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California delays building energy disclosure law

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Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 531 which delays the January 1, 2010 implementation of AB 1103 until a date is determined by the California Energy Resources Conservation Commission. AB 1103 requires the disclosure of energy costs as part of any sale, lease or financing of an entire California nonresidential building. AB 1103 allows the comparison of energy costs between buildings during transactions in hopes of motivating landlords to implement building energy efficiencies.

Green Building Focus

SketchUp: free 3D green building tool

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The Energy Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has updated SketchUp, Google's open-source 3D building modeling tool. This free OpenStudio plug-in helps architects create more detailed energy efficiency simulations of building designs.

Study: 92% support solar energy development

Clean Edge - October 12

The 2009 Schott Solar Barometer finds 92% of Americans support development and funding of solar energy. Also, 77% believe development of solar and other renewable sources should be a major priority of the federal government, including providing the financial support needed.

Report: who pays for green?

CB Richard Ellis - Oct 5

In "Who Pays for Green? The Economics of Sustainable Buildings," CB Richard Ellis takes an in-depth look at the costs of building green.

California investing \$3.1B in energy efficiency programs

ENS News Wire - October 2

The California Public Utilities Commission will invest \$3.1 billion in energy efficiency programs. Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric and the Southern California Gas Company will administer the programs which include residential energy efficiency retrofitting and green job training.

California's state buildings are greening fast

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More than 25 California state buildings have earned LEED certification. Click [here](#) for the list. The [Green Building Initiative](#), launched by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2004, requires state buildings to reduce their energy use by 20% by 2015.

Irvine adopts Green Building Code

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California adopted the Green Building Code in July 2008. Irvine is the first city in Orange County, and the second city in California, to voluntarily adopt California's Green Building Code.

NYC training 1,000 green building superintendents

32BJ News - September 25

New York City will train 1,000 building superintendents in energy efficient practices. The program, One Year, One Thousand Green Supers was announced by Mayor Bloomberg, Jim Berg and Mike Fishman.

NY's CPC provides \$1B to finance green retrofits

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New York's Community Preservation Corporation announced a \$1 billion loan program for green retrofits of affordable rentals and coops.

PaceNow promotes green energy loans

GreenTech Media - September 30

[PaceNow](#) has clean energy loans for retrofitting homes and commercial buildings. The City of Berkeley, California became the first governmental body to issue PACE bonds in January.

Ten business benefits of green buildings

Jetson Green - September 29

Jerry Yudelson, author of *Green Building A to Z; The Green Building Revolution; Choosing Green; and Green Building Trends: Europe*, lists 10 benefits of build green: (1) Energy and water savings; (2) Increased building values; (3) Government and utility incentives; (4) Increased rent and occupancy; (5) Higher tenant productivity and health; (6) Risk management; (7) Marketing benefits; (8) Increased reputational value; (9) Recruitment and retention of key personnel; and (10) Access to green investment funds.

Green walls gaining popularity

Associated Press - October 12

Green walls are covered in vegetation and provide natural insulation and removal of air pollutants. PNC Financial estimates that it will be 25% cooler behind its green wall in Pittsburgh.

Report Card: top sustainable colleges

College Sustainability Report Card 2010 - October 19

The Sustainable Endowments Institute published the College Sustainability Report Card 2010 with data on 332 colleges. The top sustainable colleges were named based on campus buildings, dining and student initiatives, endowment investment, transportation, and much more.

Greenbuild 2009 in Phoenix: Update

Mother Nature Network - October 14

Green building experts from around the world will converge on Phoenix, Arizona, next month for Greenbuild 2009 featuring Al Gore, Sheryl Crow, more than 100 different workshops, a Green Building Job Fair, a film festival, a special screening of Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk featuring Robert F. Kennedy Jr., tours of local green buildings, an expansive expo hall, and family programming featuring the first ever Greenbuild Children's Program.

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Philadelphia prepares for 2012 green-building conference

Philadelphia Inquirer - October 12

An estimated 30,000 green-building advocates will convene in Philadelphia for an industry conference in 2012. Preparations began this week with 300 officials from government, higher education, commerce, and nonprofit organizations, meeting to foster research, investment, collaboration, and education in green building.

Notable green building projects...

[LaQuinta - LEED Gold using terracotta rainscreens](#)

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The LaQuinta in California earned LEED Gold featuring a terracotta rainscreen to decrease mold, improve air quality, decrease HVAC costs, and help patients with immune deficiencies. Insulation outside a structural wall can increase insulation values by up to 40%.

[Platinum hoped for California school](#)

Contra Costa Times - October 19

After 7 years of planning, 15 months of construction, and a total cost of \$18 million, the Branson School in Ross, CA, is unveiling its state-of-the-art green buildings that could earn LEED Platinum.

[First LEED Platinum market test](#)

Sustainable Industries - October 14

Developer-designer Kevin Cavenaugh is testing the green market by listing his four-story mixed-use building in Portland for \$4 million. The building will be one of the first offices in the U.S. with a top-level LEED Platinum rating to be put on the market.

[CFR's Washington, DC building awarded LEED Gold](#)

CFR - October 16

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) building in Washington, DC earned LEED Gold and Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) certification with water-efficient landscaping, rainwater capture, construction waste recycling, indoor air filtration and automatic lighting.

[Digital Realty Trust earns LEED Platinum](#)

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[Digital Realty Trust](#) earned LEED Platinum for its datacenter in Silicon Valley. The facility uses 100% outside air for cooling.

[Macalester College earns LEED Platinum](#)

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A new 18,000-square-foot building on the Macalester College earned LEED Platinum low VOC paints, low-flow faucets and native landscaping.

Other: [BASF earns LEED EB O&M Silver](#)

[Fresh & Easy earns LEED Gold](#)

Fresh & Easy - September 24

The Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market in Cathedral City, California earned LEED Gold using 90% recycled steel.

[Recology earns LEED Gold](#)

CNBC - September 28

Commercial construction contractor [BCCI](#) has worked closely with waste collector [Recology Inc.](#) and with POLLACK architecture to achieve green building design and extensive recycling in its new headquarters at 50 California Street, San Francisco, CA. Recology's space features artwork created by local artists using materials recovered from San Francisco's waste stream.

[NASA earns LEED Gold](#)

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A NASA building received LEED Gold for its three-story Exploration Sciences Building with a roof designed to reflect heat and a large skylight atop a centralized staircase to bring in lots of natural light.

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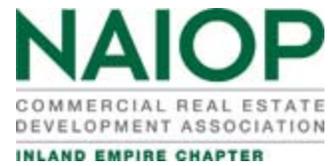
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