

# **Legislation No. 0208-21**

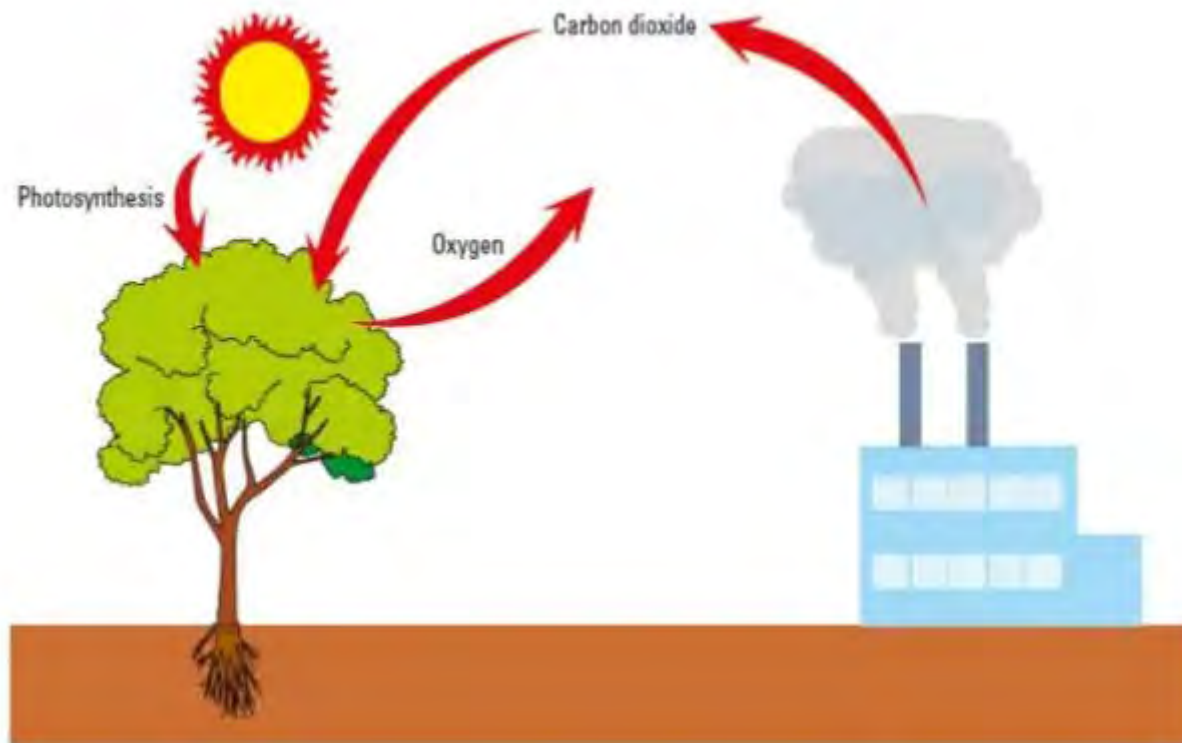
Participation in the California Cap-and-Trade Program  
and the Carbon Development and Marketing Agreement

# Introduction

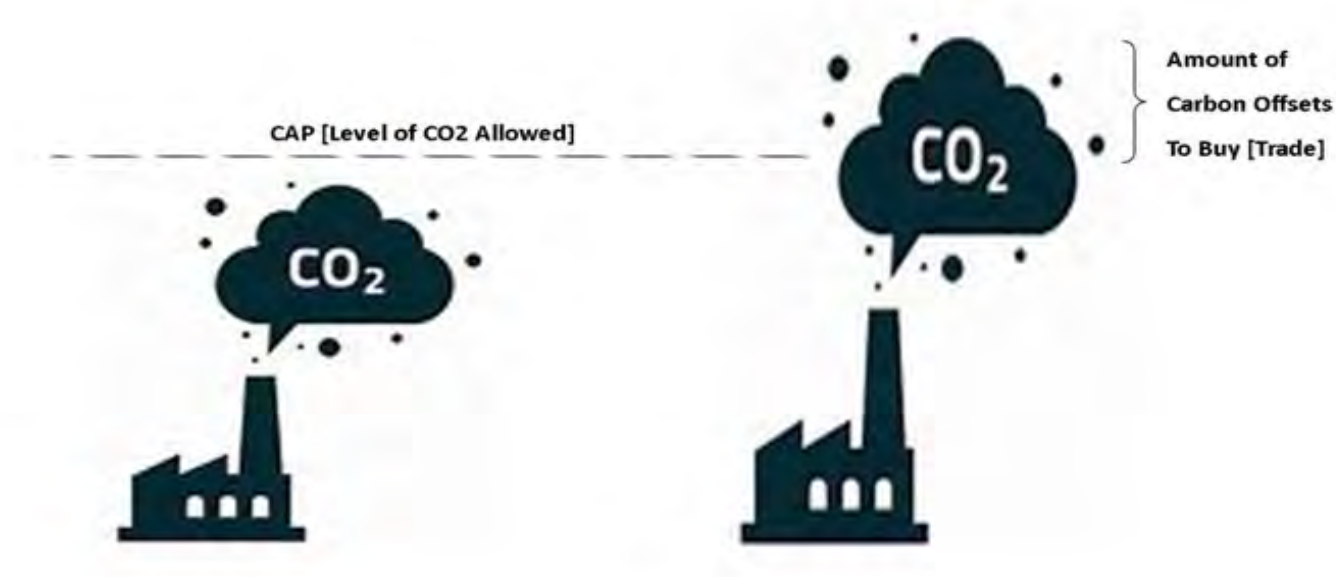
# Businesses in California create pollution (CO<sub>2</sub>)



Through photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and release oxygen



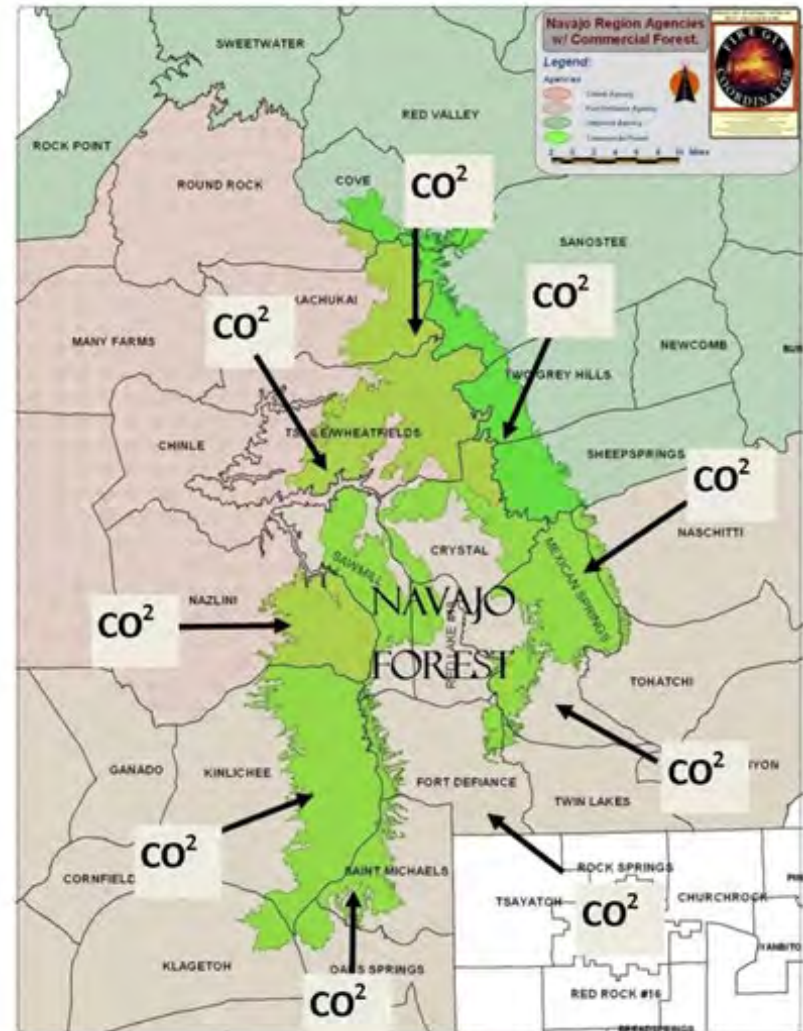
The California Air and Resources Board (CARB) limits the amount of pollution (CO<sub>2</sub>) created by businesses in California by setting a “cap”



Any amount of pollution above the cap must be “offset” by the purchase of “carbon offset credits” – the Cap-and-Trade Program

The Navajo Commercial Forest absorbs millions of tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

The Navajo Nation can generate carbon offset credits through its commercial forest, and participate in the Cap-and-Trade Program by marketing/selling these credits



# Carbon Development and Marketing Agreement (CDMA)

The CDMA, between the Nation and Bluesource, LLC, sets forth the terms of generating carbon offset credits and marketing/selling those credits:

- Trees within the Navajo commercial forest will be measured
- An estimation of the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed is based on these measurements
- A third party verifies this estimate
- The number of carbon offset credits generated is based on the verified estimate
- The carbon offset credits are registered with the CARB and then marketed/sold to businesses seeking offset credits
- The sale of offset credits will generate revenue for the Navajo Nation

# Participation in the Cap-and-Trade Program will not affect current use of the Navajo Commercial Forest



People may continue to use the forest as they always have

The forest will continue to grow and absorb CO<sub>2</sub>

Millions of dollars in revenue is estimated through the sale of carbon offset credits



## Other Tribes Participating in the Cap-and-Trade Program:

- White Mountain Apache (Arizona)
- Mescalero Apache (New Mexico)
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Washington)
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (Oregon)
- Yurok (California)
- Passamaquoddy (Maine)

Thank You