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**Sempervirens Fund's Statement of Support for the Adoption of the
California Climate Action Registry's Forestry Protocols by the
California Air Resources Board
October 25, 2007**

Founded in 1900 as California's first land conservancy, and currently supported by over 7,000 members, Sempervirens Fund has a long history of conservation leadership and success. We became a member of the California Climate Action Registry in March 2007, and initiated one of the first Forest Projects under CCAR's Forestry Protocols: the Lompico Forest Carbon Project. We are already in the position to sell carbon credits through our project, and are actively working with corporate buyers.

By following the Forest Protocols in our project implementation, we have created some of the most robust forest carbon credits in the world. In just a short amount of time, we have received buyer interest from private Silicon Valley tech companies as well as large Bay Area corporations, demonstrating the growing market demand for credits from CCAR registered Forestry Projects. Additionally, we have received inquiries from dozens of land trusts who wish to replicate our already successful model.

Climate change can only be fought three ways: by using cleaner energy, less energy, and by protecting our forests. The final measure is the only way to actually do something about the existing CO₂ in our atmosphere, and protecting California's forests are the best approach for making meaningful and immediate action. The State of California must make provisions to include forest projects backed by the rigorous Forestry Protocols in its implementation of AB 32 if it wants to combat climate change in the most effective and comprehensive manner.

Sempervirens Fund supports the state adoption of the Forestry Protocols as written by the California Climate Action Registry. We urge the Air Resources Board to accept the Forestry Protocols in their vote today as an integral component in implementing AB 32.

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