



California Cap-and-Trade Program Greenhouse Gas Allowance Price Containment Reserve Sales

2023 Annual Allowance Price Containment Reserve Notice Issued on December 1, 2022

Reserve Sale Summary

As part of the Cap-and-Trade Program, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will offer sales of greenhouse gas (GHG) allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve (Reserve) in any quarter that the Current Auction held in the preceding quarter resulted in a settlement price greater than or equal to 60% of the lowest Reserve tier price. In addition, a Quarter 3 Reserve sale will be offered each year in September, prior to the compliance obligation instrument surrender deadline on November 1. A Reserve sale is conducted only if at least one entity that intends to participate in the Reserve Sale informs CARB at least 20 days prior to the scheduled Reserve Sale and submits a bid guarantee before the deadline in the Reserve Sale Notice.

CARB will offer allowances for sale from the Reserve in two fixed-price tiers.

Table 1. 2023 Reserve Tier Prices and Allowances Currently in Reserve

Reserve Tier	Tier Prices	Number of Reserve Allowances
Tier 1	\$51.92 per allowance	66,811,000
Tier 2	\$66.71 per allowance	89,537,000

Reserve Sale Information

A Reserve Sale Notice will be released at least 30 days prior to each Reserve sale offered in 2023. The Reserve Sale Notice provides information about the number of reserve allowances to be offered and the reserve sale schedule for the applicable Reserve sale.

Additional background information, detailed instructions, and examples will be available in two supporting documents, which will include information applicable to 2023 Reserve sales:

- 1) The Detailed Reserve Sale Requirements and Instructions document will provide background information on the California Cap-and-Trade Program, as well as detailed requirements and instructions for participating in a Reserve sale.
- 2) The Reserve Sale Examples document will provide information and examples of how to determine the amount of a bid guarantee, bid evaluation procedures for holding limits and bid guarantees, and examples of Reserve sale bid fulfillment and purchase determinations.

The Reserve Sale Notices and supporting documentation will be available on the CARB [Reserve Sale Information](#) webpage.

Reserve sales are scheduled pursuant to the schedule in Appendix C and offered pursuant to Section 95913(d)(1) of the Cap-and-Trade Regulation. Table 2 provides potential dates for 2023 Reserve sale activities.

Table 2. 2023 Reserve Sale Summary of Potential Dates

Potential Reserve Sale Dates	Reserve Sale Notice Posting Date (If Offered)	Reserve Sale Application Due Date (If Offered)
March 29, 2023	February 27, 2023	March 9, 2023
June 28, 2023	May 26, 2023	June 8, 2023
September 27, 2023*	August 28, 2023	September 7, 2023
December 27, 2023	November 27, 2023	December 7, 2023

*The Quarter 3 Reserve sale scheduled in September will be offered. The other three reserve sales will be offered only if the settlement price of the Current Auction held in the preceding quarter is greater than or equal to \$31.15 which is 60% of the lowest 2023 Reserve tier price.

Contact Information

For further information about the Annual Allowance Price Containment Reserve Notice or participation in the 2023 Reserve sales, please contact:

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