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California Climate Action Registry Names Gary Gero Acting President

Leading Climate Change Organization Focuses on Serving Members, Developing a Reduction Project Registry & Assisting CARB in Implementation of AB32

LOS ANGELES, California – The California Climate Action Registry announced today that its Board of Directors has named Gary Gero as acting president, replacing founding president Diane Wittenberg who is leaving to lead *The Climate Registry*. Gero has been serving as the executive vice president. In his new role he will oversee all aspects of the California Climate Action Registry including policy, program, member services, and business development activities. He will also guide the development of a new emissions reduction project registry that links with state, national and international efforts to ensure quality and integrity in the offset market.

Linda Adams, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of the California Climate Action Registry said, "We are confident Gary Gero will ensure that our members continue to be the Registry's highest priority and that he will lead the organization successfully during this time of transition."

"I know the California Registry's expertise. CARB will continue to work closely with them," said Mary Nichols Chair, California Air Resources Board.

Prior to joining the California Climate Action Registry, Gero served as the Director of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Solutions at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. He has also served as the Assistant General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department where he developed and implemented policies and programs on climate change, energy, air quality, alternative fuel vehicles, and sustainable buildings.

"I am deeply grateful to have been asked guide the California Registry and build upon the excellent work achieved under the leadership of Diane Wittenberg. The experienced Registry staff will continue to serve our members with the same integrity and care that they have come to expect from us," said Gero.

"It has been my great honor and pleasure to have led the California Climate Action Registry for the past six years and it is bittersweet for me today to announce my departure," said Ms. Wittenberg. "However, I know that the Registry will continue to provide our members with top-notch service. I have great confidence in Gary Gero's leadership and the future 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. www.climateregistry.org