



CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE



Climate Action Reserve Monthly Newsletter

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- Quote -

"Climate change will not be resolved overnight. But it will be engaged over the next three years - that I can promise you."

--Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator, at Harvard University

Climate Action Reserve Quick Facts

Account holders: 331
Total projects: 505
CRTs: 38,155,455

Upcoming Events

August 13:
[Overview of the Organic
Waste Composting Project
Protocol Version 1.1](#)

September 4:
[Introduction to the Reserve
and the Role of Offsets in
California's Cap-and-Trade
Program](#)

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The Climate Trust RFP
for Carbon Offset
Projects

The
**Climate
Trust**

The Climate Trust issued a
[Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#)
for offset projects to add to

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Letter from the President

Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope everyone has had opportunities to enjoy the summer and find time to connect with the outdoors, whether it be in mountain forests, urban parks, or along a cool sandbank. This is a great time to rediscover the beauty of our planet and the reason why we work so hard to protect our environment. Here at the Reserve, we've certainly enjoyed summertime yet managed to stay busy. We were excited to release the near final draft of our [Mexico Forest Protocol](#) for public comment at the end of July. The protocol provides standardized guidance for forest carbon enhancement projects in Mexico within a REDD+ framework. The Reserve is incredibly thankful to our stakeholder workgroup members and the forest community for their guidance, feedback and contributions. Public comments on the revised draft are due by Tuesday, August 27, after which we will make final revisions and the protocol will begin pilot testing (more info below).

In addition to the Mexico Forest Protocol, we released an updated version of the [Organic Waste Composting Project](#)

its growing portfolio and fulfill outstanding demand for additional programs it manages.

The RFP is for approximately \$5 million in funding and is seeking agriculture, biogas and forestry projects. The Climate Trust prefers projects that create 2013 and later vintage offsets but will look at earlier vintages for a small portion of the available funding. Projects must be domestic, with a preference for projects in Oregon. The deadline for submittals is 5:00 pm PDT Monday, August 19.

The Climate Trust can be contacted at TCTrfp@climatetrust.org.

REDD Offset Working Group Releases Final Recommendations

After two years of data collection and examination, the REDD Offset Working (ROW) Group released its [final recommendations](#) outlining how tropical forest jurisdictions could link efforts to reduce deforestation and reduce global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions under California's cap-and-trade system while minimizing risks to forest-dependent communities and wildlife.

Sarah Wescott Joins the Reserve as Program Assistant

The Reserve is pleased to welcome Sarah Wescott as Program Assistant. Sarah's responsibilities include supporting Reserve account holders with project development, verification and registration under our program standards.

Protocol, continued our work to update the [Urban Forest Project Protocol](#), and continued exploration of developing protocols to address [grassland projects](#) and renewable energy projects in Mexico. We also reached an exciting milestone of registering over 38 million regulatory-grade offset credits, which is the equivalent of removing over 7.9 million cars from the road for one year. We are also pleased to announce that our annual conference, Navigating the American Carbon World, will be held again in San Francisco on March 26-28 next year.

While we celebrate our recent achievements, we are thrilled to be able celebrate the achievement of our good friend and hero Gina McCarthy for her confirmation and swearing-in as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Throughout her career, Administrator McCarthy has been a tireless champion for the advancement of smart climate solutions and has demonstrated tremendous dedication to improving public health, ecosystems and air quality. We look forward to her outstanding leadership at the EPA!

Warm regards,



Gary Gero
President

Mexico Forest Protocol Available for Public Comment

The Reserve released an updated draft of the Mexico Forest Protocol for public comment. The protocol provides standardized guidance for carbon enhancement projects within a REDD+ framework and addresses eligibility, baseline, inventory, permanence, social and environmental safeguards, and measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) requirements.

Please visit the [Mexico Forest Protocol webpage](#) to download the draft protocol, review important changes from the first version, and learn about the protocol development process.

The protocol will undergo a piloting phase following the public comment period, during which the Reserve will work closely with several identified landowners to road test the protocol and develop software to standardize monitoring and reporting activities. This deliberate process is intended to ensure the protocol is as clear and accurate as possible before being released for general use. The public comment period ends Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Please submit comments via the [Mexico Forest Protocol webpage](#).

Organic Waste Composting Project Protocol Version 1.1 Now Available for Use

The Reserve has released Version 1.1 of the Organic Waste

Previously, Sarah interned at the California Coastal Commission, where she worked to ensure property compliance with the California Coastal Act. We are excited to have Sarah apply her excellent customer service expertise to our program. Sarah graduated from USC with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on Policy and Planning.

Composting (OWC) Project Protocol, which provides a standardized approach for quantifying and monitoring the GHG reductions from projects that divert and compost municipal food waste and food soiled paper waste that would otherwise have been sent to a landfill. The updated protocol includes technical changes that reflect feedback received, research conducted, and errata and clarifications released since the protocol's initial adoption in 2010.

Please visit the [OWC Project Protocol webpage](#) to download the new protocol, review the summary of changes from Version 1.0, and learn about the protocol revision process.

The Reserve will host an [informational webinar](#) about the protocol revisions on Tuesday, August 13, 10 am - noon PDT.

Save the Date for NACW 2014: March 26-28 in San Francisco, California

The Navigating the American Carbon World (NACW) conference is the largest gathering for information and discussion around climate change policy and carbon markets in North America.



NACW 2014 will feature an exciting speaker line-up, in-depth analysis on pressing carbon issues, the best networking for the carbon community, and several new activities to enhance opportunities for learning and collaboration. Mark your calendars for March 26-28 in San Francisco, California.

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.

- [EOS 2013 Domestic ODS Project in El Dorado, Arkansas](#)
CRTs issued: 130,010
- [Linde Dairy in Brookings County, South Dakota](#)
CRTs issued: 7,171

[View the complete list of projects](#) (both listed and registered)
[View Climate Reserve Tonnes](#) (CRTs) that have been issued

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.

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