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## A note from our President

Greetings,

Thank you for helping make the Navigating the American Carbon World (NACW) 2017 conference an incredible success! During the many conversations and discussions at NACW, I gained a greater appreciation of the unyielding commitment and dedication of the carbon and climate policy community in pushing forward with smart and innovative climate solutions. Where the U.S. federal government is stalling or stepping back, we are seeing subnational governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations stepping up. States, counties, and cities are incorporating decarbonization strategies into all aspects of governance, including energy, transportation, housing, agriculture, and public works. Leading businesses are attuned to the risks of inaction or delay, and are therefore engaged in active participation and dialogue, and allied in the effort to build a clean energy economy that benefits everyone.

Working together, the climate community has a stronger voice, more innovative ideas, and more effective actions. With 100 days of the Trump administration behind us, the climate community remains strong in will and determination to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield. We will continue to work together to protect our climate and forge onward with climate solutions.

Best regards,

Craig Ebert  
President



Thank you to our speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, supporting organizations, media partners, and attendees for helping make NACW 2017 an outstanding success. The conference provided valuable insights from speakers and sessions, facilitated thoughtful discussions among fellow carbon and climate policy professionals, and provided outstanding networking opportunities for collaboration and growth. Thank you to all our attendees for your incredible hard work and dedication to advancing climate solutions.

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## Congratulations to the 2017 Climate Action Champions

The Climate Action Reserve presented the 2017 Mary D. Nichols Climate Action Champion Awards during the Navigating the American Carbon World conference to Tom Steyer, a business leader, philanthropist, and outspoken climate advocate who founded NextGen Climate to prevent climate disaster and promote prosperity for all Americans; Secretary Matt Rodriguez, who as the Secretary for Environmental Protection of the California Environmental Protection Agency builds, nurtures, and serves as an ambassador for California's climate and environmental programs; and Ken Alex, Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jerry Brown and the Chair of the Strategic Growth Council, in which capacity he spearheaded the Under2 MOU. The annual awards recognize outstanding leadership and deep commitment to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. For their efforts in the "fight" against climate change, the exemplary recipients receive a special championship title belt.



## Year Award recipients

At NACW, the Climate Action Reserve presented the Project Developer of the Year Awards to the offset project developers that made the largest contributions to the growth, strength and stability of the carbon market during the past year. The awards went to the Passamaquoddy Joint Tribal Council, in recognition of generating the most offset credits in 2016 with 3.8 million credits issued; 3Degrees, for registering the most projects with 13 unique projects; and Sierra Pacific Industries, for submitting the most projects with eight Improved Forest Management projects submitted. The awards recognize organizations for their leadership in advancing climate solutions, in strengthening carbon markets, and in achieving emissions reductions that are real, additional and permanent.

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## Public comments on the Forest Project Protocol Version 4.0 due May 19

The Reserve released the draft Forest Project Protocol Version 4.0 for public review and comment. Proposed revisions to the protocol include eligible location expansion to Hawaii and US Territories, a new public lands baseline methodology for IFM projects, replacement of the Logical Management Unit approach with project area requirements for managing selection bias, incorporation of the Reserve's standardized inventory methodology and inventory tool, and several other updates to enhance usability. The protocol, quantification guidance, and complete summary of changes are available on the [Forest Project Protocol Version 4.0 webpage](#). Please submit public comments, preferably in MS Word format, to [policy@climateactionreserve.org](mailto:policy@climateactionreserve.org) by 6:00 pm PT on Friday, May 19.

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We're hiring for a Policy Associate or Policy Manager

The Reserve is seeking either a Policy Manager or a Policy Associate to help with project protocol development and implementation, as well as consulting services and new initiatives. Working with the Reserve's Policy team, the successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining and updating existing protocols and supporting or leading the development of new project protocols. The individual will also support the implementation of projects under the Reserve's program standards and under the State of California's compliance offset program, and work on other projects, as needed. Professional or academic experience with U.S. agricultural policy and/or science is desired. Interested candidates should specify in their cover letter which level they believe they are suited for based on the described responsibilities and requirements.

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## How we honored Earth Day 2017

As employees of a climate nonprofit, we heed the philosophy that Earth Day is everyday. But, we wanted to take special note on Earth Day 2017, the first such of the Trump Administration (and hopefully not the last) to celebrate our Earth. From enjoying nature outside and traveling by green transportation, to composting at home and making thoughtful choices about energy use, we appreciate the need to make smarter choices. We can make protecting air, health, and climate a priority in every aspect of our lives, not just on April 22, but every day.

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## 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.

### [Big Valley Improved Forest Management Project](#)

Location: Lassen and Modoc Counties, California

ROCs issued: 52,124

### [Open Sky Ranch Dairy Digester](#)

Location: Fresno Co, California

ROCs issued: 18,782

### [Fiscalini Farms Anaerobic Digester Project](#)

Location: Modesto, California

ROCs issued: 7,925

### [Big River / Salmon Creek Forests - ARB](#)

Location: Mendocino, California

ROCs issued: 91,213

### [ClimeCo ODS Destruction 18 and 19](#)

Location: East Liverpool, Ohio

ROCs issued: 226,896

### [Mailliard Ranch Improved Forest Management Project](#)

Location: Mendocino County, California

ROCs issued: 927,027

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## Upcoming events

Northwest Grazing Conference 2017



May 10-11, 2017

Pendleton, Oregon

<http://pnchm.org/educational-opportunities/northwest-grazing-conference-2017/>

Be sure to check out Max DuBuisson, along with EDF and the Climate Trust, hosting a session on carbon credits from grassland conservation

Innovate4Climate

May 22-25, 2017

Barcelona, Spain

<http://www.innovate4climate.com/en/>

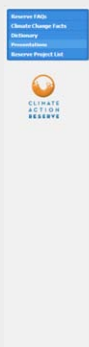
California Air Resources Board Meeting

May 25-26, 2017

Sacramento, California and via webinar

[https://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cur\\_evnt.php](https://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cur_evnt.php)

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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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