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Quick Picks:

It Should Put an End to the Debate Over Global Warming

"The evidence-based on computer models and observations in the field-is so strong that it should put to an end any debate about whether human-caused global warming is a real phenomenon...'The temperature-driven impact that these models predict over the next 30-40 years is severe, not only for the Western United States, but for China and Peru,' Barnett said."

AAAS is the American Association for the Advancement of Science and publishers of the journal Science.

<http://www.aaas.org/news/releases/2005/0217warmingwarning.shtml>

Submitted by Ken.

Boulder High Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Sale & Fundraiser

Boulder High School's Environmental Club is selling 20 watt Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) for a reduced price of \$4.00 each. Contact one of:

Kirsten Tidik (303) 939-9746
Emily Lawrence (303) 440-9363
Sara Geller (303) 442-0196

All profits will be donated to environmental organizations!

Sponsored by the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project.

Submitted by Howard Geller.

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From Boulder & Colorado:

Project Quixote Press

A community based wind farm for Boulder and Colorado.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2005/02/07/daily15.html?f=et61>
<http://www.coloradodaily.com/articles/2005/02/09/news/news04.txt>

Submitted by Mona Newton.

Georgetown Permit for Vertical Axis Wind Turbines

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2005/02/07/daily34.html?f=et61>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

Continued Opposition to Xcel's Proposed Pueblo Coal Plant

Denver Business Journal, Pueblo Chieftan,

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2005/02/07/daily67.html?f=et61>
<http://www.chieftain.com/metro/1108249388/2>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

Workshops at the PUC in Advance of A 37 Rulemaking

3/4/2005 9 AM. Full details at:

<http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc/rulemaking/Amendment37/Amendment37PreNOPRWorkshops.pdf>

(I consider this more news than a calendar item. The level of detail that PUC Staff will be looking at will be more like looking at individual needles - not looking at the forest as a whole. Contact me if you want to be more involved in A 37 rulemaking. - Ken regelson@mac.com)

Submitted by Heather Rae.

Rocky Mountain Institute's Spring Newsletter

<http://www.rmi.org/images/other/Newsletter/NLRMIspring05.pdf>

Submitted by Ken

More Xcel Power Plants to be Cleaned up Under Bill

From the Denver Business Journal.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2005/02/14/daily42.html?feet61>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

Xcel Grants \$1 Million to NREL & U of Minn for Solar Cell Research

From Minnesota Renewable Development Fund.

http://www.xcelenergy.com/XLWEB/CDA/0,3080,1-1-1_15531_8634-14725-5_406_651-0,00.html

Submitted by Morey Wolfson.

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Environment Colorado: New Energy Campaign.

Boulder. 2/23. 6 PM. George Reynolds Library. Table Mesa Drive.

To discuss EC's New Energy Future campaign, to promote the clean energy values discussed in the report recently released.

Report at:

<http://www.environmentcolorado.org/envco.asp?id2=15982>

Contact Matt Larson. mlarson@environmentcolorado.org

CESC: Zero Energy Homes Workshop. 2/26. 9 AM – 2 PM.

Golden.

<http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/zeroenergy.htm>

The End of Cheap Oil – Neighborhood Sized Solutions.

Denver. 2/28. 1 – 4 PM

Hosted by the Sustainable Futures Society. Video and talk. \$10.

Colorado History Museum at 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO.

Call Amara at (303) 638-6829.

CESC: The New Solar Energy Program in Colorado

Arvada. 3/8. 6 PM

Morey Wolfson will discuss the new solar energy program being developed as a result of passage of Amendment 37. \$10. Free to CESC members.

http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/solar_wolfson.htm

CESC: Energy Efficiency in Action

Denver. 3/12. 9 AM – 2 PM

Workshop on the application of EE in the CESC's Energy Makeover contest. \$15. \$5 for CESC members.

<http://www.energyscience.org/homeowners/workshops/energymakeover.htm>

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From Elsewhere:

NREL Study: Emerging Markets for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

Large 1.5 MB download.

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/resources/pdfs/37388.pdf>

Sonoma Sewer Plant May Go Solar

\$7 Million, 930 kW, PV plant. Expected to save \$535,000 per year.

http://www.sonomanews.com/articles/2005/02/03/news/top_stories/news01.txt

CSM: Electric Vehicles, Hybrid Electric Vehicles, and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles

Christian Science Monitor

http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2005-01-28-plugged-in-hybrids_x.htm

Submitted by Ken.

New Republican Leaders in the Battle Against Climate Change

<http://www.grist.org/news/muck/2005/02/04/little-repubclimate/>

Submitted by Amy Ellsworth.

Summary From Conference: Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change

Held in the UK in early February 2005. 200 participants from 30 countries. This is a summary of the papers presented.

"An underlying theme was the extent to which it might be possible to identify an optimum response, avoiding both dangerous impacts and unacceptable mitigation costs. Major investment is needed now in both mitigation and adaptation. The first is essential to minimise future impacts and the latter is essential to cope with impacts which cannot be avoided in the near to medium term."

Website:

<http://www.stabilisation2005.com/outcomes.html>

Summary (200 KB download):

http://www.stabilisation2005.com/Steering_Committee_Report.pdf

Submitted by Ken.

Solar Power is Tanned, Ready, and Rested

<http://www.utilipoint.com/issuealert/article.asp?id=2396>

Submitted by Morey Wolfson.

Study: Climate Stewardship Act: More Jobs for US

McCain Lieberman Bill likely to be re-introduced in 2005.

"At the national level, jobs created outweigh jobs lost by a factor of five by 2015, rising to nearly seven to one by 2025."

<http://www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/csa/CSAjobs.pdf>

Submitted by Ken.

NYT: Friedman on Bush Energy Policy

"By adamantly refusing to do anything to improve energy conservation in America, or to phase in a \$1-a-gallon gasoline tax on American drivers, or to demand increased mileage from Detroit's automakers, or to develop a crash program for renewable sources of energy, the Bush team is - as others have noted - financing both sides of the war on terrorism. We are financing the U.S. armed forces with our tax dollars, and, through our profligate use of energy, we are generating huge windfall profits for Saudi Arabia, Iran and Sudan, where the cash is used to insulate the regimes from any pressure to open up their economies, liberate their women or modernize their schools, and where it ends up instead financing madrassas, mosques and militants fundamentally opposed to the progressive, pluralistic agenda America is trying to promote. "

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/02/13/opinion/13friedman.html?hp&oref=login>

Submitted by Larry Kinney.

US Wind Farming, Inc Announce Global Wind/Hydrogen Plan

...with implementation in 2005.

<http://www.uswindfarming.com/12-15-04.html>

Submitted by Rob Hall.

Utilities in California Overwhelmed by Demand for Solar Rebates

<http://www.californiaenergycircuit.net/displaystory.php?task=show&sid=940&un=&ut=&pd=&seid=1108397483>

Submitted by Leslie Glustrom.

ACEEE Newsletter

Several good articles on green cars, Midwest gas study (Midwest could save \$16 Billion 2006-2010 through achievable efficiency), etc.

<http://aceee.org/about/0502news.htm>

Submitted by Ken.

Solar ZEH (Zero Energy Homes) Homeowners Pay Little or Nothing for Electricity

<http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/solareclips/2005.01/20050104-5.html>

Submitted by Ken.

EC: Report: The Economic & Consumer Benefits of Clean Energy Policies

"Investing in clean and renewable energy solutions would create over 154,000 new jobs and save consumers \$11 billion on natural gas bills and over \$16 million on electricity bills by 2020..."

News Release and report:

<http://environmentcolorado.org/envco.asp?id2=15983&id3=DO&>

<http://www.environmentcolorado.org/envco.asp?id2=15982>

Submitted by Matt Larson.

Citizen Petition for US to Join Kyoto

Read a letter by Ross Gelbspan (Author: Heat is On, and Boiling Point) setting the stage:

<http://www.grist.org/comments/soapbox/2005/02/16/gelbspan/>

Sign the Petition:

<http://www.kyotoandbeyond.org/petition.html>

Submitted by Ken.

(This is the end of BREEE News)
