

## WHAT IS THE PROCESS ONCE I HAVE A GHG CREDIT PROJECT?

- Contact the Participating District early in the development process
- Submit a credit project application form to the Participating District with contact & GHG credit information with supporting documentation (maps, calculations, etc.)
- The Participating District conducts the application review, determines if project meets the quality criteria, conducts a site visit, etc.
- If approved, the Participating District issues a legal binding instrument for the credits and places the GHG credits on the Rx for sale
- The GHG credits have unique project & serial numbers, sellers must notify the District of any sales or transfers & the District record any transactions
- Participating Districts are not involved in the sale but track the credits throughout their “life”

## WHY THE CAPCOA GHG Rx INSTEAD OF OTHER GHG REGISTRIES?

- Air Districts have extensive experience operating ERC credit banks
- Districts have longstanding relationships with local agencies & the regulated community
- All credits are validated by accredited verifiers according to approved protocols
- California-only credits means CEQA mitigation may occur locally
- California-only credits result in improved air quality, other environmental and socioeconomic co-benefits in the state
- The GHG Rx is significantly lower cost & no membership is required
- Use of the Rx stimulates local economies
- Air Districts “stand behind” the credits and the registry

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## CONTACT INFORMATION WEBSITE LINKS



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GHG Rx Administrative Guidelines & Protocols:  
[www.capcoa.org/ghg-rx](http://www.capcoa.org/ghg-rx)

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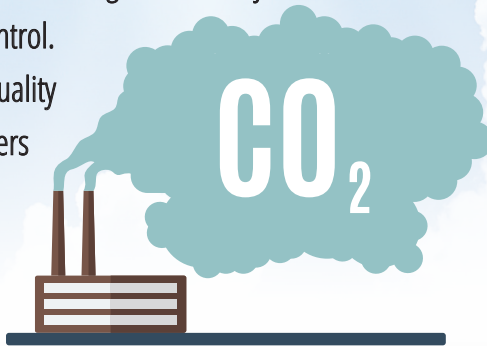
*AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GHG Rx*

[www.ghgrx.org](http://www.ghgrx.org)



## WHAT IS CAPCOA?

The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) is a non-profit association of the air pollution control officers from all 35 local air quality agencies throughout California. CAPCOA was formed in 1976 to promote clean air and to provide a forum for sharing of knowledge, experience, and information among the air quality regulatory agencies around the State. The Association promotes unity and efficiency, and strives to encourage consistency in methods and practices of air pollution control. It is an organization of air quality professionals who are leaders in their field.



## WHAT IS THE CAPCOA GHG Rx?

CAPCOA developed the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Exchange ("CAPCOA GHG Rx") to provide a low cost forum for buying and selling high quality GHG emissions reductions credits for CEQA mitigation, implementing local Climate Action Plans and other voluntary actions. The CAPCOA GHG Rx is operated cooperatively by air districts that have elected to participate. The projects are limited to California, thereby giving Californians the benefit of investments in the local economy and jobs, as well as collateral benefits to communities and the environment. The GHG Rx also has additional pages for buyers and parties seeking project funding, and for funding opportunities, which allows greater connectivity and advanced planning for future project and credit needs.



## CAPCOA GHG Rx MISSION:

Our mission is to provide a trusted source of high quality California-based greenhouse gas credits to keep investments, jobs, and benefits in-state, through an Exchange with integrity, transparency, low transaction costs, and exceptional customer service.

## WHO WILL USE THE CAPCOA GHG Rx?

- Lead agencies for CEQA mitigation of GHG emissions
- Local planning departments to mitigate land use project impacts
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) project developers
- Land use consultants to advise clients on CEQA mitigation
- Companies that develop GHG reduction projects to produce carbon credits
- Individuals to augment their actions to lower their carbon footprint
- High tech and other large companies to achieve carbon neutrality
- Non-profits, NGOs, others

## HOW DOES THE GHG Rx WORK?

Projects are developed pursuant to the requirements of CAPCOA Board – approved protocols. Several protocols have been approved for forestry, rice, use of organic waste digesters for dairy or other livestock, compost additions to rangelands, biochar and wetlands creation projects. There is also an approved protocol for case-by-case projects (unique projects that meet rigorous Rx criteria). Other protocols are being developed or reviewed for inclusion in the Rx.

If you are seeking to mitigate GHG emissions, once projects are developed and GHG credits are listed on the Rx, the credits are available for sale directly from the seller. You can view the GHG credit projects and all the supporting information on the Rx.

The quality criteria require that all credits must be real, quantified, verified, permanent, fully enforceable, and are additional or surplus to any reductions that are required (or would otherwise occur). And, the projects must be in California.

The CAPCOA GHG Rx Administrative Guidelines and Appendices established the goals, requirements, procedures and processes for the Rx. They also contain lists of the Participating Districts, common forms and users' guides.

## WHAT IS THE PROCESS IF I WANT TO BUY GHG CREDITS?

- Check out credit projects listed on the GHG Rx at [www.ghgrx.org](http://www.ghgrx.org)
- Click on the projects and also the associated information, such as location, maps, type of project and tons of credits for sale, etc.
- Once you select a project, contact the seller directly to purchase the credits.
- If you have questions during your review, you can also contact the Participating District listed for the project(s) you are interested in.

