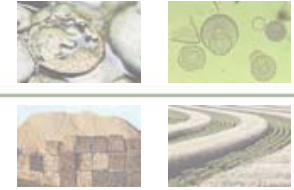# Summary of What We Heard on Key Questions

1. **Quantitative limit**
   - Should there be a limit on credits from sector-based crediting programs within the existing quantitative limit on all offsets?

2. **Setting the reference level (RL)**
   - What is the best method to establish REDD reference levels for host states (historic, projected, etc)?

3. **Crediting baseline: Required reductions by the host state at the sector level for REDD**
   - How much should the host states be expected to reduce emissions before CA entities can use credits for compliance?
   - Where should the crediting baseline be set (relative to RL) (50%, 25%, etc)?

4. **Safeguards (environmental, social, governance, transparency)**
   - What are the key criteria to consider for safeguards? How do we establish criteria for safeguards that establish transparency and can tracked and verified?

Quantitative limit

- Should there be a limit on credits from sector-based crediting programs within the existing quantitative limit on all offsets?

    - Imposing limits on demand will create a disincentive for generating REDD credit supply
    - However, starting with a limited pilot program may allow us to 'learn by doing' and initially use simpler rules (could allow REDD credits to be issued earlier than 2015)
    - Supplementarity (meeting most compliance obligation with capped entity reductions, not offsets) is still an outstanding issue

Setting the reference level

- What is the best method to establish sector-wide reference levels for host states (historic, projected, etc)?

    - Support for use of verifiable historical average of deforestation rates over 5-10 yrs (possibly with adjustments if rate is dramatically changing).

    - Quantitative tools exist for transparency and to determine reference level baselines

    - Desire to avoid inflating increased BAU projections (thru use of projected growth modeling) while still providing incentives for historically low deforestation states

Crediting Baseline: Required reductions by the host state at the sector level for REDD

- How much should the host states be expected to reduce emissions before CA entities can use credits from compliance?
- Where should the crediting baseline be set (relative to RL) (50%, 25%, etc)?

  - 25-50% effort from state programs seems too high
  - Could use statistical methods to determine when to credit (once certain that government policies have brought deforestation below historical rates)
  - Consider graduated partial (discounted) crediting until state target is hit

Safeguards

- What are the key criteria to consider for safeguards? How do we establish criteria for safeguards that establish transparency and can be tracked and verified?

  - Consider 3rd party verification
  - Need continued work on this issue [Need more feedback]