

**APPLICATION FOR DIRECT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS STATUS**

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**PART I: OPO/APD CONTACT**

The person completing this form should be an Offset Project Operator (OPO), Authorized Project Designee (APD), or holder of offset credits employee or representative and may differ from the Compliance Instrument Tracking System Service (CITSS) account representative signing the form. This contact person is the person California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff will contact with any questions regarding this application.

Contact Person:	
Telephone Number:	Email Address:

**PART II: OFFSET PROJECT INFORMATION**

Offset Project Name:	
OPR Project ID#:	CARB Project ID # (if applicable):
Offset Project Operator (OPO):	Authorized Project Designee (APD):
Offset Project Registry Listing Project: <input type="checkbox"/> American Carbon Registry <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Action Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Verra	
Compliance Offset Protocol: <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Methane Capture Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Ozone Depleting Substances Project <input type="checkbox"/> Rice Cultivation <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Forest Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Forest Projects	
Compliance Offset Protocol Version: <input type="checkbox"/> October 20, 2011 <input type="checkbox"/> April 25, 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> November 14, 2014 <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 2015	

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**PART III: ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS DOCUMENTATION SUMMARY**

Summarize the documentation supporting this application for determining that this project has Direct Environmental Benefits in California, including a list of all data, information, and reports. Specify which provision(s) in section 95989(b) (1)-(3) of the Cap-and-Trade Regulation is being relied on for this application. Attach all documentation to this form.

**PART IV: OPO SIGNATURE**

In signing this form, I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of California that the information contained in this form is true, accurate, and complete. I further certify that I am an Account Representative of the (OPO) or holder of offset credits.

Signature:	Printed Name:
Title:	Date:

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### BACKGROUND

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Section 95989 of the Cap-and-Trade Regulation allows an Offset Project Operator (OPO) or Authorized Project Designee (APD) of a new offset project, or an OPO, APD, or holder of offset credits for an existing offset project, to submit information to the California Air Resources Board (CARB, or where regulatorily specified ARB) to enable a determination of whether an offset project provides direct environmental benefits in California. This form is designed to help OPOs, APDs, and holders of offset credits provide information as specified in section 95989.

### WHERE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM:

Complete the information on the form using your computer. Then either add an electronic signature to the form or print, sign, and scan the form. The completed and signed form, along with all attachments, may be emailed to CARB at [ghgoffsetverification@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ghgoffsetverification@arb.ca.gov).

This form is also available from the CARB website at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/compliance-offset-program/offset-program-forms>.

### INSTRUCTIONS

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#### PART I: OPO/APD CONTACT

List the person whom CARB offset staff should contact with any questions about this form. The person should be an employee, officer, or representative of the OPO or APD for new offset projects or a representative of the OPO, APD or holder of offset credits for existing offset projects. CARB offset staff will use this person as their primary contact person as they evaluate the application for direct environmental benefits status.

#### PART II: OFFSET PROJECT INFORMATION

- Provide the offset project's name and, if available, its identification numbers. Both the approved Offset Project Registry (OPR) and CARB issue identification numbers.
- Provide the names of both the OPO and APD. Preferably, use the most recent CITSS Registrant Report (updated quarterly) from the main Cap-and-Trade Program webpage <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm> to identify the OPO/APD entity name as registered in the Cap-and-Trade Program.
- Indicate both the OPR with which the offset project is listed, and the Compliance Offset Protocol used by the offset project. Also provide the protocol version (i.e., the date as specified in the Cap-and-Trade Regulation).

#### PART III: ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS DOCUMENTATION SUMMARY

- Projects which are located in whole or in part in California, or for which any of the Ozone Depleting Substances in the project are sourced from California, do not need to submit an application and are automatically considered to provide direct environmental benefits in the State, pursuant to section 95989(a) of the Regulation.
- For projects located entirely outside California, the OPO/APD may submit information to enable a determination of whether the project provides direct environmental benefits in California. Pursuant to section 95989(b), the basis for such determination is that the offset project provides for the reduction or avoidance of emissions of any air pollutant that is not credited pursuant to the applicable Compliance Offset Protocol or provides for the reduction or avoidance of any pollutant

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that is not credited pursuant to the applicable Compliance Offset Protocol that could have an adverse impact on waters of the State. Section 95989(b) provides that OPO/APDs may submit the following information supporting a claim that the offset project provides direct environmental benefits in the State:

1. Scientific, peer-reviewed information or reports.
2. Governmental reports from local, state, or national environmental, health, or energy agencies, or multinational bodies (such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).
3. Monitoring or other analytical data.

A summary, including a list of all data, information, and reports, is requested. A summary may be provided in the space provided or may be separately attached. Attach all information supporting the application to this form when submitting to CARB.

### **PART IV: OPO SIGNATURE**

- The individual signing the Application for Direct Environmental Benefits Status must be registered in CITSS as the OPO's Primary Account Representative (PAR) or Alternate Account Representative (AAR) for new offset projects, or registered in CITSS as the OPO's or offset credit holder's PAR or AAR for existing offset projects.
- Provide the individual's signature, printed name, corporate title, and date signed.