

## **EPRI Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offset Policy Dialogue Workshop #10**

### ***The California GHG Offsets Program***

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# Housekeeping

- Internet access is best in the lobby
- Lunch & Keynote Address from 12:00-1:15p here
- Workshop materials will be posted online at:  
<http://globalclimate.epri.com>
  - Agenda
  - Background Paper
  - Presentations
- Please put your cell phone on “stun” or silent

## Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity



- U.S. non-profit “501(c)(3)” scientific research consortium founded 1973 to perform **objective electricity research for the public benefit.**
- EPRI has 450+ participants in more than 40 countries around the world. In the U.S., EPRI participants generate more than 90% of electricity delivered.
- Principal locations — Palo Alto, CA, Charlotte, NC and Knoxville, TN

# Goals for EPRI's Offset Policy Dialogue

- Inform key constituencies / stakeholders
- Provide a forum for a facilitated discussion
- Build a common understanding of offset system design elements and issues
- Explore new ideas and approaches
- Discuss potential offset mechanisms





# EPRI Offset Policy Dialogue Participants

- Electric sector
- Finance / Banking
- Agriculture / Forestry
- Oil and gas industry
- Industrial organizations
- Academics / research institutes
- Offset developers / consultants / verifiers / etc...
- Congressional and other legislative staff
- State & federal agencies (ARB, CalEPA, DOE, EPA, USDA...)
- Environmental and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- International participants, including representatives from the United Nations' Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)



# 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Participants list
- Speaker bios
- Background paper:  
**“Overview of the California GHG Offsets Program”**
- Speaker presentations and other workshop materials to be available online at: [globalclimate.epri.com](http://globalclimate.epri.com)



Direct URL:

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# EPRI Offset Workshop Schedule

- 2008 Workshops
  - June 26 – W1 (Existing Offset Systems)
  - Sept. 10 – W2 (Additionality & “Supplementarity” Limits)
  - Nov. 20 – W3 (Proposed Offset Policy Designs)
- 2009 Workshops
  - Feb. 19 – W4 (U.S. Domestic Forestry and Agriculture offsets)
  - May 13 – W5 (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation [REDD])
  - July 30 – W6 (“Road Testing” Offset Methodologies)
- 2010 Workshops
  - Feb. 25 – W7 (“Sectoral” and Scaled-up International Mechanisms)
  - June 26 – W8 (Offset Development and Approval Processes)
  - Oct. 28 – W9 (Commercial Procurement of GHG Offsets)
- 2011 Workshops
  - **April 7 – W10 (CA Offsets Program)**

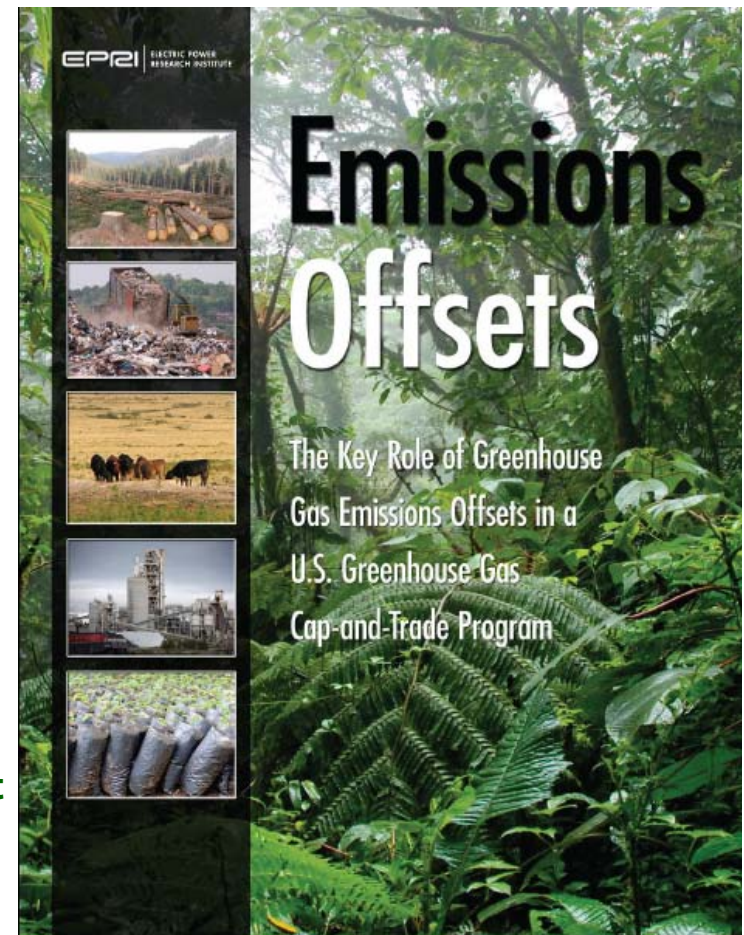
# Workshop 10 Goals – CA Offsets Program

1. Facilitate better understanding of key components of the proposed CA offsets program
2. Explore interactions between the CA offsets program and third-party offsets standards / registries
3. Gain insight on future linkages to international offsets, particularly REDD-based offsets
4. Understand motivation for ARB's adoption of "user" liability approach to offsets and explore alternatives
5. Understand compliance parties' views of the benefits and challenges of using offsets to achieve compliance with the new CA GHG cap-and-trade program



# Key EPRI Offsets Documents

- Emissions Offsets: **The Key Role of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offsets in a U.S. Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Program.** (2010). EPRI document #1019910.
- Key Issues in **Designing Mechanisms to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD).** (2009) EPRI document #1017998
- The EPRI Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offset Policy Dialogue: **Description of Key Issues in the Design of GHG Emissions Offset Programs.** (2008) EPRI document #1015633
- **“A Comprehensive Overview of Project-Based Mechanisms to Offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”** (2007) EPRI document #1014085
- **“Guidance for Electric Companies on the Use of Forest Carbon Sequestration Projects to Offset Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”** (2006) EPRI document #1012576



[http://globalclimate.epri.com/results\\_and\\_publications\\_\\_ghg\\_offset\\_policy.html](http://globalclimate.epri.com/results_and_publications__ghg_offset_policy.html)



# Thank You for Participating

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