

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

EXECUTIVE ORDER H2-25-223

Relating to the Accreditation as a Lead Offset Verifier of Offset Project Data Reports under
Sections 95132 and 95978, Title 17, California Code of Regulations

Matthew Lutes

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), pursuant to Assembly Bill 32 (the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006; Stats. 2006, Chapter 488), has established the compliance offset program contained in sections 95800-96023, title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), to require the use of independent offset verifiers for verification of offset project data reports;

WHEREAS, CARB has established the minimum qualifications for accreditation as a lead offset verifier contained in section 95132, title 17, CCR;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has determined that Matthew Lutes has met the requirements specified in sections 95132 and 95978, title 17, CCR, for accreditation as a lead offset verifier; including:

1. Matthew Lutes has provided documentation establishing that the lead offset verifier has met or exceeded the minimum education and work experience requirements in section 95132(b)(2), title 17, CCR.
2. Matthew Lutes has completed CARB-approved offset verifier training and has received a passing score on an exit examination for offset verifiers based on the requirements in sections 95970-95990, title 17, CCR.

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has determined that Matthew Lutes has completed CARB-approved U.S. Forest offset project specialist verification training and has passed the U.S. Forest offset project specialist exam based on the requirements in section 95132(b)(5)(B), title 17, CCR, and the Compliance Offset Protocol U.S. Forest Projects, June 25, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that Matthew Lutes is accredited to conduct offset verification services as a lead offset verifier and U.S. Forest offset project specialist for three years from the date of execution of this order, provided that the following terms and conditions are met:

1. Matthew Lutes must comply with all lead offset verifier and U.S. Forest offset project specialist requirements as specified in sections 95132 and 95977-95979, title 17, CCR.
2. Matthew Lutes must fully cooperate with the Executive Officer or the authorized representative during any audit of the lead offset verifier or offset project for each verification performed.

3. Matthew Lutes must provide offset verification services as specified in sections 95977-95979, title 17, CCR.
4. Matthew Lutes must provide and update accurate and complete conflict of interest information through the appropriate verification body as required by section 95979, title 17, CCR.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, this accreditation may be modified or revoked by the Executive Officer as provided in section 95132(d), title 17, CCR.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 30th day of May, 2025.



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