



San Joaquin Valley Carbon Exchange (SJVCE) Program

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SJVCE Program - Agenda

- Mandate
- Development Method
- Accomplishments
- Next Steps



SJVCE Program - Mandate

- District's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) adopted by the Governing Board in August 2008
- CCAP has directed the APCO to:
 1. Provide guidance on addressing GHGs in CEQA
 2. **Investigate the development of a SJV Carbon Exchange program**
 3. Facilitate reporting of GHG emissions as part of the existing emissions inventory process
 4. Administer Voluntary GHG Emission Reduction Agreements



SJVCE Program - Mandate

- The SJVCE Program would be a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction registry to allow Valley business to register their GHG emission reductions with the District.
- The SJVCE would promote early local GHG and criteria pollutant emission reductions.



SJVCE Program – Development Method

- 4-phase process:
 1. **Technical Workgroups – Stakeholder input**
 2. Rule Development
 3. Public Workshops
 4. Governing Board Approval



SJVCE Program – Development Method

1st Phase: Stakeholders Input

- Climate Change Action Plan Scoping Meeting Nov 2008
- Series of technical workgroup meetings from late 2008 – early 2009
- Approximately 30 participants



SJVCE Program – Accomplishments

- Workgroup findings documented in “Report to the APCO Regarding the Development of the SJVCE” *(March 2009)*



SJVCE Program – Accomplishments

- Identified possible uses of registered GHG emission reductions
- Investigated GHG emission reduction registries administered by other entities
- Requirements of the SJVCE
- Pros and Cons of Developing the SJVCE
- Identified alternatives to the SJVCE



SJVCE Program - Next Steps

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SJVCE Program - Next Steps

Rule Development Phase

District likely to develop a two pronged approach

- SJVCE programs that relies on CARB approved protocols
- District only GHG emission reduction registry for use only for CEQA mitigation within the District



SJVCE Program - Next Steps

Public Workshops

- 2 workshops anticipated
- May 2009: first workshop
- Late Summer 2009: District Governing Board for approval



SJVCE Program

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Questions and Comments

