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SCS Verifies The Nature Conservancy's California Carbon Footprint

Emeryville, CA –Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) announces today the recent verification of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of California's carbon footprint. By completing this verification, TNC-California has achieved "Climate Action Leader" status from the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR), the voluntary greenhouse gas reporting program with a mission to promote early actions on climate change. Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), an independent third-party certification company and approved CCAR verifier, conducted the verification of The Nature Conservancy's 2007 carbon footprint.



California Registry members voluntarily measure, verify, and publicly report their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Nature Conservancy established an emission inventory, reporting carbon dioxide emissions for all company operations within the geographic boundary of California. Similar to an audit, annual third-party entity "greenhouse gas inventory verification", better known as carbon footprint verification, ensures accuracy.

"The Nature Conservancy is a highly esteemed organization," said Dr. Robert J. Hrubes, Senior Vice-President at SCS. "We congratulate them on their continued dedication to the environment, and their leadership in stepping forward to provide this voluntary carbon footprint reporting."

The carbon footprint verification for TNC covered a total of 20 offices and projects, including a separate non-profit farm on Staten Island, California. The Nature Conservancy California's entity-level emissions report is now available to the public at <https://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/public/reports.aspx>.

Louis Blumberg, Director, California Climate Change Team at TNC California said, "We were pleased to work with SCS to complete this review and to enable us to more clearly understand our climate impacts. TNC is using many tools to address the urgent problem of climate change and benchmarking our carbon footprint is an important part of the picture."

Public reporting of carbon footprints increases awareness of the climate challenge which encourages others to engage in discussion and action. In addition, Registry members will have a competitive advantage when emission reductions become mandatory under AB 32, California's new law to reduce carbon emissions by 25 percent by 2020. As noted by CCAR, "the State of California offers its best efforts to ensure that California Registry members receive appropriate consideration for early actions in light of future state, federal or international GHG regulatory programs".

About The Nature Conservancy — The Nature Conservancy is a conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The organization uses a science-based approach, aided by more than 700 staff scientists and address threats to conservation involving climate change, fire, fresh water, forests, invasive species, and marine ecosystems. It has protected more than 119 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of rivers worldwide, and operates more than 100 marine conservation projects globally. www.nature.org

About Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) — SCS has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing and standards development for over 25 years. SCS's programs span a wide cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in green building, product manufacturing, forestry, retail, agricultural production, fisheries, and energy. The SCS Forest Carbon Program was established in 2006 and in 2007 the first verifications of Forest Conservation Management Projects, under the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) Forestry Sector Protocols, were conducted. SCS is a CCAR registry-approved verifier for entities and forestry offset projects. SCS is also accredited to conduct verifications under the Climate, Community, and Biodiversity (CCB) Standard, the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX) and is undergoing ISO 14065 accreditation for VCS, CCAR, and TCR recognition. www.scs-certified.com

About The California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) — CCAR is a private nonprofit organization committed to solving climate change through emissions reporting and reduction. It serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry for entity-wide emission inventories and also establishes protocols for GHG emission reduction (offset) projects through its Climate Action Reserve program. The protocols are created through a rigorous, transparent process and are widely regarded as among the highest quality standards for offset projects. The Climate Action Reserve also accredits and oversees independent verifiers and tracks the transactions of project offset inventories, adding confidence and credibility to the voluntary carbon market. The accuracy, transparency and integrity of all of the California Registry's standards have earned it the reputation as a respected and internationally recognized leader in climate change issues. www.climate-registry.org

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