



A note from our President

Greetings,

These are trying times for communities across our nation and the world. We are dealing with a global pandemic, wildfires, hurricanes, heatwaves, derechos, racial injustice, social unrest, job loss and economic insecurity, and (I'm pretty sure parents will agree this belongs on this list) remote schooling for our children.

In the midst of these challenges and stresses, climate leadership is continuing to forge ahead because we can't afford to pause. We are seeing a strong drumbeat across the globe calling for a [green COVID recovery](#) with [climate, resilience, justice, and equity as key priorities](#). Businesses, such as Microsoft and Amazon, are pioneering the next level in corporate climate leadership and becoming [carbon neutral](#) or net carbon zero by mitigating not just their current

carbon footprints, but future carbon footprints and even their historical carbon footprints as well.

Here at the Reserve we are wrapping up our work on protocol development to address nitrous oxide emissions reductions from adipic acid production and GHG emission reductions associated with projects that enhance soil carbon sequestration on agricultural lands. Both the [Adipic Acid Production Protocol](#) and the [Soil Enrichment Protocol](#) are heading to our Board of Directors for consideration for adoption on September 30. Also happening this month is [Climate Week NYC 2020](#), which will bring together people from around the world to explore what lessons we can learn in the pursuit of a net-zero future through just transition. Please join us at our Climate Week NYC event - [Women in the Climate Change Workforce](#), scheduled for Monday, September 21.

Warm regards,

Craig Ebert
President

Adipic Acid Production Protocol public comment period closes;
protocol heading to the Reserve Board for its consideration



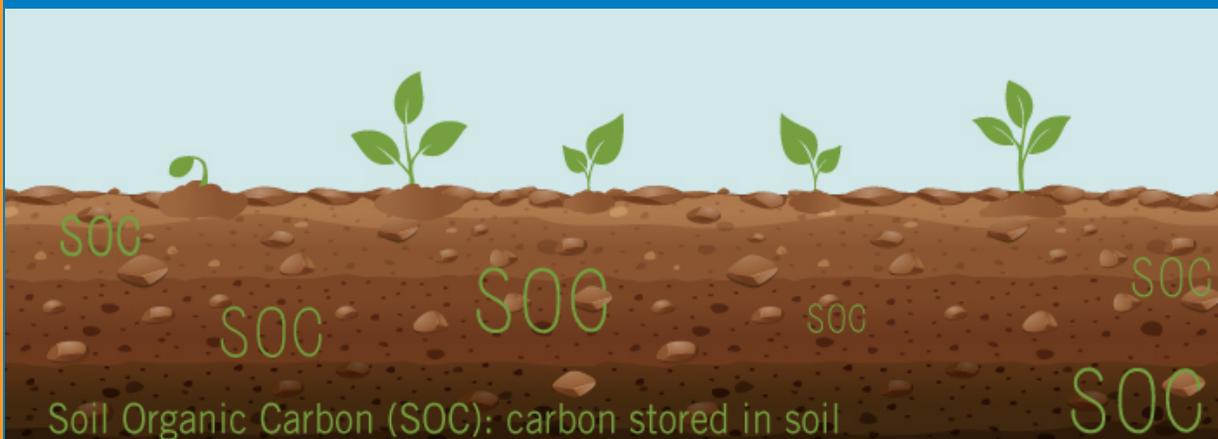
The Reserve recently held a public comment period and public comment webinar for the [draft Adipic Acid Production Protocol V1.0](#). The protocol

provides guidance for monitoring, reporting, and verifying nitrous oxide (N₂O) emission reductions at adipic acid production facilities in the United States. Adipic acid is largely used in the manufacture of nylon and ranks among the top 50 synthetic chemicals produced in the United States each year. The protocol provides the opportunity for adipic acid facilities to earn offsets through the installation and operation of a GHG reduction project, defined as 1) the installation and operation of a new, previously uninstalled N₂O abatement technology and/or 2) the enhancement of an existing control technology that results in the reduction of N₂O emissions that would otherwise have been vented to the atmosphere.

We are currently preparing the summary of comments and our responses, which we will post shortly. For information about protocol development and the final draft of the protocol, which will be considered for adoption by the Reserve Board of Directors at the September 30 board meeting, please visit:

<http://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/adipic-acid-production/>

Second public comment period for the Soil Enrichment Protocol closes; protocol heading to the Reserve Board for its consideration



The Reserve recently held a second public comment period for the revised draft [Soil Enrichment Protocol](#). Holding a second public comment period allowed for continued deliberations in a very public, transparent fashion and ensured that all

stakeholders have the opportunity to weigh in and help create a final product with the highest degree of environmental integrity, ready for use in the marketplace to address the climate crisis.

The [Soil Enrichment Protocol](#) provides guidance to account for, report, and verify GHG emission reductions associated with projects that enhance soil carbon sequestration on agricultural lands through the adoption of sustainable agricultural land management activities. Land management practices considered under the protocol include changes to: fertilizer application, water management/irrigation, tillage and/or residue management, crop planting and harvesting (eg crop rotations, cover crops), fossil fuel usage, application of synthetic inputs other than fertilizer, and/or grazing practices, among others.

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DEBS application form available on the California Air Resources Board website

Starting in 2021, at least half of the offset usage limit for California compliance entities under the state's Cap-and-Trade program must come from projects that provide [direct environmental benefits in the state \(DEBS\)](#). Offset projects that are located within the State of California are automatically considered to provide DEBS. [Ozone depleting substance \(ODS\) projects](#) with some California-sourced ODS will be classified as DEBS regardless of where the

DEBS
DIRECT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS
from offset projects in the State of California

Carbon offsets are integral to supporting California's climate goals. Other projects in California designed to help progress additional and additional, renewable, voluntary, and other offset projects can also contribute to California's economy, environment, and transportation.

Assembly Bill 328, the legislation to allow California's Cap-and-Trade program to generate offsets, created new rules on offset credits that require that starting in 2015, no more than half of the offset credit can come from projects that don't provide other environmental benefits (DEBS) to the state.

Direct environmental benefits to the state is defined as "the reduction or avoidance of emissions of any air pollutant in the state or the reduction or avoidance of any indirect final use that has an adverse impact on waters of the state."

For Project Developers

Does your offset project provide direct environmental benefits to the State of California?

Location: On-Campus, Off-Campus, Forest, Non-Construction, Non-Residential, Off-Set

Is this project located within the State of California?

Does the DEBS project contain some related activity that will benefit the state to receive DEBS?

Does the project provide other environmental benefits to the State of California?

Apply for DEBS designation for your project. Once you have been designated as a DEBS project, you can use your offsets to meet your compliance obligations. For more information, visit [www.arb.ca.gov/debs](#).

For Compliance Offset Buyers

Offset usage limits

Compliance offsets may use offset credits to meet up to 8 percent of their compliance obligations for emissions through 2024. 5 percent of their compliance obligation for emissions from 2025-2028, and 2 percent for emissions from 2029-2032.

As much as 10 percent of compliance offsets (CO2e) can be used for offset credit to meet the DEBS requirement.

Starting with 2021 emissions, no more than one-half of the compliance obligation will be met using non-projects that do not provide direct environmental benefits to the state.

Offset projects that are designated as DEBS projects can be used to meet 8 percent of compliance obligations for emissions through 2024, 5 percent for 2025-2028, and 2 percent for 2029-2032.

For California community members

Local environmental benefits

As the state's climate protection goals progress, reducing the local health risks, offset projects also enhance local environmental benefits to California communities.

Reduce water usage in the area	Reduce air emissions by the cooling effect of trees	Reduce air emissions by reducing air quality near buildings
Reduce water consumption in the area	Reduce water consumption in the area	Reduce water consumption in the area
Reduce the need for air conditioning in the area	Reduce the need for air conditioning in the area	Reduce the need for air conditioning in the area
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destruction occurred and without a minimum threshold of California-sourced ODS destroyed.

Out-of-state projects can apply for DEBS determination by providing documentation in the form of peer reviewed scientific papers, reports from governmental or multinational bodies, or project specific data. CARB has provided an [Application for Direct Environmental Benefits Status](#) for out-of-state projects applying for DEBS determination. DEBS projects are designated in CITSS and the [ARB Offset Credit Issuance Table](#).

[More information on DEBS](#)

Register now for our Climate Week NYC online session: Women in the Climate Change Workforce

Climate Action Reserve presents:

WOMEN IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKFORCE

Sept 21, 2020 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET
Virtual event



Part of the YOUTH, PUBLIC MOBILIZATION AND JUSTICE PROGRAM by CLIMATE GROUP



CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE

CLIMATE WEEK NYC



Women in the Climate Change Workforce

Monday, September 21

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm PT

Register here: <https://www.climateweeknyc.org/event/women-climate-change-workforce>

Largely due to gender inequalities around the world, women often bear a disproportionate burden due to climate change. As main providers of food and fuel, women are more vulnerable to drought and flooding. Given this, women are uniquely situated to be champions of change, including in the workforce, and while more women today are represented in leadership positions, there is still a significant gender gap. Women, especially women of color, continue to be underrepresented in leadership positions even though it is well established that diversity is highly beneficial to creativity, innovation, effectiveness and ultimately problem-solving.

During this Climate Week NYC event, we will hear from an inspiring panel of women in climate and environmental leadership positions who will share their experiences and what they view as the challenges and opportunities to institute equity, diversity, and inclusion in environmental organizations.

Register: <https://www.climateweeknyc.org/event/women-climate-change-workforce>

Join us for an upcoming webinar: How to Source GHG Credits as an Offsite Mitigation Measure under CEQA

How to Source GHG Credits as an Offsite Mitigation Measure under CEQA

Wednesday, September 23
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm PT

Presented by:

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How to Source GHG Credits as an Offsite Mitigation Measure under CEQA

Wednesday, September 23
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm PT

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/843252160431629071>

Join us for practical information on how projects can source GHG credits for CEQA compliance including incorporating local GHG credits as part of offsite mitigation measures. Speakers will share insights on the GHG credit market for CEQA, the regulatory landscape for local mitigation, the credit transaction and retirement process, and share several real-world examples, including how Climate Forward helped finance solar projects in low income communities in LA County.

Speakers:

Seth Jacobson, Senior Director, Energy & Water Programs, Climate Resolve

Robert Z. Lee, Program Director, Climate Action Reserve

John McDougal, Vice President of Environmental Products, Element Markets

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Reserve supports CARB Low Carbon Fuel Standard Verifier Accreditation Training for New Verifiers

Are you interested in conducting verifications for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)?

CARB is accepting applications for accreditation of LCFS verification bodies and individual verifiers. CARB will screen individual verifier candidate applications, and approved individuals will be notified that they may enroll in required [LCFS verifier accreditation training](#). The LCFS verifier accreditation training will be held in October with self-paced on-line recorded lectures and weekly on-line live Q&A sessions. The Reserve is honored to support and contribute to the LCFS verifier accreditation training course by developing and presenting portions of the training.

More information, including the schedule for on-line live Q&A sessions and suggested pacing of on-line recorded lectures can be found on the [LCFS verification website](#).

Errata and Clarifications Released for the Mexico Forest Protocol Version 2.0 | Errata y Clarificaciones Publicadas para el Protocolo Forestal para México Versión 2.0

On August 4, the Reserve released an [errata and clarifications document](#) for the [Mexico Forest Protocol](#) Version 2.0 to provide clarification on the requirements and exceptions for the Annual Monitoring Report submission and verification. For more information on errata and clarifications, please refer to the Reserve [Offset Program Manual](#), Section 4.3.4.

El 4 de agosto, la Reserva publicó un [documento de errata y clarificaciones](#) para el [Protocolo Forestal para México](#) Versión 2.0 para proporcionar clarificación sobre los requisitos y las excepciones para la presentación y la

verificación del Reporte de Monitoreo Anual. Para obtener más información sobre las erratas y clarificaciones, refiera al [Manual del Programa de Créditos de Compensación](#) de la Reserva, Sección 4.3.4.

[More information](#) | [Más información](#)

Join our team! We're hiring for a Business Development Manager

The Reserve is hiring for a Business Development Manager position. The primary responsibilities of the Business Development Manager is to promote the work of the Reserve, establish and grow relationships with carbon market participants, and represent the organization in various settings. For more information on the responsibilities, desired competencies, requirements, and application process, please check out the complete [Business Development Manager job description on the Reserve employment webpage](#).

Please share your thoughts - what format would you prefer for NACW 2021?

The Reserve is kicking off planning for NACW 2021 and we would like to gauge your comfort level with conference participation. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at NACW 2021, but one big question during this still uncertain time is if we will be seeing you in person or virtually. Please let us know how you are feeling by participating in this poll. We are aiming for NACW to be held in the spring, like usual.

What is your preference for participating in NACW 2021?

In-person conference

Select

Virtual conference

Select

Hybrid model-in person with virtual participation options

Select

Not sure-waiting for progress on virus containment & vaccine

Select

Not sure-depends on economic outlook for business

Select

Thanks for your input!

Take the pledge for California Clean Air Day - October 7

PLANT SOMETHING

**REDUCE VEHICLE
EMISSIONS**

SWITCH IT OUT

The Climate Action Reserve is a participating organization of [California Clean Air Day](#), a project of the Coalition for Clean Air, taking place on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Clean Air Day is a challenge for organizations and individuals to do our part to reduce air pollution and help create clean air in our community. Participants can pledge to take one or more actions from the categories Switch It Out (such as buying produce locally, replacing gas-powered yard tools with electric- or hand-powered tools); Plant Something (such as plant a home garden, tree, or indoor plant); and Reduce Vehicle Emissions (such as telecommuting/attending meetings remotely, not idling your engine).

[Take the Clean Air Day pledge](#)

Participants in the Reserve voluntary offsets program may request deadline extensions due to coronavirus

An [Extraordinary Circumstances Request Form](#) is available for project requests related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Projects seeking deadline extensions or variances for reasons directly related to the coronavirus must submit this request form to reserve@climateactionreserve.org prior to the original deadline. As a reminder, any project that is eligible to defer verification or conduct a less-intensive desktop verification is strongly encouraged to use that option. This policy is limited to projects reporting under the Climate Action Reserve's voluntary offset program. Projects reporting under the California Compliance Offset Program should seek guidance from the California Air Resources Board.

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.

[ClimeCo ODS Destruction 33](#)

Location: East Liverpool, Ohio
ROCs issued: 119,156

[Two Fiets Digester](#)

Location: Tipton, California
ROCs issued: 10,562

[A-Gas 4-2020](#)

Location: Wood County, Bowling Green, Ohio
ROCs issued: 87,667

[A-Gas UCSD1](#)

Location: Wood County, Bowling Green, Ohio
ROCs issued: 24,304

[Verwey Madera Dairy Digester](#)

Location: Madera County, California
ROCs issued: 33,561

[Captura de carbono en San Rafael Ixtapalucan](#)

Location: San Rafael Ixtapalucan, Puebla, Mexico

[View public reports](#)

Calendar of events

[Climate Action 2.0: Sparking an Era of Transformational Climate Leadership](#)

September 9 | WRI | webinar

[Enhancing investment in soil health and carbon storage: Frontiers for linking finance and carbon accounting](#)

September 10 | CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) | webinar

[California Air Resources Board meeting](#)

September 10 | CARB | webinar

[Women in the Climate Change Workforce \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 21 | Reserve | webinar

[Regional Carbon Pricing & Markets Virtual Series - NORTH AMERICA Edition](#)

September 21 | IETA, World Bank, CPLC | webinar

[Carbon Offset Trading Contest \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 22 | IETA, International Chamber of Commerce, AirCarbon Exchange | webinar

[Business Policy Asks to Get to Net Zero \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 22 | WBCSD, We Mean Business Coalition | webinar

[Carbon Neutrality Database: Powering Up Pledges & Pathways \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 22 | The Climate Registry | webinar

[How to Source GHG Credits as an Offsite Mitigation Measure under CEQA](#)

September 23 | Reserve, AEP | webinar

[Unpacking the "NET" in Net-Zero: Role of Markets & Removals at Scale \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 23 | IETA | webinar

[U.S. Agriculture as a Climate Solution \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 23 | U.S. Farmers & Ranchers in Action | webinar

[Climate Action 2.0: The Next Decade of Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Climate Resilience Efforts in U.S. Agriculture \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 23 | Field to Market | webinar

[World Climate Forum North America \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 24 | World Climate Foundation | webinar

[Driving Sustainability Solutions: A conversation with women leading the climate response](#)

September 24 | C2ES | webinar

[Climate Leadership Now \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 24 | Climate Group | webinar

[Resilient Carbon Market Design \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 24 | ICAP, IETA | webinar

[Can the Push for Trees Tip the Scale? \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 24 | Arbor Day Foundation | webinar

[California Air Resources Board meeting](#)

September 24-25 | CARB | webinar

[Climate Justice and Resilience: Farmers and Communities on the Front Lines \(Climate Week NYC\)](#)

September 25 | Rainforest Alliance | webinar

[How to raise ambition through carbon offsetting? Lessons learned and post-2020 prospects](#)

September 30 | Innovate 4 Climate | webinar

[Reserve Board of Directors meeting](#) (participation information to be posted shortly)

September 30 | Reserve | webinar

[From Carbon Neutral to Net Zero](#)

[Schedule a Lead Verifier Recertification Exam](#)

Ongoing | Climate Action Reserve | webinar

[Reserve calendar of events](#)

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA CORNER

[Climate Week NYC](#) brings together international leaders from business, government, and civil society to showcase global climate action. Organized by The Climate Group, Climate Week NYC 2020 will explore what lessons we can learn in the pursuit of a net-zero future through just transition as we rebuild after COVID-19.



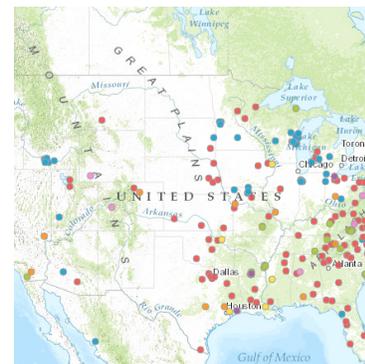
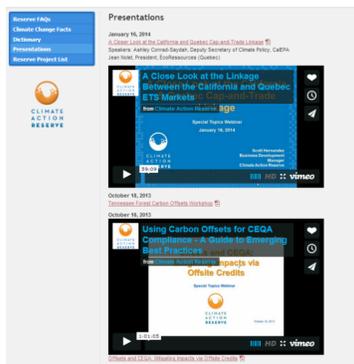
In what year did the first Climate Week NYC take place?

Please send responses to: newsletter@climateactionreserve.org. One response will be randomly selected to win a Reserve/NACW gift prize!

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OFFSET PROJECT MAP



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.

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