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Climate Action Reserve Monthly Newsletter

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- Quote -

"This particular moment in history is critical. Future generations ... will look back at what we did, maybe what we didn't do."

John Warner
*Former Senator of Virginia
speaking before the House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment*

Calendar of Events

[May 5: Review of Mandatory GHG Reporting to the California Air Resources Board \(webinar\)](#)

[May 6: Introduction to the Climate Action Reserve \(webinar\)](#)

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[May 8: Center for Climate Action Discussion on Effective Climate Communication Campaigns \(webinar\)](#)

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the national discussion on climate change brings much needed attention to federal climate policy, the Climate Action Reserve is excited to be growing and improving to meet the increasing demand for environmental benefits stemming from greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects.

We recently launched the new [Climate Action Reserve website](#) and released a new version of the [Reserve software](#) to improve the program's functionality. We encourage you to take advantage of these available resources and tools, and to let

[Registry Reporting Orientation \(webinar\)](#)

[May 19: Industrial Gases and Ozone Depleting Substances Project Protocol Scoping Meeting \(Washington DC\)](#)

[May 20: Urban Forest Projects in the Climate Action Reserve \(webinar\)](#)

Climate Action Reserve Update

Account holders: 86

Total projects: 57

Congratulations New Climate Action Leaders



[BP West Coast Products](#)

[California Department of Transportation](#)

[City of Palo Alto](#)

[ConocoPhillips](#)

[The Conservation Fund](#)

[Dublin San Ramon Services District](#)

[Platte River Power Authority](#)

[Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.](#)

[USG Corporation](#)

[View all Climate Action Leaders](#)

us know what other improvements you would like to see in future releases.

We have a lot of activity happening now around Reserve protocol development. The Forest Project Protocol is being updated to increase its applicability and efficiency. The updated version, which we expect to have adopted in June, will cover forest offset projects across the U.S. and we're already excited to hear about several potential projects from throughout the nation. We also are continuing with the development of a co-digestion protocol and a coal mine methane protocol and have made significant progress in expanding the Landfill Project Protocol and Livestock Project Protocol to Mexico. In more exploratory work, we are investigating a potential protocol for industrial gases, and will hold a stakeholder meeting in Washington DC later this month.

Finally, I want to thank Robyn Camp for her many years of outstanding dedication and service to the California Climate Action Registry and the Climate Action Reserve. As the Vice President of Programs, Robyn oversaw and managed numerous services for our members. As of May 1, 2009, Robyn is serving full-time as The Climate Registry's Vice President of Programs. While she will be missed, we are excited that The Climate Registry and its Members will benefit from her expertise. We continue to encourage California Registry members to transition emissions reporting to The Climate Registry as any success in reporting and reducing emissions must be based on consistent data in an integrated system that stretches beyond California's borders. You will be carrying on your same pioneering work but on an international stage, and you will be working with many of the same people, like Robyn, who have been helping you with your emissions reporting at the California Registry.

Sincerely,
Gary Gero
President

Public Comment Deadline Extended for Forest Protocol Draft

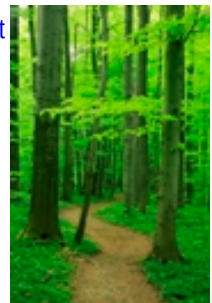
The deadline for submitting public comments on the final draft version of the [updated Forest Project Protocol](#) has been extended. Comments must be submitted to policy@climateactionreserve.org by 5:00 PM PST on Monday, May 11.

The Forest Project Protocol is being updated to:

- Improve guidance for calculations
- Better address issues of leakage, permanence, and baseline estimation
- Incorporate harvested wood products carbon accounting
- Improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of methods

The final draft version of the updated Forest Project Protocol incorporates several changes to the December 2008 draft. During this second public comment period, the Reserve seeks feedback only on the changes made since the December 2008 draft. For a list of the changes made to the December 2008 draft, please [click here](#).

[Read more about the updated Forest Project Protocol](#)



Employment Opportunities

[Director, Center for Climate Action](#)

Tuesday, May 5: CARB GHG Reporting Webinar

The California Climate Action Registry, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board (CARB), is presenting a special webinar to review the State of California's new mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting guidelines.

Members who are electricity retail providers or who have facilities large enough to be subject to the State of California's mandatory reporting regulation (25,000 metric tons CO₂ in 2008) are invited to join the webinar to review the state's mandatory reporting requirements and how they differ from reporting to the California Registry. Under the regulation, the first reports are due to CARB June 1, 2009, and CARB has developed a Reporting Tool for this purpose. Information on the tool and the regulation can be found on the [CARB mandatory reporting website](#). The webinar will be presented by CARB's Richard Bode.

Date: Tuesday, May 5
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM PST
Register: [Reserve your webinar seat now](#)

Join us in Washington DC for the Industrial Gas and Ozone Depleting Substances Project Protocol Scoping Meeting

The Climate Action Reserve is exploring the prospect of one or more new project protocols related to the destruction or control of high global warming potential (GWP) industrial gases in the United States. To begin the protocol development process, we are hosting a public meeting to discuss possible industrial gas projects and solicit information and feedback from interested stakeholders.

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST
Location: Monet Rooms 1 and 2
Address: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel
480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20024

The Climate Action Reserve is dedicated to the development of high quality, standardized protocols for greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction projects. Tentatively, we envision starting our industrial gas protocol development process with the development of protocols for projects that destroy or manage the release of refrigerants (HFCs) and ozone depleting substances (ODSs), and manage N₂O emissions at nitric acid plants. At the scoping meeting, we will explore issues around developing accounting methods and eligibility criteria for other possible industrial gas projects as well, including projects that address SF₆, HFCs, PFCs, NF₃ and additional N₂O emission sources. The new protocols will be used to register projects with the Climate Action Reserve.

[Read more here](#)

Wednesday, May 20: Urban Forest Projects with the Climate Action Reserve Webinar

The Climate Action Reserve's Urban Forest Project Protocol is a ground-breaking new protocol for calculating the carbon reductions from urban forest projects by cities, universities, utilities and other organizations undertaking urban forest programs. The Reserve is pleased to offer the first webinar specifically focused on developing urban forest projects.

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PST
Free and open to all, but space is limited.
[Reserve your Webinar seat now](#)

The webinar will cover:

- An overview of the Climate Action Reserve
- How Reserve protocols are developed
- A detailed look at the Urban Forest Protocol
- Opening an account
- Registering projects
- Verification
- Trading

CARB Meetings on California Cap-and- Trade

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is hosting a series of public meetings to discuss a California cap-and-trade program. Please visit the [CARB website](#) for more information about future meetings and to obtain materials from previous meetings.

[Read more about the Urban Forest Project Protocol](#)

The Climate Action Reserve is a U.S. private nonprofit organization representing international interests in addressing climate change and bringing together participants from the government, environment and business sectors. It works to ensure environmental benefit, integrity and transparency in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions accounting and reduction and progressive movement in GHG emissions policy nationally and in the Western U.S. The Climate Action Reserve is parent to three programs, the California Climate Action Registry, Climate Action Reserve and Center for Climate Action. As the subsequent organization of the California Climate Action Registry, the Climate Action Reserve continues building on the California Registry's reputation as a respected and internationally recognized leader in climate change issues.

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