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Community Update | May 2, 2011

Dear Clean Coalition Friends,

April was a big month for the Clean Coalition. On April 26th, we worked with our partners to launch the CLEAN California Campaign. A Clean Local Energy Accessible Now (CLEAN) Program tailored for California will spur the development of the state's clean energy sector and fundamentally reform the process for connecting clean energy to the grid. To read more about the CLEAN California Campaign, and to check out other exciting news from the Clean Coalition, jump to the various news sections below:

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The Clean Coalition appreciates your ongoing support as we aim to make *clean local energy accessible now*. We look forward to bringing you more exciting news as our CLEAN California Campaign moves forward.

Sincerely,

Craig Lewis
Executive Director, Clean Coalition

CLEAN California Campaign Launch

The Clean Coalition has mobilized a broad partnership of business, community, and environmental groups to accelerate the development of California's clean energy economy by launching the CLEAN California Campaign. The CLEAN California Partners include the Clean Economy Network, the Los Angeles Business Council, the US Green Building Council California Chapters, the Galvin Electricity Initiative, the Local Clean Energy Alliance, the American Biogas Council, Pacific Environment, Global Exchange, and many other organizations, including private companies. The full list of Partners is available at the Campaign's website, www.EnergyJobsNow.org.

The Clean Coalition is leading the legislative and regulatory initiatives of the Campaign: (1) to require standard, long-term CLEAN Contracts for utilities to purchase renewable energy from new local projects; and (2) to make distribution grid interconnection costs and timeframes reasonable and predictable. A CLEAN Program tailored for California will result in new clean energy projects on the ground right now, while maximizing clean energy job creation, attracting billions of private investment dollars, boosting state and local government budgets, and reducing electric bills.

The launch was featured in many media outlets, including [Grist](#), [Solar Server Magazine](#), and [ABC News](#). For more information about the CLEAN California launch, click [here](#) to see the press release. We will kick off a series of webinars with a presentation on the CLEAN California Campaign in late May.

Upcoming Events

[May 11-12, 2011 | Ceres 2011 - Igniting Innovation. Scaling Sustainability | Oakland, CA](#)

Craig Lewis, Executive Director, will present on CLEAN programs during the "Clean energy policies: Alive and well" session on Wednesday, May 11 at 10:15 a.m.

[June 2-4, 2011 | Colorado Renewable Energy Conference | Fort Collins, CO](#)

Craig Lewis, Executive Director, will be speaking on the "Fort Collins' Solar Incentive" panel on Friday, June 3 at 11 a.m.

[June 13-16, 2011 | Clean Technology 2011 Conference & Expo | Boston, MA](#)

Craig Lewis, Executive Director, will be speaking on the "Technology & Policy of Climate Change" panel on Wednesday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m.

See [website](#) for additional upcoming events.

About The Clean Coalition

The Clean Coalition is a non-profit organization whose mission is to make clean local energy accessible now. Our top goal is to implement policies and programs that accelerate the adoption of cost-effective clean local energy across the United States. The Clean Coalition believes that the right policies will result in a timely transition to clean energy while yielding tremendous economic benefits, including new job creation, increased tax revenue, and the establishment of an economic foundation that will drive growth for decades. The Clean

Nevada: Advancing CLEAN Legislation

Clean local energy advocates in Nevada reached out to the Clean Coalition to help craft and advocate for Senate Bill 184, a Nevada bill that would create a CLEAN pilot program for the state. Jim Woolsey, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and a member of the Clean Coalition's Board of Advisors, and Ted Ko, Associate Executive Director of the Clean Coalition, visited Nevada to successfully get SB184 through a key Senate committee and push for passage in the full Senate. With the help of our efforts, the bill passed in the Senate on April 26. To read more about the bill, see the Nevada News Bureau [article](#) on the legislation.

New Addition to the Board of Advisors: Kurt E. Yeager, Executive Director at Galvin Electricity Initiative

The Clean Coalition is pleased to announce that [Kurt E. Yeager](#) has joined its Board of Advisors. Mr. Yeager currently serves as the Executive Director of the Galvin Electricity Initiative and has authored more than 200 technical publications on energy and environmental topics throughout his career. Prior to joining the Galvin Electricity Initiative, Mr. Yeager served as President and CEO of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). Mr. Yeager joins a distinguished group on the Board of Advisors, including Governor Ritter, Terry Tamminen, Dan Kammen, and more than a dozen additional clean technology and policy luminaries. The full biographies of all members of the Board of Advisors are available [here](#).

California: PG&E's Grid Map Plans

Thanks to the Clean Coalition's hard work on the Renewables Auction Mechanism (RAM), PG&E recently released an online distribution system Google map that does much to improve PG&E's grid transparency. Registered users can click on a line to see the circuit name, nominal circuit voltage, circuit capacity, circuit loading information, and the amount of distributed generation already on the circuit. This significant step forward towards grid transparency represents a victory for the Clean Coalition. Much work remains to be done, however, because PG&E's map must include line section information, in addition to circuit information, if it is to be of use to developers seeking to interconnect under the expedited Fast Track procedure – the Clean Coalition's primary goal in promoting increased grid transparency. Learn more about our efforts to increase grid transparency [here](#).

FERC Fails to Exercise Oversight Over Utilities

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued two orders on April 29 conditionally approving PG&E's and SCE's interconnection reform proposals. The utilities proposed the changes to resolve a heavy backlog of interconnection requests that have accumulated over the last two years due to a dramatic increase in renewable energy proposals. This increase is welcome news for Californians and the environment, but it has led to problems with the utility interconnection procedures. The Clean Coalition called for dramatically improved grid and queue transparency, as well as a substantial reduction in the long timelines for interconnection (an average of two years). The California Public Utilities Commission and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) also weighed in with strong concerns about the proposals. FERC approved every aspect of the utilities' proposals with one condition – which was a key victory for the Clean Coalition: the utilities must report the details of their new interconnection procedures on a monthly basis for 24 months and post these details on their websites. This is a key step toward increased transparency and accountability for the utilities. The Clean Coalition will monitor this data and remain involved in improving interconnection procedures through regulatory proceedings and legislation. The Clean Coalition's public submission for FERC is available [here](#).

Coalition is active at the national, state, and local levels.

Support the Clean Coalition

The Clean Coalition is actively seeking financial backing in order to strengthen our efforts.

If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Clean Coalition, please contact us at Development@Clean-Coalition.org

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