

Mitigation Measure M-GCC-7
Attachment “B”

County Implementation Flowchart for Mitigation Measures M-GCC-7 and M-GCC-8

County Review Timeline During Implementation

- ✓ Upon the County of San Diego Department of Planning & Development Service's (PDS) receipt of a complete carbon offsets submittal from the Project Applicants (or their designee) (see Step 1 on the next page), the Director of PDS or its designee shall have **20 business days** to complete its review of the submittal for compliance with the carbon offsets mitigation measures. (Please see Steps 2 and 3 on the next page.)
- ✓ The Director of PDS or its designee shall provide written notification to the Project Applicants (or their designee) of whether the carbon offsets shall be accepted or rejected as compliant with the carbon offsets mitigation measures, or if additional information is needed, **no later than the 21st business day** following receipt of the complete carbon offsets submittal.
 - If the offsets submittal is rejected as not compliant with the carbon offsets mitigation measures, the Director of PDS or its designee shall concurrently provide – in writing – the Project Applicants (or their designee) with the reason for same.
 - At their election, the Project Applicants (or their designee) shall have the ability to cure by resubmittal or protest an adverse determination from the Director of PDS or its designee through a noticed agenda item before the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors.
- ✓ Upon receipt of written notice of the Director of PDS's or its designee's acceptance of the carbon offsets proposal, the Project Applicants (or their designee) shall take any steps necessary to retire the carbon offsets and shall provide the Director of PDS or its designee with evidence of same. The evidence shall consist of a certificate (or certificates) of retirement for the subject carbon offsets (see attached example).
- ✓ Upon the Director of PDS's or its designee's receipt of the certificate(s) of retirement, the Director of PDS or its designee shall have **10 business days** to complete its review of the Project Applicants' certificate(s) of retirement for the carbon offsets to confirm that the serial numbers for carbon offsets referenced in the complete submittal are shown as retired (Step 4).
- ✓ Provided the evidence of retirement of the carbon offsets is sufficient (i.e., that the carbon offset serial numbers are shown as retired), the Director of PDS or its designee shall provide a written notice of mitigation compliance and satisfaction to the Project Applicants (or their designee) **no later than the 11th business day** following receipt of the retirement documentation.
- ✓ Upon an affirmative notice of mitigation compliance and satisfaction, the Director of PDS or its designee shall issue the requested grading and/or building permits to the Project Applicants (or their designee), provided all other, non-carbon offsets-related conditions associated with the issuance of such permits also have been met.

Step 1: Application

Have the Project Applicants or their designee submitted:

- The protocols/methodologies associated with the carbon offsets;
- The third-party verification statements and reports for the related carbon offset project(s);
- The unique serial numbers assigned to each offset by the registry(ies);
- The locational attributes of the offsets; and
- The market survey report?

If yes, then continue.

Does the quantity of carbon offsets presented meet or exceed the emissions estimate for the corresponding permit(s)?

Construction Emissions = 38,476 MT CO₂e prior to first grading permit

Operational Emissions = 858,750 MT CO₂e prior to first building permit OR phased increment calculated via reference to offsets per land use metric table

If yes, then a complete submittal has been made and the review shall continue.

Application Complete

Yes

Step 2: Review of Carbon Offset Standards

Are the carbon offsets issued by the Climate Action Reserve, American Carbon Registry, or Verra?

- Check online registry listings
- Check unique serial numbers assigned to each offset

If yes, then continue.

Are the carbon offsets associated with a M-GCC-7 Attachment "A" protocol/methodology and the subject of a completed verification statement/report authored by an independent verification body and, therefore, additional, real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable?

If yes, then continue.

Does each carbon offset represent the past or forecasted reduction or sequestration of one metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent, as determined via review of the subject protocol/methodology and as stated in the verification statement(s) and report(s)?

If yes, then continue.

Carbon Offset Standards Met

Yes

Step 3: Review of Locational Performance Standards

Has the market survey report been prepared by a carbon offsets broker with a minimum of 10 years of experience and does it:

- Identify the registry listings reviewed for carbon offset availability, including the related date(s) of inquiry; and
- Identify the geographic attributes of the offsets offered for sale and available for retirement?

If yes, then continue.

Do the carbon offsets adhere to the "Locational Performance Standards," based upon review of the market survey report, by exhausting all available offset options first in the unincorporated County area; second in the incorporated County area; third in the State of California; and fourth elsewhere in the U.S?

If yes, then continue.

Locational Performance Standards Met

Yes

Step 4: Determination and Condition Satisfaction

If YES to all of the above, the carbon offsets are compliant with the mitigation standards and can be retired.

If NO to any of the above, the carbon offsets shall not meet the mitigation standards, and permits shall not issue.

Compliance Met

Have the Project Applicants or their designee submitted certificates of retirement for carbon offsets with the same unique serial numbers as those in the application?

If yes, then written notice of mitigation compliance and satisfaction shall issue, and permits shall issue provided that the other conditions of obtaining such permits have been met.

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