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CLIMATE ACTION NEWS

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## A note from our President

Greetings,

The deteriorating state of our global climate demands immediate, strong, and pervasive action. Subnational governments, international governments, businesses, organizations, and individuals are working hard to develop, implement, and support innovative climate change solutions. But we need so much more. We need bigger and more aggressive actions, on an accelerated deployment schedule, through all reaches of the economy, in all jurisdictions across the globe.

That's why we are very excited that [Ontario is linking with California and Québec](#) in the Western Climate Initiative's economy-wide cap-and-trade program. The linkage allows the three subnational governments to hold joint auctions and accept allowances and offsets issued by any of the governments interchangeably. The benefits of linkage are many, including increased liquidity, lower cost emissions reduction opportunities, strengthening of the North American carbon market, amplification of the call for a price on carbon, and further evidence that climate action collaboration is both efficient and effective.

We're also enthusiastic to see that 14 states (including California, Washington, and New York) representing more than 36 percent of the U.S. population in the U.S. Climate Alliance are [pledging support to meet the U.S. commitments under the Paris climate agreement](#). In addition, 2,300 U.S. cities, states, corporations and universities in the "We Are Still In" coalition, representing more than 120 million Americans and \$6 trillion of the U.S. economy, have also pledged to uphold the Paris agreement.

The challenge of climate change is serious and daunting. We need large scale, groundbreaking, collective action by states and nations to be successful in protecting and preserving our planet. But [every person plays an important role in pushing climate change solutions forward](#). From making changes to how we commute, consume, and use energy, to informing our friends, family, and colleagues about climate change and solutions, to exercising our rights as citizens to insist on smart climate policies, we need to be actively engaged in fostering change locally and globally.

Best regards,

Craig Ebert  
President

# Save the date for the North American Carbon World (NACW) 2018 conference: April 4-6 in San Francisco, California



## Mexico Forest Protocol Version 1.5 now available for use

On September 14, the Reserve released the [Mexico Forest Protocol Version 1.5](#), which provides revised guidance for monitoring, reporting, and verifying forest sequestration projects in Mexico. Revisions to the protocol include clarifying the roles of project developers and forest owners, clarifying project documentation requirements, revising start date requirements to six months prior to project submittal, and clarifying verification requirements, among other revisions. The protocol, summary of changes from Version 1.0 to 1.5, newly developed Project Developer Guide and revised Quantification Guidance and Verification Guidance are available on the [Mexico Forest Protocol webpage](#).

[Read more](#)

## Upcoming verification training courses and exams

The Reserve is pleased to present the following verification training courses and exams:

WED. OCT 11 10:00 am - 3:00 pm PT

### **General Project Verification Training**

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. It will review the Program Manual, the Verification Program Manual, and any accompanying policy memos, all of which can be found on the Program Manuals and Policies page. 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.

[Register](#)

WED. OCT 18 9:00 am - 4:00 pm PT

### **Landfill Project Protocol Verification Training and Exam**

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.

[Register](#)

## Save the date: Join us in Northern California to learn about forest carbon opportunities, October 30 - November 2

**Forest to Table Events: October 30 - November 2**

The Climate Action Reserve Forest Team is going on tour! Please join us to learn about how you can tap into the carbon market to support your land management goals. Come hear about the latest protocol updates and our new accounting and management tools designed to increase access to the carbon market for all landowner types. Carbon project owners from Northern California will also share their experiences, market insights, and best practices. We will discuss opportunities for landowners, particularly smaller landowners, to participate in both voluntary and compliance projects. Attendees will also receive a copy of the Reserve's newest tool, the Climate Action Reserve Inventory Tool (CARIT).

Speakers include:

- Mark Andre, Director of Environmental Services, City of Arcata
- Jim Clark, President, North Coast Resource Management

Join us at a city near you for information and discussion, local wines and beers, appetizers, and great company. [Please RSVP via our website](#). Contact Cindy Chiang at [cchiang@climateactionreserve.org](mailto:cchiang@climateactionreserve.org) if you have any questions.

Date	City	Venue
Mon, Oct 30, 2017	Santa Rosa	Sonoma Land Trust
Tues, Oct 31, 2017	Ukiah	Parducci
Wed, Nov 1, 2017	Fort Bragg	Northcoast Brewing Company
Thurs, Nov 2, 2017	Arcata	Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center

## Wishing a fond farewell to Rachel Tornek, former VP of Policy and Programs

Over the past 13 years, many of you had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Rachel Tornek. She joined the organization during its original iteration as the California Climate Action Registry, and while working under both the California Registry and the Climate Action Reserve, she held many different - and impactful - roles, serving as a truly indispensable leader in helping set new standards for rigorous and transparent standards in GHG accounting, promoting successful voluntary carbon markets, supporting compliance carbon markets, representing the Reserve and its work at a number of UNFCCC climate change conferences and helping drive the Reserve's expansion into new areas of work and new areas of the globe. It's not possible to account for all of her contributions in this small space, but it is possible for her fellow team members to bid her a very fond farewell. Rachel left her post as VP of Policy and Programs in September to take some time off and consider the next stage of her career. Knowing Rachel, her new endeavors will undoubtedly be about bringing positive change and impact. We are also honored to announce that Max DuBuisson, Policy Director, has taken the lead for the Reserve Policy team and Rob Lee, Programs Director, has taken the lead for the Reserve Programs team. Their names are also probably familiar to many of you, and they are excited to continue working together with you in their new capacities.

## Beatriz Zavariz and Nancy Cheng join the Reserve as Policy Associate and Reserve Administrator, respectively

The Reserve is pleased to announce that Beatriz Zavariz has joined our staff as Policy Associate and Nancy Cheng has joined as Reserve Administrator. As Policy Associate, Beatriz assists with the development, maintenance, and updates of emissions reduction project protocols and supports the implementation of projects under both the Reserve's voluntary program and the California compliance offset program. Before joining the Reserve, Beatriz consulted Pronatura Noroeste in the design of their first climate change program and researched sustainable land use policies at Mexico's Civil Council for Sustainable Forestry and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture.

As Reserve Administrator, Nancy is responsible for providing technical and general support to account holders and handling Reserve software management. In addition, she coordinates with the appropriate teams for submittals, listing, registration, cancellation and inactivation of projects. Previously, Nancy researched the impact of local community responses to climate change on biodiversity in Tanzania and researched ecological calendars for climate change adaptation in mountain communities and indigenous groups.

[Read more](#)

## 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.

[A-Gas Americas 2017-6](#)

Location: Bowling Green, Ohio

ROCs issued: 55,404

[View public reports](#)

## Calendar of events

TUE. OCT 3 10:00 am - 11:00 am PT

### **Registering Projects Under California's Compliance Offset Program**

Online webinar | Hosted by the Reserve

[More information](#)

OCT 9-11

### **Argus California Carbon and LCFS Summit**

Napa Valley, California | Hosted by Argus

[More information](#)

\*Hear from [Craig Ebert](#), President, on the "Canada's Carbon Market" panel.

TUE. OCT 10 10:00 am - 11:30 am PT

### **Nitrogen Management Project Protocol V2.0 Workgroup Meeting 2**

Online webinar | Hosted by the Reserve

[More information](#)

WED. OCT 11 10:00 am - 3:00 pm PT

### **General Project Verification Training**

Online webinar | Hosted by the Reserve

[More information](#)

THU. OCT 12 9:00 am - 12:00 pm PT

### **California Air Resources Board (CARB) Climate Change Scoping Plan Update Workshop**

Sacramento and via webinar | Hosted by CARB

[More information](#)

THU. OCT 12 1:00 pm PT

### **CARB Workshop to Discuss Next Steps for the Cap-and-Trade Regulation**

Sacramento and via webinar | Hosted by CARB

[More information](#)

FRI. OCT 13 9:00 am - 12:00 pm PT

### **CARB Proposed Natural and Working Lands Climate Change Implementation Plan and CALAND Model Development Workshop**

Sacramento and via webinar | Hosted by CARB

[More information](#)

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OCT 26-27, 2017

### **California Air Resources Board Meeting**

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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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