

APPENDIX B RANGE OF DIRECT INVESTMENT PROTOCOLS

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INTRODUCTION TO APPENDIX B

This Appendix provides a range of protocols that may be applied to County direct investment projects to implement CAP Measure T-4.1. There may be additional protocols necessary or desirable to implement CAP Measure T-4.1 projects.

Adherence to the protocols listed in this Appendix, as well as any additional protocols subject to the same standards as the protocols herein, ensures that the carbon reductions generated by CAP Measure T-4.1 are real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable. Carbon offset registries require projects to comply with approved protocols using rigorous, standardized review processes. The protocols contain rules and procedures governing the retirement or cancellation of carbon offsets. Protocols and processes ensure that offsets retired from County direct investment projects pursuant to CAP Measure T-4.1 and listed on an offset registry satisfy the environmental integrity criteria established by the offset protocols. Carbon offsets achieved through implementation of Measure T-4.1 must be complete and retired before the County can take reduction credits. A registry will ensure that carbon offsets are retired in perpetuity.