landfill project through its partner, Seattle-based OneEnergy Renewables.

"We chose to incorporate offsets into our PanEarth program because we are committed to being a hospitality leader in the area of Global Social Responsibility and believe that

sustainable practices enhance guests' and associates' health as well as their experience with the property. In short, we believe makes business sense. It's a win win for all of us."

[Read more on the Reserve blog](#)

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P.S. Would you like to be featured in the Reserve newsletter and earn a free reusable Reserve water bottle? Each monthly newsletter, the Reserve will showcase an individual or organization who has retired CRTs to offset their emissions. To submit an entry, please share a few paragraphs (up to 350 words) about you and your decision to offset. Photos are welcome! Featured submissions in the newsletter will earn water bottles, and all submitted entries will be posted on the Reserve web blog. Email your entries to: rhey@climateactionreserve.org.

This is an excellent opportunity to highlight your environmental stewardship and advancement of climate solutions. This is also an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of outstanding GHG reduction projects.

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.

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