

September 12, 2007

Mary D. Nichols, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, P. O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chairman Nichols:

I am writing to request that the Board give favorable consideration to the proposed forest protocols as part of your efforts to address Assembly Bill 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006).

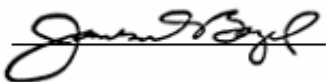
These voluntary reporting protocols were developed over a four-year period, with the assistance and support of the California Energy Commission staff. During that period, we conducted a fair and open planning process, which led to the adoption of these protocols by the Board of the California Climate Action Registry.

As I know you are aware, the Energy Commission, by statute, has played an advisory role to the Registry (Senate Bill 812, Chapter 423, Statutes of 2002). The Energy Commission staff, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), and representatives of the forestry industry were consulted as part of a peer review process. This extensive process involved over 60 stakeholders from academia, non-governmental organizations, state and federal agencies, the forestry industry and business interests.

California has shown tremendous leadership in addressing the climate benefits of sound forest management practices. The proposed forest protocols, while refinements may be needed, represent an important step forward in development standard and consistent reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or to call upon our staff, if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



James D. Boyd  
Commissioner and Vice Chair  
California Energy Commission

Cc:  
ARB Board members  
Tom Cackette, Acting Executive Officer