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#### CA - 33% green energy by 2020?

LA Times - Feb 25

Passed by the Senate and headed for the Assembly, this bill requires total energy supply in California to include 33% from renewable energy by 2020. This bill codifies Schwarzenegger's 2009 executive order.

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# Suit filed to stop 6 desert solar projects

Mojave Desert Blog

Environmental groups and Native Americans sued the Dept. of Interior (DOI) to stop 6 huge desert solar projects by alleging the DOI ignored Federal laws when it approved the projects on sacred California desert lands.

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### Survey: 42% highly interested in PACE

Sustainable Business - Feb 15

Pike Research's  $\underline{\text{survey}}$  found 42% of U.S. homeowners are highly interested in using Property Assisted Clean Energy (PACE) programs.

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# NYC or D.C. may beat Chicago with most LEED buildings

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Chicago has 223 LEED buildings, placing it first in the country. However, New York City and Washington, D.C., have planned 650 new LEED projects.

# Green building potential examined at NYC conference

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Architectural leaders discussed how green buildings help the environment.

### Five green hospital tips

Becker's Hospital Review - Feb 18

St. Luke's completed a green hospital in Idaho and shares five green tips: (1) use existing materials first; (2) install green spaces; (3) increase natural light to save energy; (4) use technology to control utility use; and (5) expand recycling programs.

#### German green building taking hold in U.S.

USA Today - Feb 17

German Passivhaus building standard is catching on in the U.S. using ultra-efficient insulation and air sealing to reduce energy usage.

#### Web tool for LEED-AP's to check their status

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GBCI's online tool helps LEED AP's and LEED Green Associate's maintain their status.

# Facility offers LEED and solar training

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Inter-City offers training in LEED certification, solar installation, BPI, NATE and OSHA.

#### GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS

#### Virginia hotel earns LEED Silver

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The Hilton Garden Inn in Arlington, Virginia, earned LEED Silver and features: (1) roofs that reduce heat island effect and impede storm-water discharge; (2) high-efficiency mechanical and electrical systems; and (3) recycling 90% of the construction waste.

#### Wisconsin building earns LEED Platinum

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ESI's Gateway West office building earned LEED Platinum and features: (1) life-cycle costing; (2) high-performance envelope; and (3) high-efficiency mechanical systems.

#### Dinerstein earns LEED Gold and Silver in 3 states

Marketwire - Feb 15

The Dinerstein Co.'s San Diego apartment complex earned LEED Gold and two apartment buildings in Florida and Texas earned LEED Silver.

#### Bank is first in Wyoming to receive LEED Gold

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Pinnacle Bank of Wyoming earned LEED Gold and features high-efficiency heating, insulation, low-flow plumbing and drought-resistant landscaping.

# MHI promises to building 300 LEED homes

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