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### **First Forest Project Carbon Reductions Registered**

#### **Sustainably Managed Forests Play Key Role in Solving Climate Change**

LOS ANGELES, California – The California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) announced today the verification and registration of carbon reductions from the first two forest projects to utilize the CCAR Forest Protocols.

The Forest protocols were developed over the past four years by a CCAR workgroup which included representatives of forest land owners, science, government and business and were subject to a formal public review process. The protocols were adopted by the California Air Resources Board in 2007 marking the first time a government agency in the U.S. adopted standards for voluntary greenhouse gas reduction projects.

"With credible measurement systems and sustainable management techniques, forests are positioned to play an increasingly vital role in the challenge of curbing climate change," said Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board, (CARB).

The first two forest projects certified are the 24,000-acre Garcia River Forest in Mendocino County, owned and managed by The Conservation Fund, with a conservation easement held by The Nature Conservancy, and the 2,100-acre Van Eck Forest in Humboldt County, managed by Pacific Forest Trust. Both projects follow the Forest Protocols whose requirements include, a permanent conservation easement be placed on the forest; third party verification; and sustainable management techniques that go above both "business as usual" and California State Forest Laws which are some of the strictest in the world.

"These two forest projects clearly demonstrate that the CCAR forestry protocols can be used in the fight against global warming", said Gary Gero, Interim President of the California Climate Action Registry. "I commend The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, The Van Eck Forest, and The Pacific Forest Trust for their leadership."

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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 300 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGO's measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org)

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