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[Sungevity hiring hundreds to meet demand for solar energy in California](#)

San Francisco Business Times - Jul 8

Sungevity is ramping up hiring and looking for office space to capitalize on California's solar surge. In early 2010, Sungevity moved into about 20,000 square feet in their HQ with 50 employees. The company has since boosted employment to 215 and aims to have up to 500 on its payroll by the end of the year.

RENEWABLE ENERGY FOCUS

[Renewables 2011 Global Status Report says global growth of renewable energy continued in 2010](#)

REN21 - Jul 12

The REN21 Renewables 2011 Global Status Report shows that the renewable energy sector continues to perform well despite continuing economic recession, incentive cuts, and low natural-gas prices. In 2010, renewable energy supplied an estimated 16% of global final energy consumption and delivered close to 20% of global electricity. Renewable capacity now comprises about a quarter of total global power-generating capacity.

[Mitsubishi opens solar-powered charging station for electric vehicles in California](#)

Autos.ca - Jul 8

Mitsubishi has debuted a solar-powered charging station for electric vehicles at its headquarters in California. The facility is intended to help kick off preparations for the introduction of the company's electric vehicles to consumers in November.

[Governor Jerry Brown states support for renewable energy](#)

Mymotherlode.com - Jul 12

Governor Jerry Brown attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Blythe Solar Power Project, a plan to build the largest solar energy facility in the world. The project will create thousands of construction jobs and help California obtain 33% of its energy from renewable sources by 2020. "It makes sense to power California with renewable wind and solar energy that protects clean air and water and promotes energy independence," he said.

[House Energy and Commerce Committee seeks White House documents on Solyndra loan guarantee](#)

Washington Post - Jul 14

The Republican majority on a House Energy and Commerce Committee panel voted on Thursday to subpoena White House documents related to a \$535 million federal loan guarantee issued to California-based solar panel maker Solyndra Inc. After the 2009 approval, Solyndra ran into financial difficulty and canceled a planned public stock offering.

[DOE provides \\$11M for advanced geothermal projects in five states, including California](#)

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Through its Geothermal Technologies Program, the DOE has announced another \$11.3 million in grants will go to eight projects in five states in support of the research and development of advanced geothermal technologies. The awards will fund projects to be administered by companies in Texas, Connecticut and California (2), the Livermore and Berkeley National Labs in California and universities in Louisiana and Utah.

[U.S. geothermal industry falters due to lack of money and knowledge](#)

NY Times - Jul 12

John McIlveen, an analyst with Jacob Securities Research says the five major, publicly traded North American geothermal companies are valued at a fraction of what they were a year ago, with operational problems at several of them. Among them, Ormat Technologies is struggling with a plant in California's Imperial Valley, General market conditions and poor project execution are to blame, he says.

[Study says California leads U.S. in green jobs](#)

LA Times - Jul 14

California continued to lead the nation in the number of people with green jobs, according to a Brookings Institution study that looked at the growing influence of the so-called clean economy. Nearly 320,000 people work in such jobs as installing solar panels, making electric vehicles and running organic farms, the study found. A little less than one-third are in metro LA.

[Map pinpoints U.S. tidal power potential](#)

TG Daily - Jul 14

Several researchers from Georgia Tech, in cooperation with DOE, have created an interactive map showing the potential energy available in the nation's tidal streams. The online database shows not only ocean tides, but also plots out streams, rivers and bays, all of which are subject to daily tides and could be sources of tidal energy.

NOTABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS AND DEALS

[Clean Energy subsidiary strikes methane gas renewable energy deal in Michigan](#)

Hometownlife.com - Jul 14

A Canton company will begin to turn the methane gas generated by some 2,500 tons of municipal solid waste collected daily at the Sauk Trail Hills landfill into renewable energy after getting approval from the Canton Township board to build a renewable natural gas facility there. Canton Renewables, a subsidiary of California-based Clean Energy was also given a five-year tax abatement.

[San Diego Gas & Electric adds 150MW project to be built in Imperial Valley](#)

PVTech - Jul 9

San Diego Gas & Electric has increased its solar and renewable energy portfolio pipeline with the addition of another 190MW of resources, including a 150MW PV power plant to be developed and built in the Imperial Valley. The utility and Sempra Energy unit has announced signed power purchase agreements for

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almost 770MW of solar generation since January.

[Aide Solar and Folium Energy partner on 150MW solar project in California](#)

Solar Novus Today - Jul 14

Aide Solar, a large-scale producer of photovoltaic modules and a subsidiary of the Panjit Group, has announced that it will be working with Folium Energy as the solar module supplier for a 150MW solar power project for California utilities under the state's Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Small Renewable Generation Feed-in-Tariffs program.

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