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CLIMATE ACTION NEWS

#### Quick facts

Account holders: 256  
Total projects: 297  
Credits: 87,278,494

#### Upcoming events

February 21:  
[Registering Projects  
Under California's  
Compliance Offset  
Program](#)

April 19-21:  
[Navigating the  
American Carbon World](#)

#### Notable events

February 6 and 7:  
[ARB Community  
Meetings on the  
Investment of Cap-and-  
Trade Auction  
Proceeds to Benefit  
Disadvantaged and  
Low-income  
Communities](#)

## A note from our President

Greetings,

As the State of California works to update its Scoping Plan, which provides the overarching strategies and guidance to meet the state's emission reduction goals, many participants and stakeholders are advocating in support of the role of offsets in the state's compliance cap-and-trade program. During the original cap-and-trade program development discussions, California regulatory officials heard from business leaders, environmental advocates, and economic advisors throughout the state, and concluded that offsets were a necessary safety valve on the economic pressures of the cap-and-trade program. Regulatory officials also decided that a limit on their use would help foster long-term investments in technologies and processes to drive emissions reductions onsite while ensuring the availability of lower-cost compliance options.

The benefits of offsets are many. Offsets are a tool to mobilize the low carbon economy by allowing for the adoption of new technologies and best practices that may otherwise not be economically feasible. They help grow the clean tech sector, add new jobs and skillsets to local economies, and propel new innovations in climate solutions. Offsets are an important tool for California companies to remain competitive and meet emissions reduction goals cost-efficiently. They also demonstrate California's leadership internationally through engagement with other jurisdictions. Just as importantly, many offset projects bring environmental justice benefits to their local communities and, along

February 9:  
[ARB Public Workshop on the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update](#)

February 14:  
[ARB Workshop on Potential Amendments to the Cap-and-Trade Regulation and Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of GHG Emissions](#)

February 16-17:  
[ARB Board Meeting](#)

March 1-3:  
[Climate Leadership Conference presented by The Climate Registry and C2ES](#)

April 26-27  
[The Ontario Cap and Trade Forum organized by Canadian Clean Energy Conferences](#)  
(Enter the code "climateaction20" to receive a 20% discount off registration)

Presentations archive



2015 annual report



Map of projects

with decisions to prioritize investments in disadvantaged communities, ensure that climate change solutions benefit all citizens.

Best regards,

Craig Ebert  
President

## Grassland Project Protocol Version 2.0 Adopted

The Climate Action Reserve Board of Directors adopted the Grassland Project Protocol Version 2.0 during its meeting on January 18, 2017. Changes to the protocol include updating the project definition to allow irrigation in the project area, removing accounting for shrub carbon, expanding start date options, expanding suitability threshold options, and adding periodic ecosystem health assessments.

Please visit the [Grassland Project Protocol webpage](#) to download the new protocol, the comprehensive Summary of Changes document, and the updated Grassland Project Parameters spreadsheet. An updated version of the GrassTool will be distributed to current users and will be available upon request.

[Read more](#)

## Mexico Forest Protocol Version 1.4 Now Available

On January 18, the Reserve released the Mexico Forest Protocol Version 1.4, which provides revised guidance for monitoring, reporting, and verifying forest sequestration projects in Mexico. Updates include changing the sequential sampling methodology and requirements in the Verification Guidance, clarifying the inventory design in the Quantification Guidance, and modifying the first Environmental Safeguard. A summary of changes detailing the revisions from Version 1.0 to 1.4 of the protocol and the revised Quantification Guidance, Verification Guidance, and Aggregation Guidance are available on the [Mexico Forest Protocol webpage](#).

[Read more](#)

## Become a sponsor of NACW 2017





Of the many opportunities to communicate your organization's message, personal contact remains the most powerful and effective means of interaction. Join Navigating the American Carbon World (NACW) as a sponsor or exhibitor to connect in meaningful ways with climate and carbon professionals from the business, government, nonprofit, and academic sectors.

### Infographic: Why offset your greenhouse gas emissions



2017 marks the 15th consecutive year NACW will bring together the most active and influential players in North American climate policy and carbon markets to network, learn, and collaborate. NACW 2017 will take a close look at strong subnational and international action across North America, changes in U.S. federal policy, carbon markets, climate finance, and carbon management initiatives. This year, the climate and carbon community will also be gathering to strengthen their commitment and resolve to push forward with pioneering climate change initiatives in a changing political environment.

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## Join us February 21 for a webinar on Registering Projects under California's Compliance Offset Program

[Registering Projects Under California's Compliance Offset Program](#)  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
10:00 am - 11:00 am PT

The Reserve is pleased to present a webinar on the process for registering projects under California's Compliance Offset Program. The webinar will cover the role of Offset Project Registries, how to submit projects under the Air Resources Board Compliance Offset Protocols, and the process for issuance of ARB Offset Credits under the Compliance Offset Protocols.

[Register now](#)

## Reserve welcomes Cindy Chiang as Business Development Manager

Please join us in welcoming Cindy Chiang to the Reserve staff. Cindy joined the Reserve as the Business Development Manager, where she will be cultivating the organization's external relationships and building collaborative opportunities on new initiatives. Previously, Cindy worked for the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, Natural Resources Defense Council, and served in the U.S. Peace Corp in the Ukraine. Cindy earned her Masters in Arts, Climate & Society from Columbia and may be reached at [cchiang@climateactionreserve.org](mailto:cchiang@climateactionreserve.org).

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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.

[Perfect Cycle ODS-2](#)

Location: Bowling Green, Ohio

ROCs issued: 42,233

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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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