REDD Offset Working Group

Introduction & Overview

September 21, 2011

Background

- **Governors' Climate and Forest Task Force (GCF)**
  - The GCF grew out of November 2008 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) signed at the First Governors' Global Climate Summit
  - Goals:
    - share experiences and best practices
    - build capacity
    - develop recommendations to integrate REDD and other forest carbon activities into GHG compliance systems
- As seen this week, GCF = success in original goals

GCF task force

www.gcftaskforce.org

BRAZIL Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Pará
INDONESIA Aceh, Central Kalimantan, East Kalimantan, Papua, West Kalimantan
MEXICO Campeche, Chiapas | NIGERIA Cross River State | USA California, Illinois, Wisconsin

Background

- **Acre**
  - The REDD Program of Acre created by Law 2.308 /2010 and adopted in October 2010 as part of the State System of Incentives for Environmental Services – SISA
  - SISA guarantees stability for supply and demand of environmental services
  - Also coordinating an enhanced design process of the SISA attached to carbon, to create alternatives use of fire and deforestation, pursuing a low carbon forest based economy

- **California**
  - AB 32 – Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 = state-wide cap on GHG emissions
  - One tool = state-wide cap and trade program beginning in 2012
  - Other tools = renewable energy targets (RPS), low carbon fuels, energy efficiency.

- **Chiapas**
  - Chiapas started the design of REDD+ program under state law
  - REDD+ technical advisory committee (CTC) formally established 8/11
  - Currently designing safeguards indigenous peoples, on MRV, reference levels, and others

Background

- **California, Chiapas and Acre MOU**
  - In November 2010, three states initiated a collaborative effort to promote the reduction of global deforestation and forest degradation
  - Technical experts are examining the legal, policy, and technical elements of sectoral-based REDD programs to develop recommendations to policy-makers and regulatory authorities.

REDD Offset Working Group - ROW

- MOU – Chiapas, Acre, California
- 8 technical experts
- Focused on answering 2 questions:

1. What legal and institutional mechanisms are required to enable sub national compliance programs, such as California's, to recognize international REDD-based emission offsets for compliance purposes from other subnational sector REDD programs, such as in Chiapas or Acre; and

2. What are the key policy and technical elements (including social and environmental standards) a sectoral REDD program should achieve in order for REDD-based offsets to be recognized in a compliance program.

Participants

- Technical Experts:
  - IPAM – Amazon Institute for Environmental Research
  - Climate Action Reserve
  - Environmental Defense Fund
  - Stanford University
  - The Ford Foundation
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - University of Colorado Law School
  - Conservation International
  - ProNatura Sur

PROPOSED TOPICS TO ADDRESS

- Scope – REDD+
- REDD Architecture
  - REDD Plan
  - Registry Infrastructures
  - Crediting Pathways
  - State Level Accounting
    - Reference levels and crediting baselines
    - Leakage
    - Reversals
    - Underperformance
    - Double Counting

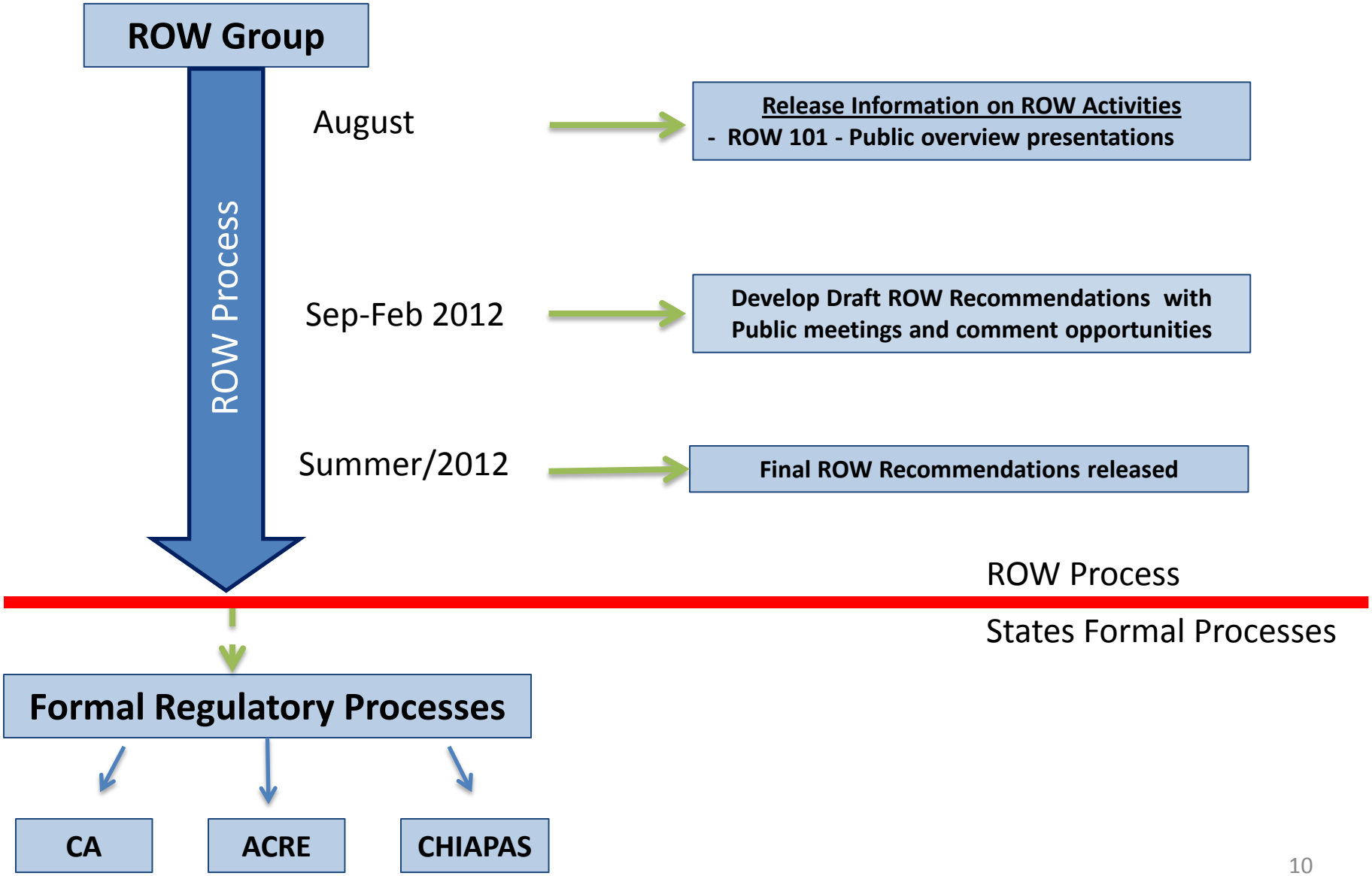
PROPOSED TOPICS CONTINUED

- Safeguards
  - Social
  - Environmental

- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)

- Legal and Institutional Considerations
  - Review of key state and federal laws
  - Enforceability
  - Linkage Arrangement
  - Entitlements [carbon ownership/rights]

ROW Process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ROW Process
August
Release Information on ROW Activities
- ROW 101 - Public overview presentations
Sep-Feb 2012
Develop Draft ROW Recommendations with Public meetings and comment opportunities
Summer/2012
Final ROW Recommendations released
ROW Process
States Formal Processes
Formal Regulatory Processes
CA
ACRE
CHIAPAS

END PRODUCT

- The final ROW deliverable is expected to be a clear, user-friendly report that outlines options and recommendations Acre, Chiapas and California can consider in their state rule-making processes
  - These recommendations are anticipated to be released in 2012

- ROW participants offer these recommendations to help further a broad dialogue on REDD

Stakeholder Participation

- Welcome comments on current topics being addressed
- Upcoming opportunities for participation:
  - ROW Overview in Chiapas (see website for details)
  - ROW Overview in Acre (see website for details)
  - Stakeholder Webinar (Fall 2011)
- Discussion draft expected by late fall 2011
- Further stakeholder engagement through the release of final recommendations in 2012

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- The ROW is supported through a 1-year grant from the Climate and Land Use Alliance-CLUA

- CLUA is a partnership between ClimateWorks Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (see http://climateandlandusealliance.org/).

THANK YOU

- Q & A

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