

WESTCARB Regional Partnership

Progress and Plans

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Who Is WESTCARB?

- Researchers from more than 80 organizations comprising:
 - Resource management and environmental protection agencies
 - National laboratories and research institutions
 - Conservation nonprofits and climate registries
 - Oil and gas companies
 - Power companies
 - Pipeline companies
 - Colleges and universities
 - Trade associations and policy coordinating bodies
 - Vendors and service firms
 - Consultants
- California Energy Commission is prime contractor











Summary of Pilot Test Activities

Obtain permits

- Drill a single well about 4000 ft deep near the ash storage pond about a mile northeast of APS's Cholla Power Plant
- Perform injectivity test using saline water
- Truck in commercial-grade CO₂ and inject 2000 tons into the well
- Monitor the CO₂ in the subsurface using wire-line logs, fluid sampling, pressure and temperature, and preand post-injection vertical seismic profile (VSP)







Terrestrial Pilots in Shasta County, California, and Lake County, Oregon

- Validation of forest growth types
- Develop and test fuel management activities; baselines and measurement and monitoring
- Validate emissions reductions from conservation and sustainable forest management practices





Afforestation and Fuel Treatment Pilots Are Under Way



Reforestation plot, Red River Partnership lands, Shingletown



 Fuel treatments on PG&E and WM

 Beaty lands
 Source: N. Martin, Winrock

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Afforestation Pilot Objectives

- Validate Phase I potential
 - Baseline carbon stocks
 - Carbon accumulation potential
 - Costs (site prep, planting, maintenance, MMV, registration/reporting)
- Explore conditions of landowner participation
 - What type of landowners? Under what conditions?
- On-the-ground experience in site preparation requirements, planting, and maintenance
- "Road-test" Registry protocols





Measuring Forest Carbon Pools for Fuel Treatments

- Measurements made pre- and post-treatment
- Random plot selection
- Measurements of:
 - Live trees
 - Standing dead wood
 - Understory
 - Litter and duff
 - Lying dead wood



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Phase III WESTCARB Objectives

- Conduct a commercial-scale CCS test (1 million tons CO₂); nominal 10-year project
 - Access the best geologic target in California
 - Use results to refine capacity estimates and "qualify" the Olcese and/or Vedder formation(s) for commercial application
- Co-locate project with advanced, commercial "sequestration friendly" oxy-combustion technology – Clean Energy Systems
 - Technology development supported by DOE and CEC
 - Planned as first commercial-scale facility of its type in the United States
- Demonstrate commercial-scale injection site characterization, operations, maintenance, and monitoring (Schlumberger)
- Conduct research to improve technologies for reservoir modeling/simulation and engineering, risk assessment, and measurement/monitoring (LBNL, LLNL, Stanford)
- Establish in the public mind—via direct proof—that emissionfree fossil power is possible and geologic sequestration is safe









WESTCARB Phase III Monitoring Program— A First Cut at a Comprehensive Approach

Pre-Operational Monitoring

Operational Monitoring

Post-Injection Monitoring

- Well logs and cores
- Wellhead pressure
- Formation pressure
- Injection rate pressure
- Seismic surveys—3D and VSP
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