Reserve Sale Notice

California Cap-and-Trade Program
Sale of Greenhouse Gas Allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve
On September 30, 2025
Issued on August 29, 2025

Reserve Sale Summary

This document, the Reserve Sale Notice for the California Cap-and-Trade Program Sale of Greenhouse Gas Allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve (Reserve) issued on August 29, 2025 (Reserve Sale Notice), is the official notification for the September 30, 2025, greenhouse gas (GHG) allowance Reserve sale (September 2025 Reserve Sale #32). The September 2025 Reserve Sale #32 will offer allowances from the Reserve (Reserve allowances) for sale in two fixed-price tiers. In the Compliance Instrument Tracking System Service (CITSS) and Auction Platform, the Reserve Sale is identified by the title September 2025 Reserve Sale #32.

Except for the Reserve sale immediately preceding the compliance obligation instrument surrender deadline on November 1, a Reserve sale will only be offered if the Current Auction held in the preceding quarter resulted in a settlement price greater than or equal to 60% of the lowest Reserve tier price.

Additional background information, detailed instructions, and examples are posted in two supporting documents to provide information for 2025 reserve sale events. The *Detailed Reserve Sale Requirements and Instructions* document provides background information on the California Cap-and-Trade Program as well as detailed requirements and instructions for participating in a Reserve sale, including eligibility, Reserve Sale eligibility requirements, submitting a bid guarantee, bidding, bid fulfillment, and a description of the process to complete Reserve sale financial settlement and transfer of allowances.

The *Reserve Sale Examples* document provides information and examples of how to determine the amount of a bid guarantee, bid evaluation procedures for holding limits and bid guarantees, and examples of Reserve sale bid fulfillment and purchase determinations.

Date and Time of Reserve Sale

The September 2025 Reserve Sale #32 is scheduled to take place on September 30, 2025 from 10:00 AM Pacific Time (PT) / 1:00 PM Eastern Time (ET) until 1:00 PM PT / 4:00 PM ET.

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The September 2025 Reserve Sale #32 will be conducted at the date and time indicated above through the electronic, internet-based Auction Platform. The *Auction Platform* can be accessed at https://www.wci-auction.org.

Reserve Allowances Offered for Sale

The tier prices and number of Reserve allowances that will be available for sale during the September 2025 Reserve Sale #32 are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Tier Prices and Reserve Allowances Offered in Reserve Sale

Tier Prices	Number of Reserve Allowances
Tier 1 - $60.47 per allowance	66,811,000
Tier 2 - $77.70 per allowance	89,537,000

Reserve Sale Eligibility

California covered entities and opt-in covered entities are eligible to participate in the September 2025 Reserve Sale #32. Voluntarily associated entities and individuals are not eligible to participate in Reserve sales.

An entity must be registered under the California Cap-and-Trade Program and have a CITSS General Holding Account that has not been suspended or revoked[1] to be eligible for approval to participate in a Reserve sale.

Reserve Sale Application Submittal

An entity is required to submit a Reserve sale application in CITSS at least 20 days prior to a Reserve sale in which it intends to participate.[2] *CITSS* can be accessed at https://www.wci-citss.org. Information submitted in the Reserve sale application process in CITSS includes the following:

a) Confirmation of the Reserve sale event in which the participant intends to bid

b) Information on the form(s) of bid guarantee, currency,[3] and return instructions

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[1] The account must not be revoked or suspended in accordance with Sections 95832(f)(4), 95835(c)(2), 95921(g)(3), or 96011 of the Regulation. A revoked account has a status of "Closed" in CITSS.

[2] A Reserve sale application is submitted to provide an entity's notice of intent to participate pursuant to Section 95913(f) of the Regulation.

[3] Only USD can be selected.

c) Completion of an Attestation response in CITSS[4]

After entering the information listed above, Reserve sale applications are then confirmed and submitted in CITSS.

Reserve sale eligibility information also includes information submitted in the process of obtaining a CITSS account:

a) Corporate identity, ownership, and capital structure of the applicant

b) The existence of any direct or indirect corporate associations

c) An allocation of the purchase limit and holding limit among associated entities, if applicable

Reserve sale eligibility is described in further detail in the *Detailed Reserve Sale Requirements and Instructions* document.

Reserve Sale Schedule

Table 2 presents the current schedule for activities associated with the September 2025 Reserve Sale #32 (Reserve Sale Schedule). Any changes to the Reserve Sale Schedule will be communicated through an updated Reserve Sale Notice and by email to the Primary Account Representative (PAR) and Alternative Account Representatives (AARs) of entities that have been qualified bidders in past events or that have submitted an event application to an upcoming event.

Table 2: Reserve Sale Schedule

Activities	Due Date	Time - Pacific Time (PT) / Eastern Time (ET)
Reserve Sale Notice released/ Reserve Sale application period opens	Friday, August 29, 2025	12:00 PM (Noon) PT / 3:00 PM ET
Reserve sale application period closes	Wednesday, September 10, 2025	8:59 PM PT / 11:59 PM ET

[4] An attestation is not required to participate in a Reserve sale, but is in CITSS due to the required attestation for an auction application. This step is discussed further in the Detailed Reserve Sale Requirements and Instructions document.

Activities	Due Date	Time - Pacific Time (PT) / Eastern Time (ET)
All bid guarantees due to Financial Services Administrator	Thursday, September 18, 2025	No later than 3:00 PM PT / 6:00 PM ET
Reserve sale participants approved and PAR and AARs notified	Friday, September 26, 2025	-
Reserve sale held	Tuesday, September 30, 2025	Bidding window open from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM PT 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET
Reserve Sale Summary Results Report released	Friday, October 3, 2025	12:00 PM (Noon) PT / 3:00 PM ET
Reserve Sale Certified / Reserve Sale results available to qualified bidders	Friday, October 3, 2025	12:00 PM (Noon) PT / 3:00 PM ET
Financial settlement in cash due to Financial Services Administrator	Friday, October 10, 2025	No later than 3:00 PM PT / 6:00 PM ET
Transfer of Reserve allowances into CITSS Compliance Accounts	Thursday, October 23, 2025	-
Earliest date for bid guarantee expiration	Monday, October 27, 2025 (26 days after Reserve sale)	-

Procedures for Conducting the Reserve Sale

Each Reserve sale will be conducted through the electronic, internet-based Auction Platform that bidders use to submit bids.

As described above, each entity must submit a Reserve sale application in CITSS. Financial Services Delivery Instructions will be available from CITSS, and all final bid guarantees must be received by the Financial Services Administrator by no later than the date and time listed in the Reserve Sale Schedule. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will approve or reject applicants to participate in a Reserve sale within two (2) business days of the scheduled Reserve sale date.

Procedures for conducting the Reserve sale are described in further detail in the *Detailed Reserve Sale Requirements and Instructions* document with specific examples provided in the *Reserve Sale Examples* document.

Form and Manner for Submitting Bids

Reserve sale participants will be able to submit bids manually and upload bid schedules in a pre-defined Excel template in the Auction Platform during the bidding window. Bid quantities can only be submitted in multiples of 1,000 allowances (i.e., one bid lot equals 1,000 allowances). The form and manner for submitting bids are described in further detail in the *Detailed Reserve Sale Requirements and Instructions* document with specific examples provided in the *Reserve Sale Examples* document.

Notification that Reserve Sale Will Not Be Held

If there are no qualified applicants or qualified bidders for any scheduled Reserve sale, that Reserve sale will not be held. The determination not to hold a Reserve sale can be made by CARB at the close of the application period, at the due date for submittal of bid guarantees, or at the deadline for CARB approval of participants which is scheduled to occur within two (2) days prior to each Reserve sale. If a Reserve sale will not be held, CARB will post a notification on the *Reserve Sale Information* webpage no later than two (2) days prior to the scheduled Reserve sale.

Reserve Sale Participant Training Materials

A *Reserve Sale Participant Training Presentation* is available on the *Reserve Sale Information* webpage. The presentation includes information on regulatory requirements for Reserve sale participation, the Reserve sale application process, bid guarantee submission, bid submission, bid fulfillment, and financial settlement processes for Reserve sales.

Training materials are also available from the Auction Platform, and include a calendar of upcoming activities, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and an Auction and Reserve Sale Platform User Guide.

Additional Information

Additional information on the California Cap-and-Trade Program is available on CARB webpages as follows:

Cap-and-Trade Program: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/cap-and-trade-program

Reserve Sale Information: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/cap-and-trade-program/cost-containment-information/reserve-sale-information

CITSS Registration and Guidance: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/cap-and-trade-program/citss-registration-and-guidance

For questions regarding the California Cap-and-Trade Program, please contact the California Air Resources Board Cap-and-Trade Hotline at (916) 322-2037.

Reserve Sale Contact Information

For further information about participation in the September 2025 Reserve Sale #32, please contact:

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