



CLIMATE  
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RESERVE



CLIMATE ACTION NEWS

#### Quick facts

Account holders: 291  
Total projects: 329  
CRTs: 72,932,302

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Certification Exam](#)

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Compliance Offset  
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Directors Meeting

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#### A note from our interim president

Dear colleagues,

2016 is already looking to be an exciting year for action against climate change. We're looking forward to watching - and assisting with - the development of national plans to support the Paris Agreement and state-level plans to comply with the Clean Power Plan. We're also looking forward to exciting developments here at the Reserve. Be sure to watch our newsletter for announcements on new initiatives and developments with our annual conference, Navigating the American Carbon World.

While we look forward to these developments, we'd like to take time again to thank everyone who has helped make our work possible. One very special thanks goes to former Reserve President Gary Gero. At the end of 2015, Gary retired from the organization after leading its growth and successes for nearly nine years. While we actively look for his successor, I will be serving as Interim President. I have worked with many of you through my role as Operations Director and will resume that role as soon as the new President is in place. I'm looking forward to working with all of you in 2016!

[Mexico Forest Verification Training](#)

May 4-6:  
Navigating the American Carbon World 2016

Notable events

January 21:  
[California Air Resources Board Meeting](#)

March 8-10:  
[Climate Leadership Conference presented by C2ES and The Climate Registry](#)

Presentations archive



2014 annual report



Map of projects



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Best regards,  
Gillian Calof

## COP21 Agreement provides global framework to address climate change

Last month, 195 nations gathered in Paris at the UNFCCC COP21 conference to adopt a global agreement on climate change. The Paris Agreement provides the architecture and momentum for efforts around the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It sets a goal to limit emissions to less than 2°C, while acknowledging the need to limit to 1.5°C. Countries submitted Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which are climate targets and actions from national policies, and agreed to revisit the targets every five years. Governments also agreed to set up a transparency framework for monitoring, measuring, and verifying emissions reductions.

The Paris Agreement also recognized the importance of market-based mechanisms to achieve NDC emissions reduction goals. The agreement establishes a centralized market-based mechanism similar to the CDM, to incentivize and facilitate the mitigation of emissions. The agreement also supports "cooperative approaches" between countries and regions to link markets together.

[Read the full 31-page agreement](#)

## Upcoming verification trainings and exams

### Verifier Public Certification Exam

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

8:00 am - 5:00 pm PT

[Register](#)

This Public Certification Exam is for lead verifiers who are seeking to renew their protocol-specific and/or general certifications for verifying Reserve projects. After registering online, a Reserve staff member will contact you with more information regarding exam day logistics. Please note that a webcam is required in order to take the exam online.

### General Project Verification Training Course and Exam

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

10:00 am - 3:00 pm PT

[Register](#)

The General Project Verification Training is mandatory for Lead Verifiers who wish to work on voluntary Reserve projects. This training addresses the various programmatic requirements under the Reserve and will review the Program Manual, the Verification Program Manual, and any accompanying policy memos. Specific topics include the project reporting process, verification cycles, and the Reserve online system. This course includes an exam and Certificate of Completion if passed.

### Landfill Project Protocol Verification Training Course and Exam

Thursday, January 28, 2016

9:00 am - 4:00 pm PT

[Register](#)

This is a mandatory course for Lead Verifiers wishing to perform verification of landfill projects. This training will review eligibility rules, methods to calculate reductions, performance-monitoring, and reporting on projects that offset greenhouse gas emissions from landfills. It will also cover the activities and procedures for completing verification of these projects under the Reserve program. In order to receive Lead Verifier certification for this project type, you must pass the course examination.

Mexico Forest Verification Training Course

Monday, February 8, 2016

8:30 am - 6:00 pm CT

[More information](#)

This is a mandatory course for Lead Verifiers wishing to perform verification in this sector. The training will review forest project accounting concepts and principles, performance monitoring and reporting instructions, protocol eligibility requirements, understanding carbon stocks, calculating baselines, performing core verification activities and procedures for completing verification within the Reserve. This training will be offered in Mexico City at the Pronatura Mexico offices, and is being offered to verifiers currently working for a verification body with accreditation through EMA (la Entidad Mexicana de Acreditación) - or an organization in the process of becoming EMA-accredited.

## Meet Amy Kessler, Reserve Policy Associate

We are pleased to announce that Amy Kessler has joined the Reserve team as Policy Associate. Amy's primary responsibilities include providing analytical support of natural resource commodities and conservation values, performing research related to ecosystem functions, and providing support on forest and urban forest projects and protocols. Previously, Amy served as International Field Coordinator at EcoViva in El Salvador, where she designed and implemented projects in forest conservation, natural resource management, and climate change resiliency. Amy received her MA in International Environmental Policy from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. Amy can be reached at [akessler@climateactionreserve.org](mailto:akessler@climateactionreserve.org).

We hope to see you at Navigating the American Carbon World 2016, taking place May 4-6 in San Diego, California



Save the date for Navigating the American Carbon World (NACW) 2016 being held May 4-6, in San Diego, CA.

For nearly 15 years, NACW has been recognized as the largest carbon event for information, resources and networking. Watch for future announcements on the availability of event information and registration.

## 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.

[Lenz Composting](#) (Composting)  
Location: Stanwood, Washington  
CRTs issued: 10,611

[Maple Leaf Dairy East](#) (Livestock)  
Location: Cleveland, Wisconsin  
CRTs issued: 2,762

[Maple Leaf Dairy West](#) (Livestock)  
Location: Cleveland, Wisconsin  
CRTs issued: 20,464

[Maas Energy Works Van Warmerdam Dairy Digester](#) (Livestock)  
Location: Galt, California  
CRTs issued: 9,004

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### ABOUT THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE

The Climate Action Reserve is the most experienced, trusted and efficient offset registry to serve the carbon markets. With deep roots in California and a reach across North America, the Reserve encourages actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and works to ensure environmental benefit, integrity and transparency in market-based solutions to address global climate change. The Reserve program promotes immediate environmental and health benefits to local communities and brings credibility and value to the carbon market. The Climate Action Reserve is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles, California. For more information, please visit [www.climateactionreserve.org](http://www.climateactionreserve.org).

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