**Center for Climate Action Newsletter** April 2009

# Advancing Climate *Action* in the West

Dear Center for Climate Action Partner,

Thank you for becoming a pioneering Partner of the Center for Climate Action. Climate change is *the* environmental issue of the 21st century. Rapidly emerging best practices and policy-oriented solutions are available today to protect our changing climate. States like California have already adopted climate legislation - which will affect the way we develop policy and do business - and the nation is following suit.

The Center for Climate Action will act as your guide to help you and your organization navigate climate issues. Throughout the year, the Center will offer exceptional events and resources for our Partners, including workshops, trainings, study-trips, policy dialogues and much more.

We look forward to an exciting, action-oriented journey with you and leading climate experts. Together we will discuss issues in climate policy and build multi-sector consensus to advance climate *action* in the West.

## Upcoming Events and Webinars

### April 23: Mandatory GHG Reporting: US EPA and CARB Program Requirements Policy Conference Call

10:00 am - 11:30 am PDT
Register here

The Center for Climate Action invites you to join us for an in-depth policy conference call on mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rules. GHG emissions must first be measured before they can be managed. In December 2008, the California Air Resources Board approved its final mandatory reporting rule. The US Environmental Protection Agency released a proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule in March, and expects a final rule in late 2009. Speakers on this policy call will provide an overview and comparison of the two reporting programs, and offer insight into how the programs will interact and affect business and policy development in the West.

### April 27: Are You Eligible for EECBG Grant Money?

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm PDT
Register here

More than $2.6 billion are available to U.S. states, territories, local governments and Indian tribes to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and increase energy efficiency. Are you eligible to receive funding? What types of projects are covered under the program? What do you need to do to apply? The deadline for the EECBG program is May 26 for states and June 25 for all others. Join the Center for Climate Action to learn more about the program and how you can apply.

### May 8: Effective Climate Communication Campaigns

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## Introduction to the Center for Climate Action

The Center for Climate Action works to advance policy-oriented *action* on climate change in the West.

The Center offers its Partners the opportunity to learn from and engage with leading climate experts in government, business, environment and science.

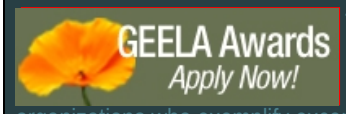
Partner services provided by the Center include:

- **Interactive calendar** consisting of a comprehensive

10:00 am - 11:00 am PDT
Register here

Reducing the effects of climate change requires immediate action from businesses, governments and individuals. It is one of the first environmental problems that will require us to significantly alter the way we lead our lives and do business, including how we build our buildings, get to and from work and supply our energy grids. To elicit such change, we need to be able to effectively talk about the problem and solutions in a way that engages the public to change their behaviors. How do we do this? Join us to find out.

## Apply for the Governor's Economic and Environmental Leadership Award




The Governor's Economic and Environmental Leadership Award (GEELA) is one of California's most prestigious environmental honors, given to California residents, businesses and organizations who exemplify exceptional leadership for protecting the environment while promoting economic growth. Our Partners have had great success with this award in the past. The application deadline is Monday, June 1, 2009, 5:00 pm.

Please visit Cal EPA's website to apply

## Participate in the Center for Climate Action's Study on the Costs/Benefits of Verification

The Center for Climate Action will release a report on the costs and benefits of independent, third-party verification of greenhouse gas inventories in mid-July. The purpose of the study is to:

- make verification costs transparent to members of voluntary greenhouse gas emissions reporting programs and the general public
- help organizations, businesses and agencies reduce the cost of verification through education, improved management systems and better business practices
- share previous reporters' verification experiences through case studies

In early-May, the Center will distribute a questionnaire that gathers data on verification costs and experiences from organizations, businesses and agencies that participate in voluntary reporting programs involving third-party verification. We encourage all Center for Climate Action Partners to participate fully so that our study is as robust as possible. Please contact Laura Zahn at laura@climateregistry.org if you are interested in participating.

We are also looking for Partners that can provide lessons learned from their verification experience. Please email or call Laura at 213.542.0298 if you have an interesting case study.

## Interested in Attending a Lead Verifier Training?

Due to popular demand, the Center for Climate Action is considering giving a lead verifier training to parties interested in learning skills related to third-party verification of voluntary greenhouse gas emissions reports. This training would likely be held in Los Angeles. If you are interested in attending, please email Laura Zahn at laura@climateregistry.org. We need a minimum of 10 attendees to offer the course. Priority is given to those enrolled in the ANSI ISO 14065 Accreditation Program.

listing of public and private climate policy events in the West

- **Policy conference calls** featuring the foremost experts on climate issues
- **Thought-leader dialogues** convening leaders to discuss and advance emerging issues in climate policy
- **Workshops and trainings** to help Partners learn best practices, technologies of the future, emerging policies and solutions to benefit the bottom line
- **Study trips** with leading climate experts to study best practices in climate programs and policies around the world
- Opportunity to participate in the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference as part of the Center for Climate Action's delegation
- Discounted registration to Navigating the American Carbon World, the premier carbon conference and trade fair in North America

The Center is a program of the Climate Action Reserve, which is the successor and parent organization of the California Climate Action Registry.

The Center for Climate Action is a new, solutions-oriented program of the Climate Action Reserve. It brings together government, business and environmental experts to advance climate action in the West. Benefits include workshops, trainings, access to issue briefs and analysis, awards and webinars. In 2009, the Center for Climate Action will focus on four areas of study:

- Western regional issues, including AB 32, SB 375 and the Western Climate Initiative
- Federal action
- Road to Copenhagen (COP 15)
- Mitigation and adaptation

For more information, please visit www.centerforclimateaction.org.

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