



October 23, 2007

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Support for Adoption of the California Climate Action Registry Forest Protocols

Dear Chair Nichols and members of the California Air Resources Board:

Environment Now supports the California Air Resources Board's timely adoption of the California Climate Action Registry Forest Protocols. The Registry's Forest Protocols are the first set of greenhouse gas protocols in the world to recognize a suite of forest protection activities that are essential to address global warming. They also are California-specific policies that address the unique needs of California's forests, based on sound environmental science.

In addition to climate benefits, the Forest Protocols promote other valuable and much-needed public benefits for California, including the protection and enhancement of water quality, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity. The Protocols are designed to promote and maintain native tree species and natural forest conditions, so forest projects that create climate benefits also lead to other co-benefits, and are not carried out at their expense.

The Board's adoption of the Forest Protocols will maintain California's leadership in forest and climate policy. It will provide critical momentum for greenhouse gas reductions and help the state meet the AB 32 mandated emissions level. The Forest Protocols are a significant first step, and will only improve with time and implementation by the Board. We therefore urge the Board to take advantage of this opportunity and commend the Board and staff for its initiative on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director