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Boulder Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Working Group
3/7/05

Quick Picks:

Boulder RE & EE Meeting at the Chamber. 3/11. 8 AM

The City of Boulder and the Boulder Economic Council would like to invite any businesses or individuals interested in renewable energy, energy management, green building products or design, and related fields, to a breakfast gathering at the Chamber of Commerce. Boulder is launching an effort to promote growth within these industries as a part of its economic vitality program. March 11th at 8:00 A.M., at 2440 Pearl Street.

Submitted by Michael Stumpf.

Excellent Examples of GW Planning and Action From Portland

Portland Global Warming Plan (320 kB).

<http://www.sustainableportland.org/Portland%20Global%20Warming%20Plan.pdf>

And the 2004 annual report from Sustainable Portland that is responsible for implementing the GW plan (large 7 MB download).

http://www.sustainableportland.org/osd_pubs_annual_report_2004.pdf

A green office guide (500 kB):

http://www.sustainableportland.org/Grn_Off_Guide.pdf

Highlights from 10 years of success (200 kB):

http://www.sustainableportland.org/CEC_10year_report.pdf

And more:

<http://www.sustainableportland.org/default.asp?sec=osd&pg=pubs>

And, Heather Rae pointed out this excellent best practices site:

<http://www.eebestpractices.com/index.asp>

Submitted by Ken.

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From Boulder & Colorado:

Pueblo Chieftain: Prowers (county) Farmers See Future in Wind

<http://www.chieftain.com/business/1108623600/6>

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

Half-Time Energy Assitant Position

With the City of Boulder.

<http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/hr/jobs/1492.pdf>

Submitted by Sarah Van Pelt.

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Calendar:

CESC: The New Solar Energy Program in Colorado

Arvada. 3/8. 6 PM. Colorado Energy Science Center.

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. Colorado Energy Science Center.

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>

CEBA/P3: From Sustainability to Survivability. Boulder. 3/15

Colorado Environmental Business Alliance/People, Planet, Profit.

Gary Hirshberg, President, Stonyfield Farm. This keynote will focus on corporate social and environmental responsibility and ways in which socially conscious businesses can succeed in the 21st century.

Dinner. Charge.

<http://p3colorado.org/events/eventShowDetail.jsp?inx=11>

BGBG: Construction Site Waste Recycling. Boulder 3/16

East Boulder Rec Center. 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. \$10 non-members of Boulder Green Builder's Guild.

Contact david@rosewoodconstruction.com

BGBG: FAQs on IAQ (Indoor Air Quality). Boulder. 3/22

Boulder Green Builder's Guild. Eco-Products Showroom. 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Charge.

http://www.bgbg.org/event_registration042205.php

Denver's Energy Future & The Art of the Possible. 4/27

Roger Duncan of Austin Energy, Rick Gilliam, etc. Details to follow.

Submitted by John Rosapepe. john.rosapepe@SIERRACLUB.ORG

Sierra Club: Ponnequin Wind Farm Tour 5/7

All -day tour. Bus with bathroom. If you have never been up-close to a modern wind farm this tour is a must – Ken.

Submitted by John Rosapepe. john.rosapepe@SIERRACLUB.ORG

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From Elsewhere:

The Case for Decentralized Generation of Electricity

Review of the in-efficiencies of centralized power generation and opportunities for improving efficiency, lowering costs, and reducing pollution from the use of combined heat and power generation.

Medium download (300 kB):

<http://www.primaryenergy.com/articles/reports/The%20Case%20for%20Decentralized%20Generation%20of%20Electricity.pdf>

Submitted by Ken

Mercury the New Lead?

Scripps Howard News Service

http://www.shns.com/shns/g_index2.cfm?action=detail&pk=CHILDMERCURY-01-26-05

Submitted by Ross Vincent.

Terrapass: Marketing RECs to the Masses

(There are other places for consumers to buy Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) or carbon offset certificates, but none as well implemented – Ken)

<http://www.terrapass.com/>

Risky Business (Utilities)

Austin Energy's General Manager: "Today, the electric utility industry is being rocked by change, the magnitude and swiftness of which the industry has not witnessed since its birth. ...those utilities that cling solely to the past will find themselves rendered obsolete and irrelevant by this change."

Austin Energy has committed to 20% renewables and 15% efficiency by 2020.

http://tdworld.com/mag/power_risky_business/

Submitted by John Rosapepe.

California Solar Forum Presentations

Summary of presentations:

<http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/solarforum.html>

Zero Energy Homes. Mostly in California. Developments sell out quickly – some without advertising. Buyers willing to pay more.

http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/pdfs/forum/2005.2.23-SolarForum_RHammon-ZEH.pdf

Flash presentation on history of solar cells.

<http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/fste/fste.html>

California Emerging Renewables Presentation including history of rebate levels and MWs installed.

http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/pdfs/forum/2005.2.23-SolarForum_BBlackburn_CEC-ERP-Update.pdf

Solar RECs in California.

http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/pdfs/forum/2005.2.23-SolarForum_KChristy_SolarRECs_in_CA.pdf

Gleaned from Solar E-Clips.

Ford: Hybrid Plans

Ford's plans for hybrids in the near future and a vision of "...transportation that is affordable in every sense of the word – socially and environmentally, as well as economically."

<http://www.newdream.org/make/fordresponse.pdf>

Submitted by Ken.

NREL REC Study

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

Submitted by Ken.

Stars in Cars

What do Leonardo DiCaprio, Charlize Theron, Robin Williams, Orlando Bloom, Salma Hayek, Penelope Cruz, Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins have in common? Arriving at the Oscars in Prius-es (Prii?).

<http://www.globalgreen.org/pdf/finalrevisedrelease05.pdf>

Submitted by Ken.

DOE: Peak Oil Impact

“World oil peaking represents a problem like none other. The political, economic, and social stakes are enormous. Prudent risk management demands urgent attention and early action.”

<http://www.energybulletin.net/4577.html>

Submitted by Carol Tombari.

Economic Benefits of Cutting Emissions

“For example, six companies ... have each reduced emissions by at least 60 percent since the early 1990s, collectively saving more than \$4 billion in the process.”

