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## California Climate Action Registry Announces New Board and President

## New Board of Directors include industry, government and environmental leaders

LOS ANGELES, California – The California Climate Action Registry elected new members to its Board of Directors and confirmed Gary Gero as President of the organization. Gero had been acting as interim President for the past several months.

The new board members include leaders from the environmental, governmental, and corporate sectors. Linda Adams, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, will remain the Chair of the Board; Kathleen Brown, Head of Public Finance for the Western Region, Goldman, Sachs & Company is the new Secretary; and Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, is the new Chief Financial Officer. New Board members also include Peter Liu, Founder and Vice Chairman of New Resources Bank; Nancy McFadden, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, PG&E Corporation; Peter Miller, Senior Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council; Jan Schori, General Manager Sacramento Municipal Utility District; Bill Spurgeon, Retail General Manager for the West Region, Shell Oil Products US; and Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director of The Climate Registry. Ex-officio members of the Board of Directors include: Eileen Tutt, Deputy Secretary of External Affairs, California Environmental Protection Agency and Gary Gero, President, California Climate Action Registry.

The Board of Directors and President will guide the new direction of the California Registry in assisting the state in implementing AB32; developing high quality reduction project protocols; and building a greenhouse gas reduction project registry which ensures quality and integrity in the voluntary carbon market by employing accuracy, transparency and rigor.

Linda Adams, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of the California Climate Action Registry said, "I'm looking forward to continuing with the progress of the California Registry to develop productive solutions to the challenge of climate change, and to link those solutions internationally."

"I am dedicated to the continued success of the California Registry, which includes building a world class reduction project registry that ensures environmental integrity in the offset sector and assisting the state in the implementation of AB32," said Gary Gero, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

**The California Climate Action Registry** is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. <a href="www.climateregistry.org">www.climateregistry.org</a>