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# The Climate Registry and The Local Government Operations (LGO) Protocol

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**The Climate Registry**

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# About The Registry

- **GHG Emissions Footprint Registry**
  - Accurate reporting
  - Data Management
  - Verification
- **Founded by a consortium of states and provinces considering their own GHG registries**
- **Support a broad range of organizations**



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# The Registry's Reporting Guidance

- Reporting protocols
  - General Reporting Protocol
  - Electric Power Sector Protocol
  - **Local Government Operations Protocol**
- Training webinars
- Help line
- Sector-specific user groups



# Purpose of LGO Protocol

- Provide “sector-specific” reporting guidance for local government operations in the North America
- Help create harmonization between GHG inventories reported to multiple programs
- Promote role of local governments in combating global climate change
- Advance the consistent, comparable and relevant quantification of emissions



# LGO Protocol Development Participants

- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- California Climate Action Registry (CCAR)
- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, U.S. Branch (ICLEI)
- **The Climate Registry (The Registry)**
- Workgroup members
  - local governments
  - utilities
  - state agencies



# Participant Objectives

- **CARB** – California protocol for AB 32 Program
- **CCAR** – “industry-specific” guidance for local government members
- **ICLEI** – U.S. supplement to International Local Government Greenhouse Gas Protocol
- **The Registry** – “sector-specific” guidance for local government Members



# LGO Protocol Development Process

Protocol development followed a consensus-based decision making process

Stakeholder input:

- **Technical Protocol Workgroup**
  - **Technical Subgroups (Wastewater, Solid Waste, Reporting/Metrics)**
- **Protocol Advisory Group**
- **Public comment period**



# Applicability

- **General purpose local governments**
  - City or county
  - Providing a variety of services to population
  - Not beneficial for single-purpose special districts
  
- **Addresses GHG emissions of a local governments *operations***



# LGO Protocol Overview

## ■ Structure:

- Parts I - IV: program-neutral guidance
- Appendices A - D: program-specific requirements
- Appendix E - G: program-neutral reference

## ■ Reporting Indicators

## ■ Reporting Sectors:

- More accurate comparisons across local governments



# LGO Protocol Requirements

## ■ Reporting Sectors:

- Buildings and Other Facilities
- Streetlights and Traffic Signals
- Water Delivery Facilities
- Wastewater Facilities
- Port Facilities
- Airport Facilities
- Vehicle Fleets
- Transit Fleets
- Power Generation Facilities
- Solid Waste Facilities
- Other Process and Fugitive Emissions



# A Living Protocol

- Annual Review
- Multi-stakeholder process
  - Registry is taking the lead
- Feedback accepted through website:  
<http://www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/local-government-operations-protocol/>



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# Thank You

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