

## California Cap-and-Trade Program February 2015 Joint Auction #2

### California Post Joint Auction Public Proceeds Report

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#### Background

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and Québec's ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques<sup>1</sup> (MDDELCC) held the second joint auction of greenhouse gas (GHG) allowances on February 18, 2015. The auction included a Current Auction of 2015 vintage allowances and an Advance Auction of 2018 vintage allowances. ARB and MDDELCC approved the results of the auction, and issued a Joint Auction Summary Results Report on February 25, 2015. This California Post Joint Auction Public Proceeds Report provides information regarding proceeds to the State of California from the sale of allowances in the Current Auction and Advance Auction, as described in the Joint Auction Summary Results Report. The information provided in this report is a balance between the need for program transparency and protection of individual auction participants' market positions.

The Joint Auction Summary Results Report did not include the auction proceeds because of the need to complete the currency exchange required to determine final proceeds payments in a joint auction. Winning bids were submitted in one of two currencies – United States dollars (USD) or Canadian dollars (CAD). When the financial services administrator distributes proceeds to the jurisdictions, California must receive auction proceeds only in USD and Québec must receive auction proceeds only in CAD. Consequently, after receiving payment from all winning bidders, and based on instructions from California and Québec, the financial services administrator exchanged an amount of currency at prevailing market rates prior to transferring the auction proceeds to the jurisdictions. The total amount of auction proceeds received by California and by Québec from the sale of state- and province-owned allowances reflects the exchange rates available prior to the time of distribution of auction proceeds, to the extent that currency had to be exchanged prior to this distribution. The average effective exchange rate to complete the currency exchange required for final distribution of auction proceeds for this auction was 1.2531 CAD to one USD.<sup>2</sup>

As indicated in the Joint Auction Summary Results Report, and as provided for in the California Cap-and-Trade Regulation, sellers who consigned allowances in this auction are paid the auction settlement price in USD for every consigned allowance sold.

Auction proceeds resulting from the sale of California-owned allowances and consigned allowances in the February 18, 2015 Joint Auction #2 are shown on the following page.

<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change.

<sup>2</sup> Currency exchange occurred over the time period of March 5, 2015 to March 6, 2015. The average effective exchange rate used for this conversion reflects the average of the exchange rates provided by the financial services administrator and accepted by the jurisdictions to conduct the exchanges.

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### California Proceeds Statistics

Auction Settlement Price (Current Auction):	\$12.21 USD
Auction Settlement Price (Advance Auction):	\$12.10 USD
Auction Exchange Rate (USD to CAD):	1.2403
Average Effective Exchange Rate Used for Determining Jurisdiction Proceeds:	1.2531
Total Allowances Available for Sale:	84,042,028
Total IOU Current Auction Consigned Allowances:	<del>16,383,277</del> ( <del>\$200,039,812.17 USD</del> ) <sup>3</sup>
	<u>17,818,276</u> ( <u>\$217,561,149.96 USD</u> ) <sup>3</sup>
Total POU Current Auction Consigned Allowances:	<del>3,357,178</del> ( <del>\$40,991,143.38 USD</del> ) <sup>3</sup>
	<u>1,922,179</u> ( <u>\$23,469,805.59 USD</u> ) <sup>3</sup>
Total California-Owned Current Auction Allowances: <sup>4</sup>	42,698,426
Total California-Owned Advance Auction Allowances: <sup>4</sup>	8,957,500
Total Québec-Owned Current Auction Allowances:	11,171,647
Total Québec-Owned Advance Auction Allowances:	1,474,000
Total Allowances Sold at Auction:	84,042,028

### Total California Auction Proceeds To Date

The total amount of auction proceeds to date that have been deposited into the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) pursuant to California Government Code section 16428.8 are shown in the table below. Proceeds are shown by quarter for the first quarter of 2015 and the last two quarters of 2014, and by fiscal year for previous years.<sup>5</sup>

<u>Auction Quarter or Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Proceeds for Current and Advance Auctions in GGRF (USD)</u>
Q1 2015 (February)	\$629,516,451.63
Q4 2014 (November)	\$135,983,387.33
Q3 2014 (August)	\$98,741,583.00
FY 2013-2014	\$477,140,442.00
FY 2012-2013	\$257,264,032.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,598,645,895.96</b>

<sup>3</sup> Per the California Cap-and-Trade Regulation, sellers who consigned allowances in this auction are paid at the auction settlement price (Current Auction) for every consigned allowance sold. Québec entities do not consign any allowances.

<sup>4</sup> Proceeds from the sale of California-owned allowances in the Current Auction and Advance Auction are shown as a combined number. For the February 2015 Joint Auction #2, proceeds are shown in the Q1 2015 row.

<sup>5</sup> The jurisdiction proceeds for Q1 2015 contained in this report reflect any currency conversion at the average effective exchange rate used to determine jurisdiction proceeds.

**Explanatory Notes:**

**Auction Settlement Price (Current Auction):** The allowance price that resulted from the auction of allowances in the Current Auction, in USD per metric ton based on the auction exchange rate in effect the day of the auction. This statistic was shown in the Joint Auction Summary Results Report as “Settlement Price Per Allowance” for the Current Auction.

**Auction Settlement Price (Advance Auction):** The allowance price that resulted from the auction of allowances in the Advance Auction, in USD per metric ton based on the auction exchange rate in effect the day of the auction. This statistic was shown in the Joint Auction Summary Results Report as “Settlement Price Per Allowance” for the Advance Auction.

**Auction Exchange Rate (USD to CAD):** The most recently available noon daily buying rate for USD and CAD as published by the Bank of Canada the day before the auction.

**Average Effective Exchange Rate Used for Determining Jurisdiction Proceeds:** The average effective exchange rate used for conducting any necessary currency conversion prior to determining final auction proceeds for the jurisdictions. This reflects the average of the exchange rates provided by the financial services administrator and accepted by the jurisdictions to conduct the exchanges. The average effective exchange rate of 1.2531 reflects 1.2531 CAD to one USD.

**Total Allowances Available for Sale:** Total allowances available for purchase in the Current Auction and Advance Auction in metric tons, including allowances consigned by consigning entities and allowances sold by the State of California and the Province of Québec.

**Total IOU Current Auction Consigned Allowances:** The allowances available for purchase in the Current Auction (vintage 2015) in metric tons that were consigned by investor owned utilities pursuant to California’s Cap-and-Trade Regulation.

Total POU Current Auction  
Consigned Allowances:

The allowances available for purchase in the Current Auction (vintage 2015) in metric tons that were consigned by publicly owned utilities pursuant to California's Cap-and-Trade Regulation.

Total California-Owned Current  
Auction Allowances:

The allowances available for purchase in the Current Auction (vintage 2015) in metric tons that were sold by the State of California.

Total California-Owned Advance  
Auction Allowances:

The allowances available for purchase in the Advance Auction (vintage 2018) in metric tons that were sold by the State of California.

Total Québec-Owned Current  
Auction Allowances:

The allowances available for purchase in the Current Auction (vintage 2015) in metric tons that were sold by the Province of Québec.

Total Québec-Owned Advance  
Auction Allowances:

The allowances available for purchase in the Advance Auction (vintage 2018) in metric tons that were sold by the Province of Québec.

Total Allowances Sold at Auction:

Total allowances purchased in the Current Auction and Advance Auction in metric tons.