

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE UPDATED FOREST PROJECT PROTOCOL FOR GREENHOUSE GAS ACCOUNTING

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the adoption of the Climate Action Reserve (Reserve) updated Forest Project Protocol for greenhouse gas accounting.

DATE: September 24, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: South Coast Air Quality Management District
Auditorium
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765-4182

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 24, 2009, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., September 25, 2009. This item may not be considered until September 25, 2009. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before September 24, 2009, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or by facsimile at (916) 322-3928 as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled Board hearing. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

In October 2007, the Board adopted the Reserve's Forest Protocols (version 2.1) for use in voluntary greenhouse gas reduction projects. During that Board meeting, the Board also directed staff to initiate a process to update the forest protocols with additional accounting procedures in order to encourage greater participation in forest projects by other types of landowners, particularly publicly-owned lands and industrial working forests. ARB staff contracted with the Reserve to develop the updates to the protocol. On September 1, 2009, the Climate Action Reserve adopted the updated Forest Project Protocol (version 3.0). ARB staff is recommending that the Board adopt the updated Climate Action Reserve Forest Project Protocol (version 3.0) as a technically sound quantification methodology for greenhouse gas accounting for voluntary reduction projects.

ARB staff will present a written report and make an oral presentation at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office at 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-2990, September 15, 2009. The report may also be obtained from ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry.htm>.

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may be submitted by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, September 23, 2009**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Board requests, but does not require 20 copies of any written submission. Also, ARB requests that written and email statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Shelby Livingston, Manager, Special Projects Section, (916) 324-7156, or Mr. Erik Winegar, Air Pollution Specialist, Climate Change Verification & Protocols Section, (916) 324-0594.

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/s/

James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

Date: September 2, 2009

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website at www.arb.ca.gov.