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## AM Alert: California examines renewable energy industry



With California on a timeline to steadily reduce carbon emissions -- a push buttressed by measures like last year's energy-efficiency boosting Proposition 39 -- the renewable energy industry is looking to expand its market share. An event today hosted by the trade organization **Advanced Energy Economy** will examine what lies ahead.

Speakers will include **Michael Picker**, who advises Gov. **Jerry Brown** on renewable energy facilities; **Mary Nichols**, chair of the California Air Resources Board; **Kish Rajan**, director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development; Sen. **Kevin de León**, D-Los

Angeles, and **Tom Steyer**, champions of Prop 39; and wide range of business folks representing everything from renewable energy firms to manufacturers to banks. Starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel

**VIDEO:** Dan Walters takes a look at one of the last big policy battles before the Legislature this session.

**GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY:** We spend a fair amount of time covering California's spotty record on government technology projects, but a two-day government technology conference convening in Sacramento today will offer a different look. Speakers will include technology executives, IT officials from various state agencies and **Carlos Ramos**, director of California's Department of Technology. They'll also be giving out some "best of California" awards, including one for the Secretary of State's online voter registration application. Today and tomorrow at the convention center.

**TOP 100:** There are few things the people inhabiting the world of California politics like better than gauging power and influence. Capitol Weekly will scratch that itch tonight at an event celebrating the publication of their Top 100 list of the chiefs of California clout. At the Park Ultra Lounge, starting at 5:30 p.m.

**BOE BUILDING:** As we've documented, California has spent millions trying to repair the deteriorating Board of

Equalization building in downtown Sacramento. The **Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4 on State Administration** meets today to discuss the possibility of moving BOE employees out of the dilapidated structure and consolidating them in a new building.



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agencies to afflict California is will hold a hearing examining California Governor's Office

of Emergency Services, Chief **Ken Pimlott** of CAL FIRE, Major General **David S. Baldwin** of the California State Military Department and **Dan Smiley** of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority. From 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in room 112.

**TOURISM TALK:** How's California's tourism industry doing? **Caroline Beteta**, president of Visit California, will offer a briefing in room 317 of the State Capitol today at 4:30 p.m. Expected attendees include Assemblyman **Ian Calderon**, D-Whittier, and Assembly Speaker **John A. Pérez**, D-Los Angeles.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Happy birthday to Assemblyman **Wes Chesbro**, D-Arcata, who turns 62 today.

*PHOTO: Recurrent Energy solar facility in Elk Grove Friday January 15, 2012, where Gov. Jerry Brown and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed the Memorandum of Understanding on renewable energy. The Sacramento Bee/Andy P. Alfaro.*

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With AB32's implementation in progress, it is about to hit the pocket books of those that voted for it. AB32, Cap and Trade, and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, that are all part of the law are ready to hit the "fuel cliff" in 2015.

The 37 million that live in CA, already pay a premium for CA's boutique blend of transportation fuels, and pay the highest taxes on fuels which results in CA's paying 40 to 50 cents more than anyone in the USA for our fuels. And now, with the fuel cliff approaching, CA citizens are about to be paying as much as \$2 a gallon more than anyone in the USA for our transportation fuels. The cost increase will be borne by many of those that can least afford more expensive energy and the impact on our life style.

Supposedly these AB32 Global Warming Initiatives were to clean our air, but CA only contributes less than 1% to the Worlds Green House Gases, thus if everyone rode bicycles, CA would not improve the Worlds total emissions, but we are willing to drive the CA economy under the bus to attain miniscule results. How will the CA economy handle the upcoming increase to our cost of transportation fuels?

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