

NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT PROTOCOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association (CAPCOA) solicits public review and comment on the following provisionally approved protocol to quantify greenhouse gas emission reductions in California: Protocol for Case by Case GHG Emission Reductions.

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 protocol would be eligible to be listed on the CAPCOA GHG Rx.

The 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 GHG Rx will launch publicly on January 2, 2014.

The protocol for case by case GHG emission reductions can be used to quantify emission reductions for which there is not a specific protocol approved by the CAPCOA Board for that type of emission reduction project. Such emission reductions are enforceable via adequate conditions of approval contained in, and enforceable through, an Air District Permit to Operate or other legally enforceable document. These credits are not subject to annual validation, but are enforced on an ongoing basis via Air District enforcement of those conditions.

The proposed protocol is available at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm#Other_Notices. After consideration of all comments received, the CAPCOA Board will make their final decision on the subject protocol.

For additional information, please contact the Leonard Scandura, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District at (661) 392-5500. Written comments on the proposed protocol must be submitted by January 24, 2014 to Leonard Scandura, Permit Services Manager, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, 34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308 or by email at leonard.scandura@valleyair.org.