



NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT PROTOCOLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) solicits public review and comment on the following provisionally approved protocols to quantify greenhouse gas emission reductions in California:

- CAPCOA GHG Rx Forestry Protocol #2: 100-year Improved Forest Management Methodology for Quantifying GHG Removals and Emission Reductions through Increased Forest Carbon Sequestration;

- CAPCOA GHG Rx Forestry Protocol #3: Forest Project Protocol.

CAPCOA is an Association of Air Pollution Control Officers representing all thirty-five local air quality agencies throughout California and is dedicated to protecting the public health and providing clean air for all our residents and visitors to breathe. CAPCOA has developed a greenhouse gas reduction exchange (CAPCOA GHG Rx) to provide a low-cost, secure platform to support the exchange of locally generated, high quality GHG emission reduction credits. Emission reductions quantified using the above protocols would be eligible to be listed on the CAPCOA GHG Rx.

The CAPCOA GHG Rx has three main functions: (1) A listing of credit projects that have or will generate GHG credits from voluntary projects in the state; (2) Posting of funding opportunities available for a variety of projects that can benefit climate change and air pollution efforts; and (3) A bulletin board for posting information such as interest in purchasing GHG credits, interest in partnering with others on GHG reduction projects, and other related topics. The CAPCOA GHG Rx will launch publicly on January 2, 2014.

The CAPCOA GHG Rx Forestry Protocol #2 quantifies GHG emission benefits of forest carbon projects that reduce emissions by exceeding baseline forest management practices. GHG benefits are quantified by increased sequestration through retention of annual forest growth

when project activities exceed the baseline. The proposed CAPCOA GHG Rx Forestry Protocol #2 can found at: <http://aqmd.gov/prdas/climate-change/Forestry2.pdf>

The CAPCOA GHG Rx Forestry Protocol #3 provides requirements and guidance for quantifying the net climate benefits of activities that sequester or avoid carbon emissions on forestland. Forestry projects covered by this protocol include reforestation, improved project management, and avoided conversion. The proposed CAPCOA GHG Rx Forestry Protocol #3 can found at: <http://aqmd.gov/prdas/climate-change/Forestry3.pdf>

After consideration of all comments received, the CAPCOA Board will make their final decisions on the proposed protocols. For additional information or to submit comments, please contact the Aaron Katzenstein, South Coast Air Quality Management District at (909) 396-2219. Written comments on the proposed protocols must be submitted by January 24, 2014 to Aaron Katzenstein, Climate and Energy Supervisor, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 Copley Dr., Diamond Bar, Ca 91765 or by email at akatzenstein@aqmd.gov.