Public Information Sharing in California’s Cap-and-Trade Program

California Air Resources Board
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Webcast Information

- Slides posted:
  http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm

- Email questions:
  auditorium@calepa.ca.gov
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Status Update

- Cap-and-Trade Regulation effective January 1, 2012
- Regulatory Amendments effective September 1, 2012
- Emissions Compliance January 1, 2013
- Proposed Amendments for Linkage
  - Anticipated Board consideration February 2013
- Additional Amendments and Offset Protocols
  - Anticipated Board consideration Fall 2013
Background

- Staff proposals and public discussion on market program data release
- Current regulation and policy reflect multiple years of staff and stakeholder coordination
- September 24th, 2012 EMAC meeting:
  - ARB information sharing plan posted
  - EMAC discussion paper posted

www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/emissionsmarketassessment/emissionsmarketassessment.htm
Purpose of Information Sharing

- Transparency increases market efficiency by informing decision making and reducing transaction costs.
- Symmetric information makes it more difficult for entities to trade on private information.
- Supply and demand information can inform investments in clean technology and offset projects.
- Public able to see how market is working and that covered entities and offset developers are complying.
- ARB’s proposed information sharing is consistent with other regulatory and voluntary programs.

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Information Sharing
Data Elements
Allocation

- Annual Industrial Allocation
  - No individual entity allocation
  - Aggregated total by industrial sector
  - Sectors with fewer than 5 entities are grouped under “other”
  

- Electrical Distribution Utilities
  - Published on ARB website
  
  http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/allowanceallocation/allowanceallocation.htm

- Staff proposal for additional data:
  - Post annual allocation detail for POUs
Compliance Obligation Data

- ARB publishes reported and verified GHG emissions by facility on the MRR webpage

http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reporting/ghg-rep/ghg-rep.htm

- Staff proposal for additional data:
  - Post annually compliance obligation by CITSS entity on ARB website
CITSS Registrant Data

- Regulation allows release of CITSS entity information, disallows release of CITSS user information

- Staff proposal:
  - List entity names
  - If Voluntarily Associated Entity is an individual person, then list that person’s name
  - Update monthly on ARB website
CITSS Account Balances

- Compliance Account balance is public by Regulation
  - Discussion: How often should the balances be published?
    - e.g. continuously, monthly, quarterly?

- Limited Use Holding Accounts balances are treated like General Holding Accounts and are not public

- Discussion: Should Holding Accounts balances be public?

- Staff Proposal:
  - Near-term: update compliance account balances monthly on ARB website
  - Once automated in CITSS: update weekly
Auction Related Data

- Some auction related information required to be public by Regulation
- Annual auction budget and auction reserve price, posted on December 1
- 60 days prior to each auction - auction notice
  - Date and time of Auction
  - Auction budget (Current and Advance)
  - Attachment A - auction requirements and instructions
  - Attachment B – example calculations for bid guarantees, holding and purchase limits, and auction settlement
Auction Related Data (cont.)

- Public Auction Summary Data:
  - Total Allowances Available for Sale
  - Total Allowances Sold at Auction
  - Total Submitted and Qualified Bids Divided by Total Allowances for Sale
  - Auction Reserve Price
  - Settlement Price Per Allowance
  - Allowances Purchased by Compliance Entities
  - Herfindahl-Hirschman Index
- Bid Price Summary Statistics:
  - Maximum Price
  - Minimum Price
  - Weighted Mean
  - Median Price

CITSS Transfer Data

- The following transfer information is required by regulation to be recorded in CITSS by participants:
  - Account Number
  - Entity Reference Code
  - Quantity
  - Price
  - Currency
  - Actual or Expected Settlement Date
  - Agreement Date

- This information is optional:
  - Transfer to Corporate Associate
  - Trading Venue (OTC, Exchange, Other)
  - Type of Contract (Spot, Forward, Future, Other)

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Market Transaction Data Discussion Questions

- Discussion: What transfer information is useful for an efficient and transparent market?

- Options:
  - All individual transactions without account names or numbers
  - All aggregate volume and price information
  - Only information on “spot” trades (volume and price)
  - Value in volumes related to “zero” price

- Discussion: What is the value of self-reported data if the information fields are optional?
# Example Market Transaction Data Report

(Example “spot” trades only)

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Retired Compliance Instrument Data

- Retired allowances and offsets required to be public by Regulation

- Staff proposal:
  - Retired compliance instruments (vintage and quantity) will be published annually by entity in the Permanent Retirement Registry on ARB’s website after compliance deadlines
Offset Project Data

- Regulation requires an Approved Offset Registry to publish project listing information including:
  - Project location
  - Type of project
  - Project operator

- Staff Proposal:
  - Publish issued offset quantity by project and vintage
  - Updated monthly on ARB’s website
Offset Project Data (cont.)

- Regulation requires the Approved Offset Registry to publish:
  - Annual verified baseline emissions for each project
  - Annual verified emissions reductions for each project
  - Final offset project data report providing comprehensive accounting of GHG reductions and project activities
  - A verification statement for each reporting period

- ARB website will link to published offset data reports for listing, reporting, and verification statements once compliance offsets are issued in CITSS
Offset Invalidation Data

- ARB will publish by invalidation risk periods
  - (8 or 3 years) by project and vintage on ARB website
- Staff Proposal:
  - Quantity and vintage, by project, of invalidated offsets will be updated monthly on ARB’s website
Next Steps

- Staff requests comments on today’s presentation and any other market information release related topics
- All written comments due 5 PM PT, February 8, 2013
  http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm
- Staff will review comments and incorporate suggestions in releases of market related information
- This is a dynamic process and adjustments can be made as program matures
Additional Information

- Cap-and-Trade Program
  http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm
- Join the cap-and-trade list serve
  http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=capandtrade
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