



CLIMATE  
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CLIMATE ACTION NEWS

#### Quick facts

Account holders: 290  
Total projects: 309  
CRTs: 75,592,708

#### Upcoming events

April 7:  
[Registering Projects Under California's Compliance Offset Program](#)

April 7:  
[Grassland Carbon Project Workshop](#)

April 21:  
[Grassland Project Protocol Verification Training and Exam](#)

May 4-6:  
[Navigating the American Carbon World 2016](#)

May 24:  
[Lead Verifier Exam for Protocol-specific and/or General Certifications](#)

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#### A note from our interim president

Dear colleagues,

The natural gas leak at a large storage field in Aliso Canyon near the Porter Ranch community in Southern California was substantial and not only had significant impacts on the communities near the site, but also for our climate. The release of approximately 100,000 metric tonnes of methane is the equivalent of driving nearly six million miles or the total amount that more than two million acres of forest typically sequesters in a year, according to the U.S. EPA.

The State of California and the Southern California Gas Company agree that - in addition to ameliorating the harms done to the Porter Ranch community - the greenhouse gas impacts from this leak must also be fully mitigated. As experts in greenhouse gas accounting, the Reserve joins with others in saying that any mitigation must

## Notable events

April 5:  
[ARB Cap and Trade Workshop on Cost-Containment and Sector-Based Offsets](#)

April 5:  
[ARB CCS Accounting Protocol Technical Discussion](#)

April 21:  
[Pacific Forest Trust Forest Fete](#)

May 25-27:  
[Carbon Expo 2016: Global Carbon Market Fair and Conference](#)

June 29-30:  
[Rethink Methane](#)

## Presentations archive



## 2014 annual report



## Map of projects



## Join our mailing

meet the tests of being real, permanent, additional, and verifiable. But, applying these concepts in practice can be a real challenge, especially when legitimate policy concerns - such as keeping the mitigation projects local, focusing on short-lived climate pollutants, and advancing new technologies - are layered on top of the simple need to mitigate the emissions from the leak.

This is an interesting and important topic, and will be among the issues covered at our annual conference in the session on infrastructure for the new energy economy. I encourage you to attend and listen in on what is sure to be a fascinating conversation. To see the full session description and the rest of the agenda, please visit [www.nacwconference.com/program](http://www.nacwconference.com/program). Please take advantage of our regular registration rates, available through April 12, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,  
Gillian Calof

## Learn about the Paris follow up and subnational action at NACW 2016

Join the largest gathering of climate leaders in North America to gain knowledge and insights on climate policy and carbon markets. Check out the NACW 2016 plenary sessions below, and please visit [www.nacwconference.com/program](http://www.nacwconference.com/program) for more information and program descriptions.

### Plenary: Fulfilling the Paris Agreement

History was made when nearly 200 nations signed the Paris Agreement at COP21. Achieving this agreement was a significant global accomplishment, but only an initial step on a long global path. Strong leadership across the political spectrum--from national and subnational stakeholders to the private sector--will be key. What are the most important steps that need to be taken now? What roles do carbon markets, subnational activities and land use play? What actions have already been taken and what more can we expect?

### Plenary: Where the Action's at: Subnational Initiatives and Partnerships

While COP21 led to the most comprehensive climate agreement among countries in history, subnational initiatives and partnerships around the world have not waited for national leadership. Governments below the national level have been taking some of the boldest actions to address climate change and generating significant results. This plenary session will examine how subnational governments have been pioneering the way with ambitious emissions reduction goals, renewable energy commitments and other promising initiatives.

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## Addressing the role of agriculture and land use in achieving climate solutions

One of the fresh topics in climate policy that will be explored at

NACW is the role of agriculture and land use in addressing climate change. Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Jason Weller will be speaking about the role of land use and agriculture in achieving emissions reduction goals under the Paris Agreement. The agenda also includes a breakout session taking a closer look at the topic. Check out the session description and panel speakers below.

#### Financing GHG Reductions in Agriculture and Land Use

It is estimated that land use changes are responsible for approximately one-fifth of the GHG emissions contributing to climate change. Maintaining and improving healthy agricultural landscapes can enhance carbon sequestration and improve resilience to climate change. This session will discuss the role of land conservation and wise management in addressing climate change and give a report of what's happening on the ground through programs like the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Innovation Grants (CIGs), which supports the development of land use reduction projects.

#### Moderator:

Adam Chambers, Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Speakers:

Max DuBuisson, Climate Action Reserve

Claire Jahns, California Natural Resources Agency

Michelle Passero, The Nature Conservancy

Mark Easter, Colorado State University Fort Collins

## Key reasons to attend NACW 2016

1. Be a part of the LARGEST GATHERING of carbon professionals in North America in 2016.
2. Carbon offset project developers, verifiers, trader/broker/retailers, compliance buyers, and voluntary buyers will all be attending. Get to know KEY PLAYERS in the carbon market including your current partners and future collaborators.
3. THREE BREAKOUT STREAMS covering the relevant topics in the carbon landscape that best interest you: markets and finance, domestic climate policy, and international climate policy.
4. PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND TOURS offering in-depth knowledge and first-hand experience.
5. Gain knowledge into the NEW AND PRESSING ISSUES affecting our climate - including the legal battle facing the U.S. Clean Power Plan, emissions reductions through agriculture and land use, compelling infrastructure needs for the new energy economy, and the growth of the green bonds market.
6. Multiple NETWORKING sessions and receptions allowing you to discuss your experience, products, and services with climate policy and carbon professionals in the business, nonprofit, academic and government sectors.
7. Celebrate CINCO DE MAYO in San Diego!

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Important NACW registration deadline approaching

Tuesday, April 12: Be sure to [register for NACW](#) by April 12 to receive the discounted regular rate for the conference. The rates are:

NGO, government, academic	\$695
Account holder	\$995
Corporate	\$1,295

[Register now](#)

## Are you joining us for NACW 2016 in San Diego? Check out our San Diego favorites!



With NACW 2016 coming up in San Diego, California, we'd like to highlight our San Diego favorites. From restaurants to breweries to cultural sights and local activities, San Diego is a fantastic host city for our conference! We're particularly excited that the conference is being held over Cinco de Mayo, as San Diego is well known for their fantastic Mexican food and local

craft beers!

[Our San Diego favorites](#)

## Upcoming webinar on registering projects under California's compliance offset program

The Reserve is pleased to present a webinar on April 7, 10:00 am - 11:00 am PT, to discuss the process for registering projects under California's compliance offset program. The webinar will cover: how to submit projects under the Air Resources Board Compliance Offset Protocols, the process for issuance of ARB Offset Credits under the Compliance Offset Protocols, and the role of Offset Project Registries.

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## Attend a workshop and verification training in support of the Grassland Project Protocol

The Reserve's Grassland Project Protocol provides guidance on how to quantify, monitor, report, and verify GHG emission reductions associated with the avoided conversion of grassland to cropland. We are holding two events in April in support of the Grassland Project Protocol:

Grassland Carbon Project Workshop

Thursday, April 7  
[Register](#)

Grassland Project Protocol Verification Training and Exam  
Thursday, April 21  
[Register](#)

## Clarification released for the Nitric Acid Production Project Protocol

The Reserve released a clarification for the [Nitric Acid Production Project Protocol Versions 2.0 and 1.0](#). The clarification, effective immediately, defines the term "operating manual" for Nitric Acid Plant equipment, and allows for ammonia-to-air ratios to be updated based on the operating manual when no other data are available. All listed and registered projects under the above protocols should follow the guidance specified in its errata and clarifications document. For more information on errata and clarifications, please refer to the Reserve Program Manual, Section 4.3.4.

## 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.

### [ClimeCo ODS Destruction 16 and 17](#)

Location: Bowling Green, Ohio  
ROCs issued: 245,955

### [District 45 Dairy](#)

Location: Hancock, Minnesota  
ROCs issued: 22,318

### [West River Farm Anaerobic Digester Project](#)

Location: Morris, Minnesota  
ROCs issued: 22,396

### [Riverview Farm Anaerobic Digester Project](#)

Location: Morris, Minnesota  
ROCs issued: 36,268

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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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