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## A note from our President

Greetings,

While the current White House Administration is rolling back crucial climate policies, members of the climate and carbon community have strengthened their commitment and resolve to push forward with their own climate change initiatives. Carbon markets across North America are growing, more businesses are adopting carbon pricing strategies, and subnational governments from states to municipalities are increasing their climate action strategies.

We invite you to join us at the 16th annual [North American Carbon World \(NACW\) conference](#), taking place April 4-6 in San Francisco, California to learn about the most pressing issues in climate policy and carbon markets, discuss ideas with key thought-leaders in the carbon landscape, showcase your organization's climate leadership among the largest gathering of climate professionals in North America, and build and strengthen collaborative relationships with an expansive network of climate professionals.

NACW 2018 will explore the latest developments in North American carbon markets, climate policy, subnational leadership, international agreements, climate finance, technological advancements, and innovative solutions. With sessions on new opportunities for voluntary emissions, the low carbon fuel standard, environmental justice, CORSIA, Pacific Coast leadership, corporate leadership, the role of forests, the growth of RGGI and more, NACW 2018 promises to provide key insights to help your organization navigate the changing carbon landscape.

Add your voice to the discussion at NACW 2018 to amplify the chorus of climate leaders continuing to advance climate solutions and build new collaborations to make climate policies, markets, and strategies across North America bigger, stronger, and better.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Ebert".

Craig Ebert  
President

Alan Gordon joins the Reserve as Senior Fellow for the Climate Impact Score program

The Climate Action Reserve is pleased to announce Alan Gordon has joined the team as Senior Fellow for Climate Impact Score (CIS), a program of the organization that fosters greater transparency for all types of climate-related finance. Mr. Gordon is assisting the Reserve with the program and business development efforts.

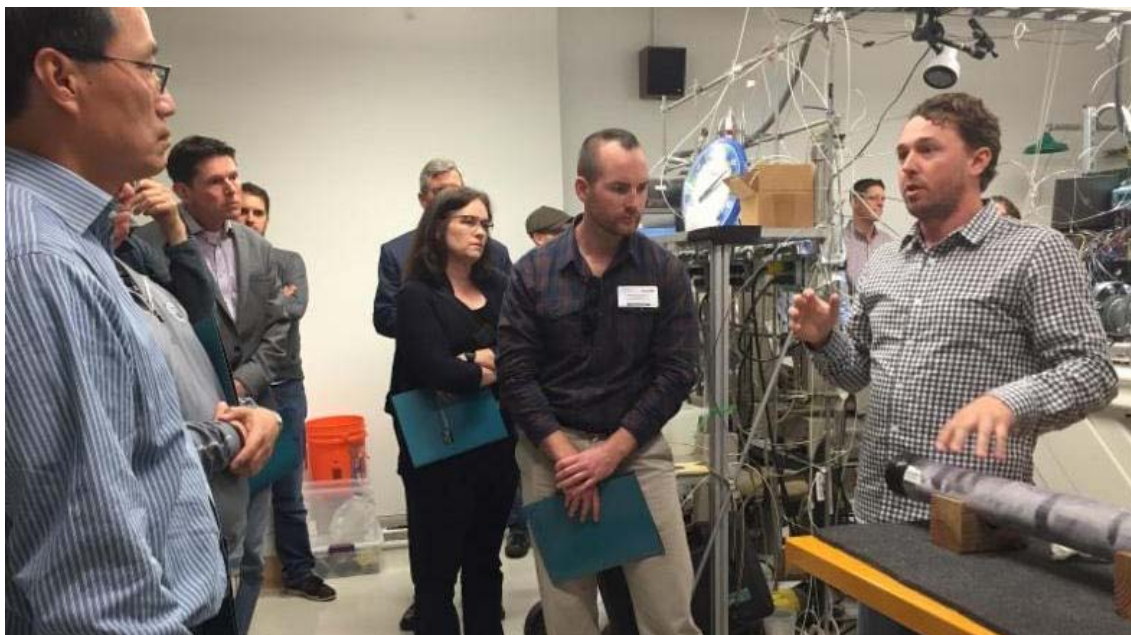
Immediately prior to joining the Reserve, Mr. Gordon served as Deputy Treasurer for Legislation and Infrastructure Financing for State Treasurer John Chiang, where his responsibilities consisted of managing opportunities for green finance throughout the 16 Boards Commissions and Authorities in the office of the State Treasurer. Prior to that, Mr. Gordon served as Deputy Controller for Environmental Affairs for Controller Chiang, serving as Chair of the State Lands Commission and as a member of the Ocean Protection Council, among other roles. He began his career as an environmental attorney and served as Counsel and Principal Consultant to the California Senate Committee on Environmental Quality for more than 20 years. Mr. Gordon is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of California, Davis where he teaches environmental policy.

## Check out the preconference tours and workshops at North American Carbon World (NACW) 2018

NACW will spotlight North American leadership in advancing climate solutions. The conference provides the opportunity to learn about the most pressing issues in climate policy and carbon markets, to discuss ideas with key thought-leaders in the carbon landscape, to build your organization's brand among the largest gathering of climate professionals in North America, and to build and strengthen collaborative relationships with an expansive network of climate professionals. [Register now to attend the NACW conference](#) under the early bird rates, which are available until February 24!

In addition to the main conference plenaries and sessions, NACW offers preconference tours and workshops to allow attendees to gain in-depth information and insights on key issues in the carbon landscape. [Sign up now for these exciting learning opportunities:](#)

April 3, 2018 | Pre-Conference Tours



Continuing to Lead with Science (\$50)

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has been committed to pioneering science since it was founded in 1931. To date, thirteen Nobel prizes are associated with Berkeley Lab, 70 Berkeley Lab scientists are members of the National Academy of Sciences, 13 Berkeley Lab

scientists have won the National Medal of Science, 18 Berkeley Lab engineers have been elected to the National Academy of Engineering and three Berkeley Lab scientists have been elected into the Institute of Medicine. On this tour, attendees will visit the prestigious Berkeley Lab and hear from scientists conducting pioneering research in different areas of climate science, including GHG mitigation, and see work in progress.



#### Sea Level Rise: Risks and Adaptation for the Bay Area (\$50)

Sea level rise has already had very real and very catastrophic effects on island nations and coastal communities. It also poses very real threats for the Bay Area. Projections that were at one time considered extreme are now expected to be conservative, with the Bay Area potentially expecting up to 10 feet in sea level rise by 2100. According to a state-commissioned report on climate change, California's coasts could experience sea level rise 30 to 40 times faster than in the last century. On this tour, attendees will learn about the current effects and future threats of climate change on coastal communities and innovative initiatives to address climate impacts and sea level rise.

#### April 4, 2018 | Pre-Conference Workshops

##### California Cap-and-Trade 101 Workshop (\$150)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

California's Cap-and-Trade Program is the centerpiece of the state's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and has served as a model for national and subnational governments around the world since its launch in 2012. This three hour workshop will cover the basics of California's Cap-and-Trade Program. Speakers will discuss how the program fits into AB 32 and SB 32, what developments may happen with AB 398 in place, timeframes established under the program, compliance entities and their obligations and basic market structure. The workshop is an excellent primer for people starting to learn about the program and a comprehensive refresher course for people wanting to brush up on their Cap-and-Trade Program knowledge.

##### California Compliance Offset Program Workshop (\$100)

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The Climate Action Reserve invites you to attend a workshop that will provide an overview of California's Compliance Offset Program, including the process for submitting projects under Compliance Offset Protocols, verification of compliance offset projects and invalidation. The workshop also will cover important changes to the Compliance Offset Program, lessons learned from market participants and the Reserve in its role as an Offset Project Registry, projected impact from AB 398, which reauthorized the continuation of the state's Cap-and-Trade Program through 2030. This workshop will be useful for consultants, compliance offset buyers, project developers, policymakers, and anyone interested in learning more about California's compliance offset program.

Current Legal Issues Shaping and Reshaping Carbon and Climate Policy (\$245)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Carbon and climate policies on state, regional, national, and international levels are facing a number of legal issues that could significantly reshape or potentially halt them. On the U.S. federal level, lawsuits are proceeding against the Clean Power Plan and the Trump administration is continuing to fuel much speculation about how it can influence and rescind climate regulation. In California, 2017 saw closure to the lawsuit against the state's California's Cap-and-Trade Program and the upholding to most of the state's low carbon fuel standard, but lawsuits continue to shape climate policy in the state. This workshop will assess the legal issues and mechanisms potentially reshaping carbon and climate policy.



Register

## Join us for a webinar on Oregon's Clean Energy Jobs Bill on Wednesday, February 7

The Role of Offsets and Economic Development Opportunities in Oregon's Clean Energy Jobs Bill

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

10:00 am - 11:00 am PST

[Register here](#)

Oregon legislators will vote on the Clean Energy Jobs Bill during its short legislative session this February. The bill, if passed, will set up a cap and invest program designed to reduce the state's GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. We are pleased to invite you to join the Climate Action Reserve for a discussion of the latest draft of this watershed legislation. The webinar will provide a broad overview of SB1070, highlighting the role of offsets and implications for linking with California's cap and trade program. We will also discuss the efforts of the Agriculture, Forest, Fisheries, Rural Communities, and Tribes Work Group, which informed the design of the cap and invest program. The webinar will also focus on economic development opportunities for rural and tribal communities as well as opportunities for forest and grassland offset project types in Oregon.

Speakers:

- Carl Fink, Founder and Managing Counsel, Blue Planet Energy Law, LLC
- Don Sampson, CEO, Warm Springs Tribe; Climate Change Project Coordinator, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- Sheldon Zakreski, Director of Asset Management, The Climate Trust .

## Webinar recording available: Introduction to the CEQA GHG Mitigation Registry

The Climate Action Reserve recently hosted a webinar introduction to its CEQA GHG Mitigation Registry, a regional component of the Reserve's Voluntary GHG Mitigation Registry that enables companies and organizations to invest proactively in projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions forecasted to occur once the projects are fully implemented. The webinar provided a first look at the program's structure and standards and discussed how land developers, manufacturing facilities, large projects and other companies and organizations can turn to the CEQA GHG Mitigation Registry to reduce their carbon footprints in a responsible, consistent and accountable manner.

[View the webinar recording and presentation slides](#)

## We're hiring! Join our team as Communications Assistant

The Reserve is currently hiring for the position of Communications Assistant. The Communications Assistant supports the media relations and direct communications activities of the Reserve and its programs, including its offset registry services, CEQA GHG Mitigation Registry, Climate Impact Score, and North American Carbon World conference. Responsibilities include assisting with writing content for the newsletter, event coordination and promotion, social media marketing, website maintenance, and media monitoring. For more information and application details, please review the [job description](#). Applications will be accepted until COB February 15, 2018. The Climate Action Reserve is an equal opportunity employer.

[View job description](#)

## 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.

### [Finite Carbon - MWF Adirondacks IFM](#)

Location: Franklin, St. Lawrence, and Lewis Counties, New York  
ROCs issued: 1,104,787

### [Virginia Conservation Forestry Program - Tazewell - Elk Garden](#)

Location: Russell, Washington, and Tazewell Counties, Virginia  
ROCs issued: 76,414

[View public reports](#)

## Calendar of events

February 5-13, 2018

### [CARB Public Workshop on Senate Bill 375 \(SB 375\) Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection](#)

Location: Los Angeles, Sacramento and via webinar, and San Diego

February 7, 2018

### [The Role of Offsets and Economic Development Opportunities in Oregon's Clean Energy Jobs Bill](#)

Location: via webinar

February 8, 2018

### [CARB Board Meeting](#)

Location: Sacramento or via webinar

February 22-28, 2018

### [CARB Community Air Protection Program: Technical Summits](#)

Location: Oakland, Bakersfield, and Riverside

February 26-March 8, 2018

### [CARB Public Workshop on Developing a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for California's Allocation of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust](#)

Location: Sacramento, Fresno, Oakland, Redding, Diamond Bar, Fontana

March 22-23, 2018

[CARB Board Meeting, including a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the California cap on GHG emissions and market-based compliance mechanisms regulation](#)

Location: Riverside

April 4-6, 2018

[North American Carbon World \(NACW\) 2018](#)

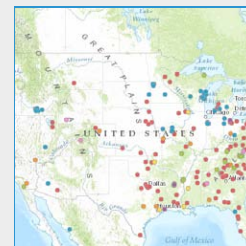
Location: San Francisco, California

Ongoing - date and time TBD by verifier

[Schedule a Lead Verifier Recertification Exam](#)

Location: Los Angeles or online with webcam

## 2016 Annual Report | Webinar Archive | Map of Projects



## 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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