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Navigating the New Carbon World

The California Climate Action Registry's 5th Annual Conference Leads the Way

SANTA BARBARA, California – The California Climate Action Registry's annual conference swelled to record numbers in Santa Barbara, as a sold out crowd of over 600 attendees gathered to discuss climate policy.

"I guess our intimate gatherings are a thing of the past." Diane Wittenberg, President of the Registry commented in her welcoming remarks, referring to the Registry's 1st conference in 2003, which drew just over 100 participants.

The conference featured some of today's most influential figures in climate policy, including: Fred Krupp, President of Environmental Defense; Bob Malone, President of BP North America; Per-Otto Wold, CEO of Point Carbon; Linda Adams, Secretary of Cal/EPA; Michael Peevey, President of the California PUC; and Jackie Pfannenstiel, Chair of the California Energy Commission.

The participants represented business, government, and environmental communities from North America, Europe, and even Tonga. Registry members comprised 57% of conference attendance with over 160 member organizations represented. As of April, Registry membership totaled 241 organizations from a wide variety of sectors including: aerospace, governments, education, healthcare, forestry, utilities, oil and gas, manufacturing, and environmental conservation. "Registry members who report their GHG emissions on a voluntary basis will be better prepared for the new carbon world whether they want to participate in cap-and-trade opportunities or conform to forthcoming regulations," said Wittenberg.

Presentations addressed a wide array of topics on climate change including: policy in California; the developing carbon market; the creation of a multi-state registry; and discussions of possible scenarios after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012. Sessions on climate change policy in California were popular, as the state plays a leading role in developing some of the nation's first policies to curb greenhouse gas emissions. The multi-state registry session, which discussed the creation of a standardized approach for measuring, monitoring and reporting GHG emissions across states lines also received a lot of interest and support from participants. Presentations given at the conference are now available for download at: <http://www.climateregistry.org/EVENTS/Conference07/>.

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. Over 240 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org

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