Verra Stakeholder Update Webinar

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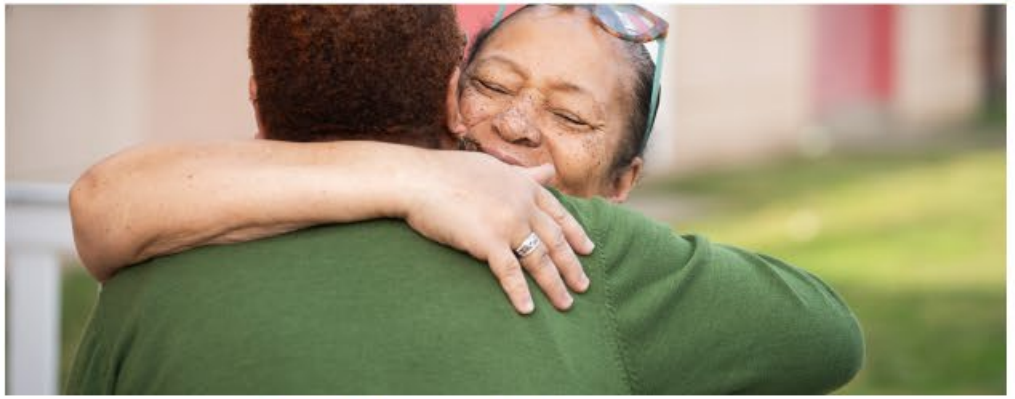
AGENDA

- CEO Intro – Impact Story
- Program Development Updates
  - VCS v5
  - VM0049 – Carbon Capture and Storage
  - Verra Scope 3 Standard Program
- Project Review Prioritization Pilot Expansion
- Digitalization Update
- Open Q&A

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VCS v5 Updates and Reminders

Sinclair Vincent
Senior Director, Program Development



AgreenaCarbon Project, Europe (Verra Project 4022).

VCS Version 5 Updates and Reminders

Stronger requirements, with more time for a successful transition

AVAILABLE NOW

Combined VCS + CCB templates

Updated templates are live, with tracked-change copies on the V5 stakeholder resources page

NEW DATE

Six more months to transition

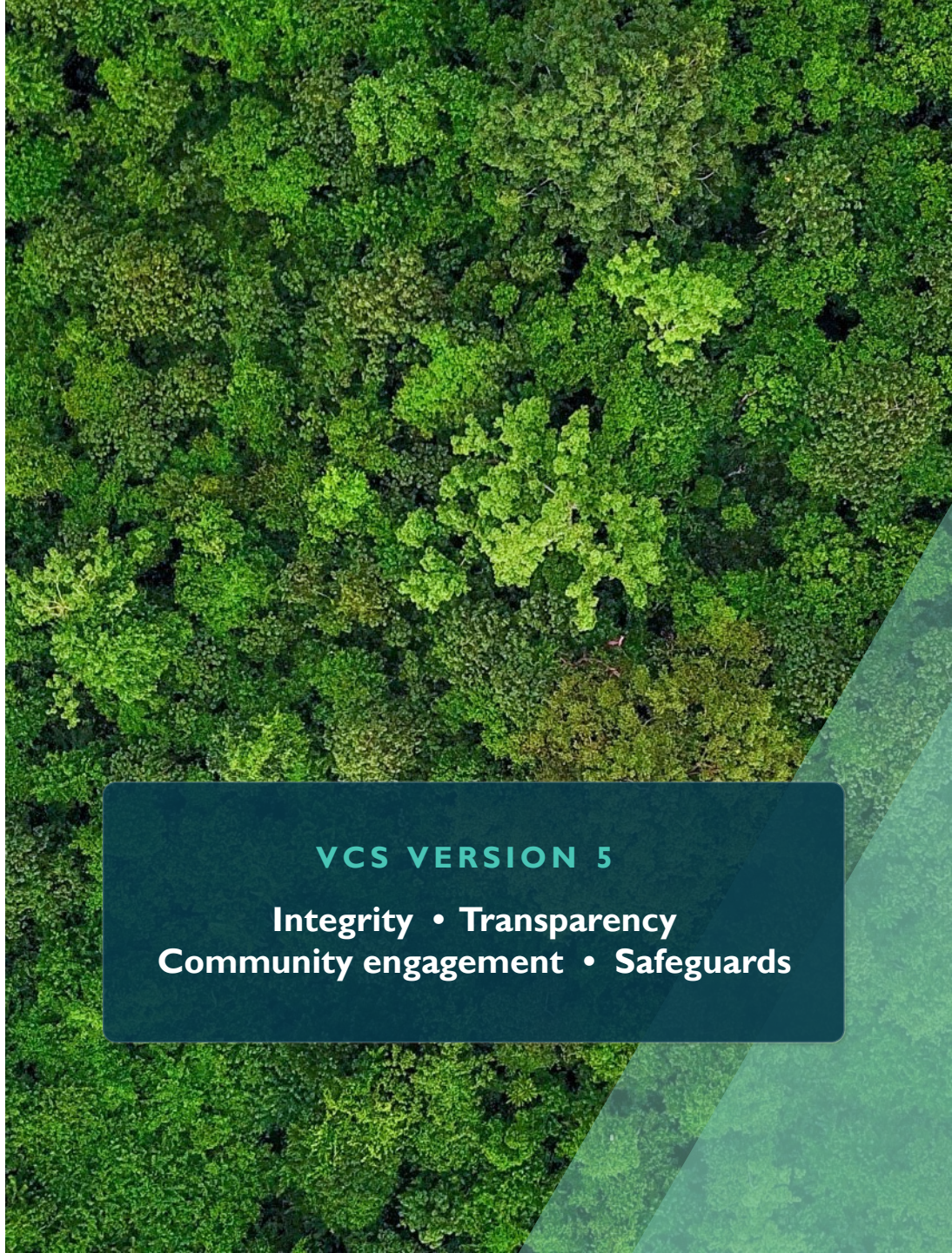
The overall effective date moves from 1 January to 1 July 2027

WHY IT MATTERS

A more manageable transition

More time to finalize existing audits and reduce avoidable pressure on project proponents and VVBs

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Plan for 1 July 2027 now

The new date is a firm transition point for every project submission

NOW

1

Start new work using V5

Avoid rework if project or audit timelines extend

JAN 2027

2

Digital templates released

Time to learn the new workflows

1 JUL 2027

3

V5 becomes mandatory

All project submissions must use V5

Use V5 for new processes

Project proponents starting now are strongly encouraged to use V5 requirements and templates

Digital where applicable

Digital submission is required for projects applying digitized methodologies from 1 July 2027

Submission date matters

Work begun under V4 must still transition if submitted on or after 1 July 2027

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Guidance, the effective dates document, and stakeholder resources have been updated online.



Methodology Spotlight: VM0049- Carbon Capture and Storage

Ian Kuwahara

Director, Energy and Industrial Innovation

VM0049 – Carbon Capture and Storage

Framework methodology includes:

- DACCS
- BECCS
- natural gas plant capture

- Engineered removals
- Applicable globally
- Works with GCS NPRT and program requirements

- DMRV enabled on Verra's Project Hub
- High frequency issuance pilot on-going

ICVCM Approval

- Version 1.0 approved on Sept 28
- Includes:
  - modules and tools that cover the full value chain of CCS related activities
  - program elements such as GCS requirements and non-permanence risk tools



Scope 3 Standard Program

Stefan Jirka
Director, Agriculture and Supply Chain Innovation



Photo courtesy of Keneco. Mindanao Tree Planting Program for our Climate and Communities (MinTrees), Philippines (Verra Project 2412)

Verra's Scope 3 Standard Program version 1 has launched

THE CHALLENGE

- Scope 3 emissions sit outside a company's direct ownership or control
- Companies face gaps in standardized quantification, transparency, tracking, and assurance

THE S3S SOLUTION

- Common rules and methodologies for value chain projects
- Independent third-party validation and verification
- Transparent project information and Scope 3 Units (S3Us) on the Verra Registry

THE OPPORTUNITY

- Help companies invest in measurable value chain action
- Connect verified project outcomes with impacted products
- Enable credible data for Scope 3 accounting and reporting

S3S brings the rigor and infrastructure of Verra certification to value chain climate action

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Version 1 is live and implementation is underway

AVAILABLE NOW

Program foundation

- Scope 3 Standard, Safeguards, Definitions, and Registration and Issuance Process
- Digital listing templates through the Verra Project Hub
- Pipeline listing and a 30-day public comment period

Initial methodologies

- **S3S-VM0042:** Improved Agricultural Land Management
- **S3S-VM0043:** CO_2 Utilization in Concrete Production

COMING NEXT

- Further rules, tools, and digitized calculators
- Additional methodologies for agriculture, forest product, apparel, manufacturing and other sectors
- Templates enabling registration, verification approval, and S3U issuance
- Version 2 rules for value chain association, allocation, co-claiming, and reportable S3Us

Project Review Prioritization Pilot Expansion

Julie Baroody

Senior Director, Certification



Photo courtesy of FUNDAECO. REDD+ Project for Caribbean Guatemala: The Conservation Coast (Verra Project 1622).

Faster access to review, same review integrity

OBJECTIVE

Move eligible review requests into a priority queue so review starts sooner

WHAT CHANGES

Queue order Review initiation is prioritized

NOT Technical procedures, criteria, program rules, and outcomes

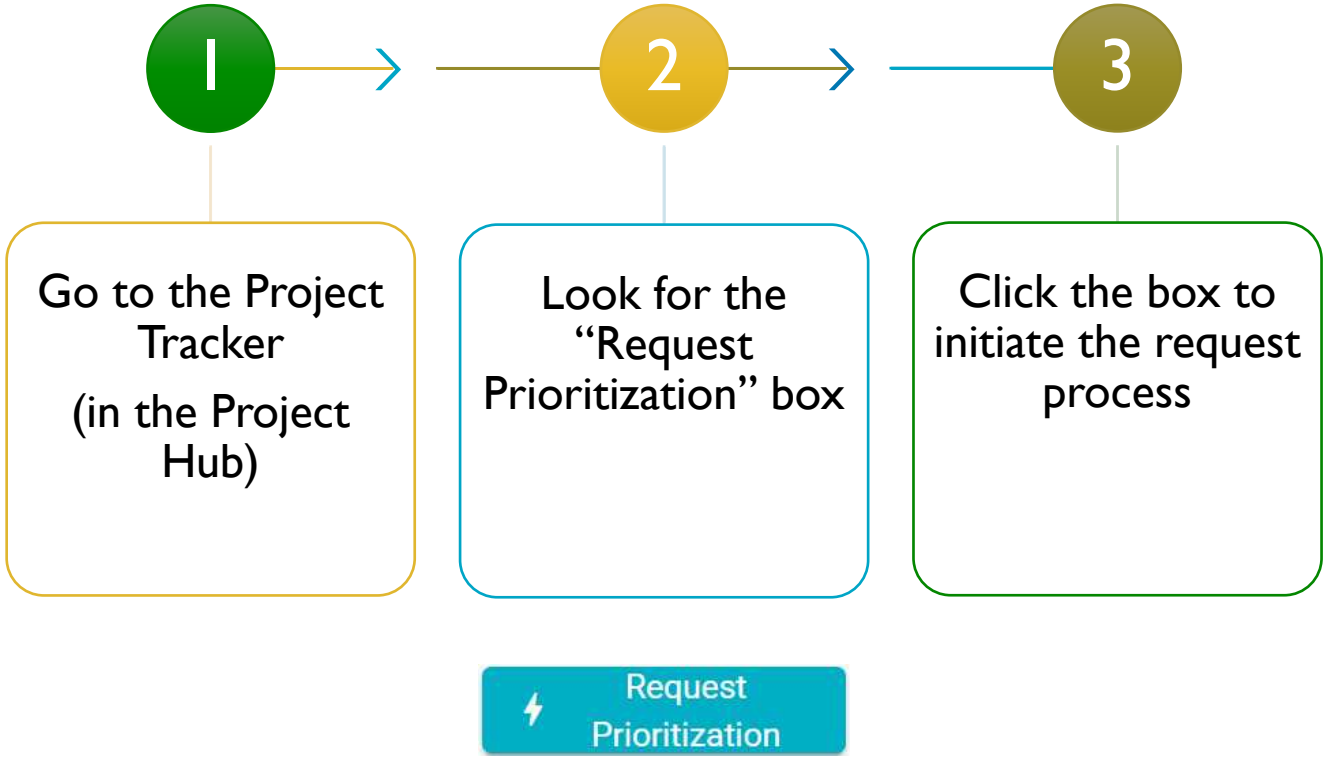
Eligible: registration • verification (any instance) • combined registration + verification



Photo courtesy of Katingan Mentaya. Katingan Peatland Restoration and Conservation Project, Indonesia (Verra Project 1477).

How to request prioritization

The option appears directly in Project Tracker for potentially eligible projects



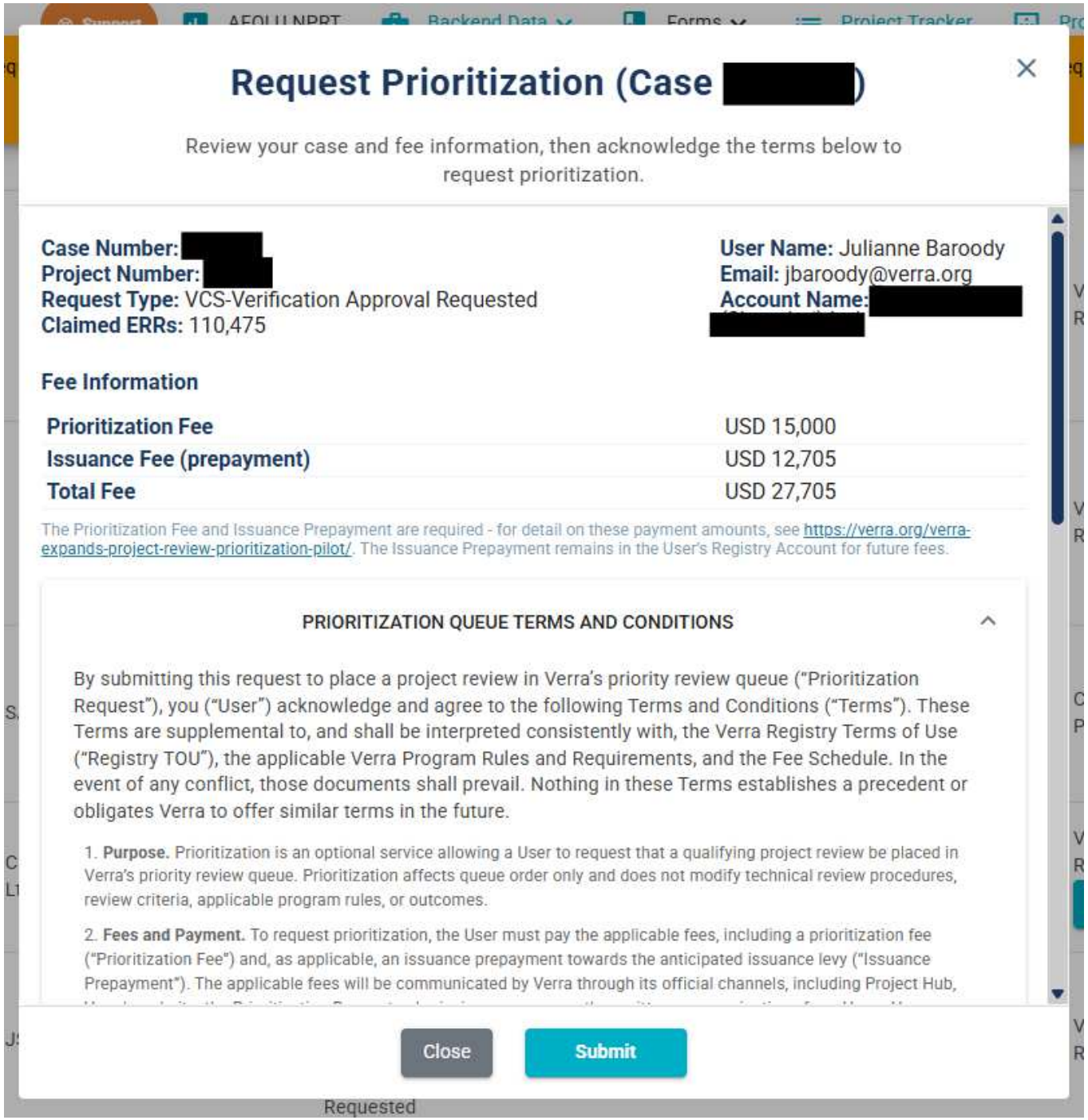
VCS NCS and CCBS review participation are capacity-limited during the pilot.

Contact secretariat@verra.org with questions

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Two payments apply

A prioritization fee by request type, plus a deposit toward anticipated issuance fees

PRIORITIZATION FEE

Request Type	VCS	CCBS	VCS + CCBS
Registration	$20,000	$20,000	$25,000
Verification	$15,000	$15,000	$20,000
Registration + Verification	$25,000	$25,000	$30,000

DEPOSIT TOWARD ISSUANCE FEE

VCS NCS & CCBS projects

50% of anticipated issuance fee or $50,000, whichever is less

VCS Energy & industry projects

50% of anticipated issuance fee or $25,000, whichever is less

The second phase of the pilot applies through March 2027

Digitalization Update

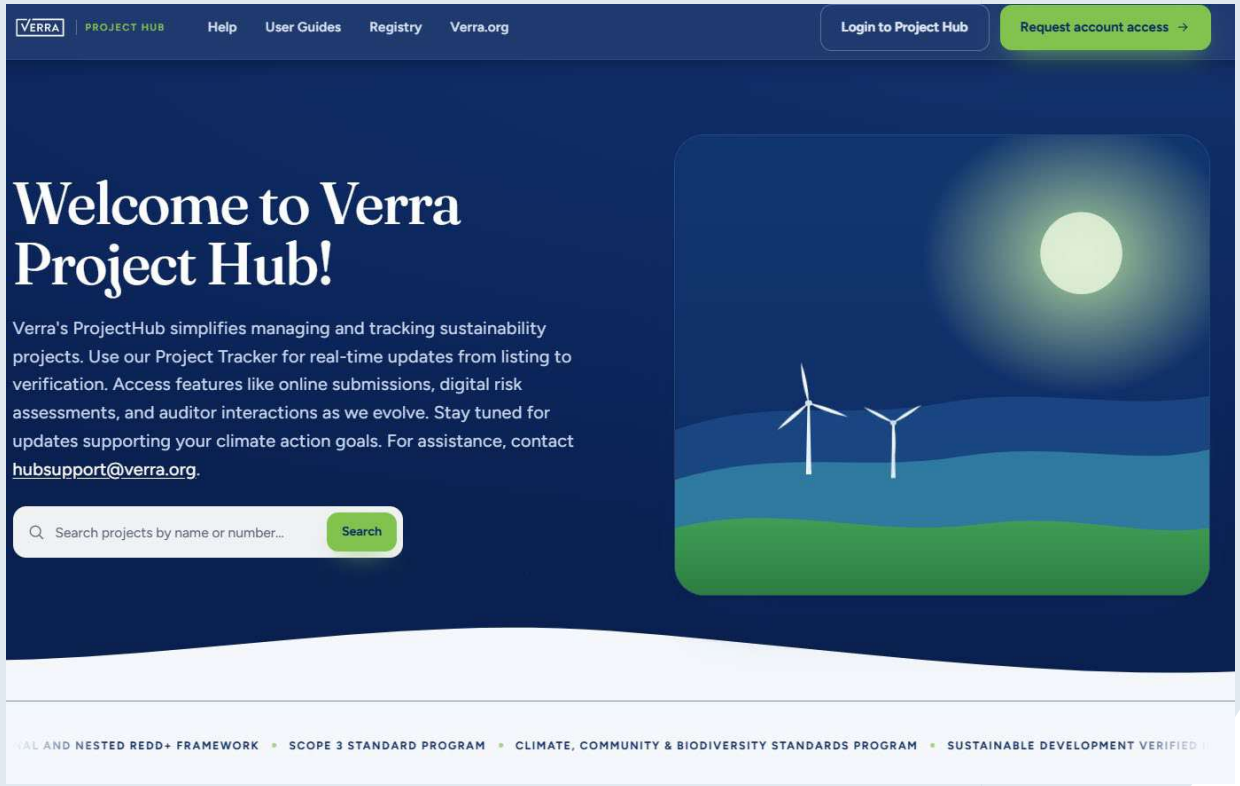
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Project Hub Enhancements

Redesigned Project Hub Landing Page



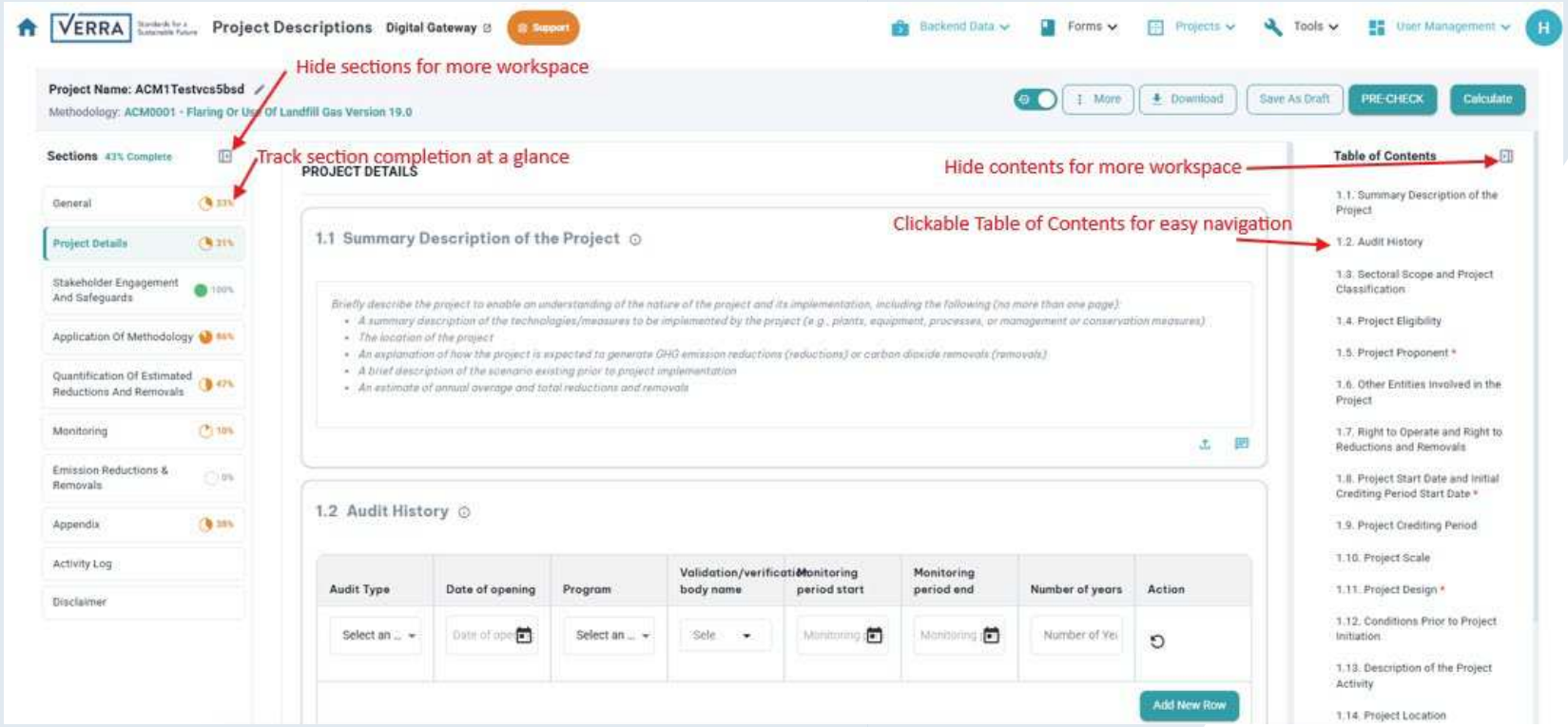
New Digital Resources

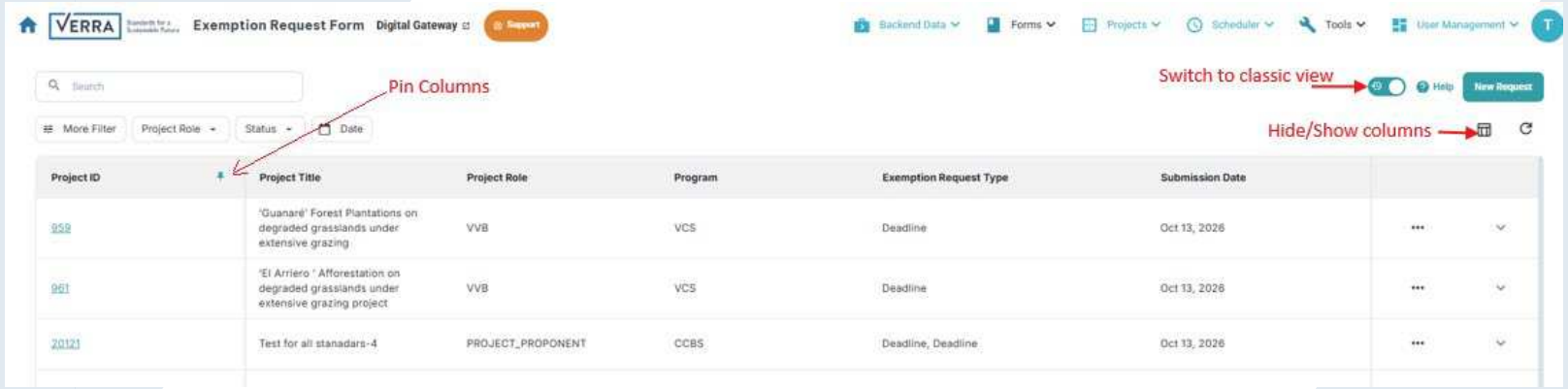


- **API Documentation**
  Exchange project documents and DMRV data via APIs
- **DSP Directory**
  Find Verra-vetted VM0047 data service providers
- **Guardian Onboarding**
  Guidance for digital submissions through the Verra Guardian ecosystem
- **CCS+ DMRV Extension Set**
  Digital templates supporting VM0049 carbon capture and storage projects

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Project Hub User Interface Improvements





Additional Data Service Providers Vetted for VM0047

NEWLY VETTED

- Belian.Earth*
- Space Intelligence
- TerraCarbon
- Treeconomy
- Varaha*

ALREADY VETTED

Project Hub API integration enabled

- Treefera

Project Hub API integration underway*

- Chloris Geospatial
- CYCLOPS
- Kanop
- Lobelia Earth
- TranparenC

WHAT VETTING MEANS:

- **More efficient project workflows**
  Standardized datasets support provider selection and project review
- **Digital integration**
  Secure Project Hub data transfer
- **Methodology-aligned data**
  ≤30 m spatial resolution and annual availability
- **Consistent, scientifically grounded results**
  Seasonality controls and correlation with aboveground biomass
- **Transparent and auditable**
  Data, methods and documentation available for review

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New Digitized Methodologies Available in Hedera Guardian

Newly Released:

- VM0042 v2.1 Improved Agricultural Land Management
- VM0045 v1.2 Improved Forest Management
- VM0047 v1.1 Afforestation, Reforestation and Revegetation
- VM0050 v1.0 – Energy Efficiency and Fuel-Switch Measures in Cookstoves
- VM0051 v1.0 – Improved Management in Rice Production Systems
- AMS-II.C v.16.0 – Demand-side Energy Efficiency Activities for Specific Technologies
- AMS-III.C v.16.0 Emission reductions by electric and hybrid vehicles
- AMS-III.F v.12.0 Avoidance of methane emissions through controlled biological treatment of biomass
- AR- ACM0003 v2.0 Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands

Previously Released:

- VM0033 v2.1 Methodology for Tidal Wetland and Seagrass Restoration

Coming soon:

- ACM0022 v3.0 Alternative Waste Treatment Processes
- VM0048 V1.0 Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

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What digitization enables

- **Structured workflows**
  Methodology requirements built into the process
- **More consistent data**
  Standardized project and monitoring information
- **Streamlined submission**
  One-click submission to Project Hub
- **Greater traceability**
  Digital records across the project lifecycle


Thank you!
Q&A