President's letter

Greetings,

We recently returned from Climate Week NYC, where we were encouraged by the momentum across both voluntary and compliance carbon markets worldwide. We had the opportunity to connect with partners and market participants from across the globe and hear firsthand about the opportunities and challenges shaping different markets. Our conversations reinforced the value of our modular protocol approach, our work to address permanence, and our commitment to developing high-quality carbon market infrastructure that can be adapted to local contexts. Thank you to everyone we had the opportunity to meet with in New York. We look forward to following up and continuing the conversation.

While in New York, Environmental Finance announced the Voluntary Carbon Market 2026 rankings, in which we were named runner-up for both Best Registry Provider and Best GHG Programme/Standards Setter. We're proud to see the Reserve's work recognized by the carbon market community and remain focused on providing efficient and reliable project review and issuance timelines while upholding the integrity of our program and helping to scale credible climate action.

Building strong, credible carbon markets requires a foundation of clear rules and frameworks that can support their long-term growth and stability. Key efforts underway include UNIDROIT's Draft Principles on the Legal Nature of Verified Carbon Credits. This initiative aims to provide guidance on private law issues regarding how carbon credits are treated as property across different legal systems, thereby reducing legal uncertainty and transaction risk. The Reserve submitted comments during the consultation period to strengthen alignment with existing processes and requirements of carbon crediting programs and will continue to monitor and support its progress. Ensuring clear property rights is a core tenant of our program and registry design.

We look forward to continuing to work with our partners and stakeholders as these developments unfold, and we'll keep you updated on our progress.

Kind regards,

Robin Rix

President

Reserve carbon credit program

Early Plugging of Marginal Oil and Gas Wells Protocol and accompanying U.S. Module available for public comment

The Reserve has released the draft of the modular Early Plugging of Marginal Oil and Gas Wells Protocol and accompanying U.S. Module for public review and comment. The protocol provides guidance to account for, report, and verify greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions associated with the early decommissioning of marginal, productive, and economically viable oil and gas wells and the U.S. Module provides location-specific guidance for project registration.

- Public comments are due by Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
- Please join our public comment webinar on Wednesday, October 6, 2026.

Read more

Landfill Protocol and accompanying Argentina and Chile Modules are available for public comment

The Reserve has released the draft of the modular Landfill Protocol and accompanying Argentina and Chile Modules for public review and comment. The protocol provides guidance to account for, report, and verify GHG emission reductions associated with installing a landfill gas collection and destruction system at landfill operations. This update is primarily a restructuring of the existing country-specific Landfill Protocols into the new modular format and the addition of an option for eligible landfill gas-to-energy projects to receive credit for emissions reductions associated with the displacement of fossil fuels.

- Public comments are due by Friday, October 23, 2026.
- Please join our public comment webinar on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Read more

Reserve adopts the Mine Methane Protocol and U.S. Module, expanding opportunities for positive climate impact in the mining sector

The Climate Action Reserve Board of Directors adopted the modular Mine Methane Protocol last month, which provides guidance to account for, report, and verify GHG emission reductions associated with destroying methane that would have otherwise been vented to the atmosphere from active and abandoned underground coal and Category III gassy trona mines. The U.S. Module for the Mine Methane Protocol underwent public comment and is also now available for use.

Read more

Reserve adopts the Nitric Acid Production Protocol and India Module to advance superpollutant abatement

The Reserve adopted the Nitric Acid Production (NAP) Protocol, which provides guidance for GHG emission reductions associated with the installation of N2O abatement technology at nitric acid plants, applicable across jurisdictions, setting the foundation for significant reductions in nitrous oxide (N2O), a potent GHG and climate superpollutant. The India Module provides jurisdiction-specific guidance for project registration in India and marks the Reserve's first protocol applicable in India and its second in Asia, expanding the Reserve's high-integrity carbon market development in the region.

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Reserve to work with Athian to expand opportunities for dairy farms to reduce emissions from manure management

The Reserve will work with Athian to incorporate alternative manure management practices - such as alternative manure treatment and storage, solid-liquid separation, and pasture-based management - into our Livestock Protocol. The collaboration will create additional pathways for dairy methane and nitrous oxide reductions to become verified carbon credits, helping connect climate investment with local farms and communities.

Stay tuned for more information on the Livestock Protocol update, which will undergo the Reserve's rigorous protocol development process.

Read more

Reserve wins runner up in the Environmental Finance Voluntary Carbon Market 2026 rankings

Thank you for voting for the Reserve in the Environmental Finance Voluntary Carbon Market 2026 rankings. We're honored to be a runner-up for both Best Registry Provider and Best GHG Crediting Programme/Standards Setter. We're

proud to see the Reserve's high-quality program recognized by the community, and grateful to everyone who supports the work we're building.

Congratulations to all of the recognized organizations working to scale climate impact!

Read more

Welcome new Reserve staff

We're excited to welcome new staff members to the Reserve. Please join us in welcoming (left to right):

- **John Halekakis**, Analyst, Program Operations
- **Jake Cosmo**, Senior Associate, Program Operations
- **Jim Winch**, Technical Specialist, Program Operations
- **Ana Carolina Avzaradel Szklo**, Regional Head, Market Development (Latin America and the Caribbean)

They bring a breadth of experience and insights across different sectors and jurisdictions, and will be managing a variety of responsibilities to support the growth of our high quality carbon crediting program.

Read bios

Participate in the Reserve's protocol development process

We welcome your participation and feedback during the protocol development process. Check out our current protocols undergoing development or update:

- Landfill Protocol
- Early Plugging of Marginal Oil and Gas Wells Protocol and U.S. Module
- U.S. Soil Enrichment Protocol v2.0

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 2-2026

View public reports

Reserve calendar

Join the Reserve at upcoming events

October 5-9, 2026

Chile Climate Action Week - Hosted by the Chile Ministry of the Environment

- Connect with **Claudia Jurado**, Senior Associate, Market Development (LAC)

October 6, 2026

Early Plugging of Marginal Oil and Gas Wells Protocol and U.S. Module Public Comment Webinar

October 6-8, 2026

[Chile Carbon Forum - Hosted by EnergyLab, MÉXICO$_2$, CLG Chile]

- Connect with **Claudia Jurado**, Senior Associate, Market Development (LAC)

October 8, 2026

[Net Zero Conference - Hosted by Verdical Group]

- Connect with **Jocelyn Urias**, Senior Associate, Program Operations

October 14, 2026

[Landfill Protocol and Argentina and Chile Jurisdiction Modules Public Comment Webinar]

October 20-21, 2026

[Carbon Unbound Europe]

November 16-18, 2026

[North American Biochar Conference - Hosted by American Biochar Institute]

- Connect with **Jon Remucal**, Director, Protocol Development

November 30 - December 1, 2026

[CCUS Carbon Crediting USA 2026 - Hosted by IQ Hub]

Reserve calendar

To invite a Reserve staff expert to speak at an event, please contact events@climateactionreserve.org.

Trivia

Trivia time – Test your knowledge

September 27th marked the 20th anniversary of the signing of AB 32, California's landmark Global Warming Solutions Act.

What greenhouse gas emission reduction target did California's AB 32 establish?

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

ABOUT THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE

The **Climate Action Reserve** is the most trusted, efficient, and experienced carbon credit registry, developing and implementing trusted market-based programs to advance climate action for people and planet. A leader in high-integrity carbon accounting, we serve global carbon markets, envisioning a world cooperating to solve climate change at speed and scale. *The Reserve is an equal opportunity provider.*

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