

## 25. **CALIFORNIA:** Labor, business groups launch push for local renewables (04/26/2011)

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A group of 25 labor, business and environmental groups are pushing for California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) to fulfill his campaign pledge of a massive local renewable energy buildout.

The CLEAN Coalition announced today it would lobby for a feed-in tariff for utilities to purchase power from small renewable projects on the distribution grid. California has several programs to promote utility purchases of local generation, but none offer a set, fixed price, as a feed-in tariff does.

Brown called for 12,000 megawatts of local renewable generation by 2020 during his campaign; by comparison, an existing state program, the California Solar Initiative, has installed less than 900 MW of solar since 2006.

The group is led by Craig Lewis of the FIT Coalition and includes the American Biogas Council, the U.S. Green Building Council and the Los Angeles Business Council, as well as environmental groups like Pacific Environment and Energy Action Coalition. Several companies have also signed on, including Westinghouse Solar and New Cycle Capital.

The coalition also includes former California EPA head Terry Tamminen, who still advises former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) on energy. He said local generation would not face the same obstacles as large, utility-scale projects. "CLEAN projects are integrated into existing buildings and disturbed lands in our communities, without delays for new transmission lines or major environmental reviews," he said.

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