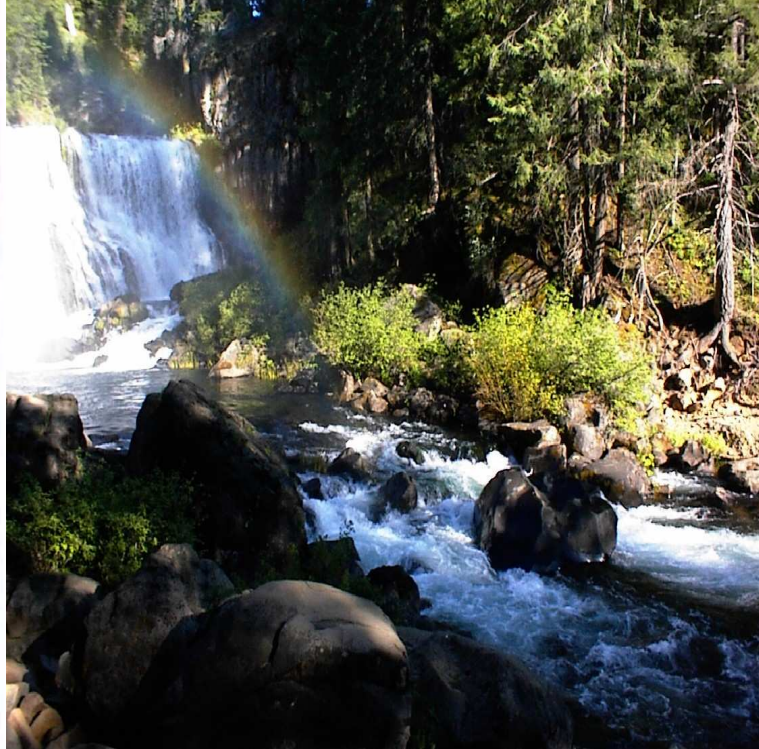




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- Aligning ecological needs with economic realities
- Developers of conservation markets
- Authors of *America's Private Forests: Status and Stewardship*



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A Leader in Forest Carbon Markets

- Advised federal and state governments since 1994
- Led California forest carbon registry program development
- 1605b program, WRI/WBCSD, WestCarb
- 1st forest-management based transactions



California Climate: *Moving Ahead on Climate and Forest Initiatives*

- Administration
 - Governor’s GHG emission reduction goals
 - Climate Action Team/CEC GHG policy recommendations
 - WestCarb
- CA Legislature
 - Assembly Bill 32: Cap with flexibility
 - Senate Bill 1686: climate benefits/forest acquisitions
- “Private Sector”
 - PG&E Climate Protection Tariff
 - California Climate Action Registry



CA Climate Action Registry

What are the Forest Protocols ?

- Forest Sector Protocol
(appendix to Registry GRP)
 - Entity level reporting: annual emissions and stocks
- Forest Project Protocol
 - Project level emission reductions
- Forest Certification Protocol
 - 3rd Party Certification



CA Forest Protocol Development *Thorough Public Process*

- Senate Bill 812 (2002)
- Multi-stakeholder workgroup developed drafts (2003 - 2005)
- External expert review and comment
- CEC sponsored public workshop, comment period & response
- State agency review
- 3 public Registry board hearings
- Protocols formally adopted by Registry Board 6/2005



CA Forest Protocols Update *Progress and Recognition*

- Two forest management projects to be registered with Registry
- PG&E Climate Protection Tariff Program
- WestCarb protocol feedback
- Included in state agency climate policy recommendations
- Protocols are living documents
 - CA Registry open to public comment
 - Small forest workgroup to continue draft recommendations



Regional/National Outlook for A Forest Carbon Market: *An Opportunity to Do It Right*

- West Coast Governors Initiative
- Western States Registry
- Linkage between RGGI & West Coast/California
- Federal legislation
 - Bingaman/Domenici
 - Feinstein
 - McCain/Leiberman



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