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CLIMATE ACTION NEWS

#### Quick facts

Account holders: 286  
Total projects: 317  
CRTs: 75,887,124

#### Upcoming events

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

May 4:  
[Reserve Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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

#### Notable events

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

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

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#### A note from our interim president

Dear colleagues,

It's an exciting time for the Climate Action Reserve as our 14th annual conference kicks off in two days. We are looking forward to bringing the conference back to San Diego for the first time since 2009.

As you know, NACW has gained a reputation for providing the most comprehensive and up to date information on climate policy and carbon markets, and this year is no exception. We are proud to have developed a rich program featuring a lineup of top experts - we will take a close look at U.S. and North American climate policy, California's cap-and-trade program as well as other established and emerging markets, the road after Paris, key issues related to the Clean Power Plan, green bonds, the role and impacts of REDD, and land use and ghg reductions, among many others.

There is still time to join the conversation so register today and we

## Presentations archive



## 2015 annual report



## Map of projects



## Join our mailing list

hope to see you in beautiful San Diego.

Best regards,  
Gillian Calof

## Keynote addresses and plenary discussions 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 keynote speakers and plenary sessions below, and please visit [www.nacwconference.com/program](http://www.nacwconference.com/program) for more information and program descriptions.

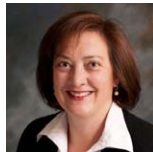
### NACW 2016 Keynote Speakers



Janet McCabe, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA



Kevin de León, President pro Tempore, California State Senate



Diane Regas, Executive Director, Environmental Defense Fund

### 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?

### Speakers:



Dirk Forrister, President & CEO, IETA



Mary Nichols, Chairman, California Air Resources Board

Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service



Moderator:



Gary Gero, Board Member, Climate Action Reserve Advisory Board of Directors

### 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.

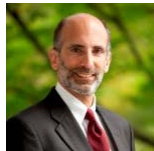
Speakers:



Glen Murray, Minister, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, Ontario

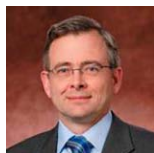


Rodolfo Lacy, Undersecretary for Environmental Policy and Planning, Mexico Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources



Ken Alex, Director, California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Moderator:



Steve Corneli, Board Member, Climate Action Reserve Board of Directors

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## Key benefits of attending 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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## Grassland project monitoring report and monitoring plan templates now available

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. To support the protocol, the Reserve has developed a [Monitoring Report Template](#) and [Monitoring Plan Template](#) for grassland projects. The templates serve to assist project developers in organizing project data, summarizing key aspects of a project, and in facilitating verification.

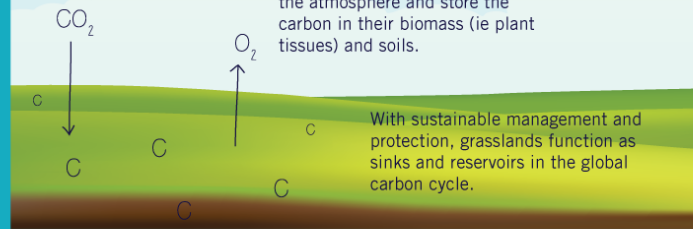
## Infographic: Protecting Grasslands to Protect Our Environment

The availability of the Grassland Project Protocol means grassland owners and project developers have a standardized, streamlined and flexible way to earn offset credits for GHG emission reductions associated with the avoided conversion of grassland to cropland which may be used in the voluntary carbon market now and potentially in California's cap-and-trade program in the future. Additionally, the protocol brings co-benefits related to these projects, including the conservation of wildlife habitat, avoided soil erosion and increased area for open grazing. Check out our infographic to learn more about the Grassland Project Protocol. [PDF](#) | [PNG](#)

# PROTECTING GRASSLANDS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Grasslands are areas of land dominated by grass species that may contain small amounts of other vegetation, such as shrubs, legumes, and forbs. Grasslands have little to no tree canopy.

Grasses and shrubs, through the process of photosynthesis, naturally absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere and store the carbon in their biomass (ie plant tissues) and soils.



But, high commodity prices are driving the conversion of grassland to cropland (for food, feed, fiber, and fuels).

When grasslands are disturbed, such as

CO<sub>2</sub>

## Climate Action Reserve 2015 Annual Report available



We're pleased to present the Climate Action Reserve 2015 Annual Report. 2015 was an exciting year for climate change policy and carbon markets. From the Paris Agreement to the Clean Power Plan to the end of the first compliance period in California's cap-and-trade program, the climate community made tremendous strides in advancing climate solutions. The Climate Action

Reserve is proud to be a member and active participant in that community. Check out our annual report to learn about our work, partnerships, and highlights from 2015.

[View 2015 annual report](#)

## 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.

[Storms Hog Power, LLC](#)

Location: Bladenboro, North Carolina

ROCs issued: 7,334

[Central Sands Dairy, LLC](#)

Location: Nekoosa, Wisconsin

ROCs issued: 13,102

[Green Assets - Middleton Avoided Conversion Project](#)

Location: Dorchester, South Carolina

ROCs issued: 78,902

[Farm Power Lynden Anaerobic Digester](#)

Location: Lynden, Washington

CRTs issued: 22,901

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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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