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green power, reports, studies and funding

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Welcome to the *Green Power News Update*. This is a summary of the stories that ran during **May 2017**. New stories are added throughout the month to make sure you always know what is happening in our fast-changing industry. Check back often to see what's new!

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Source: EPA Green Power Partnership, 5/25/17

CESA webinar recording available online

You can now download slides and a recording of the webinar, "Should There Be a Clean Peak Standard?", presented by the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) May 9.

Don't forget to register for CESA's next webinar, "**New York's Clean Energy Standard**," scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 12-1 pm MT

Source: Clean Energy States Alliance, 5/9/17

FEMP training covers requirements, applications for advanced metering systems

The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) provides training to foster and maintain a high-performance workforce to construct, operate, and maintain facilities in an energy-efficient, sustainable, and cost-effective manner. Topics include proven, cutting-edge technologies and business practices to help agencies meet their energy, water, and sustainability goals dictated by federal laws and **requirements**.

Source: Federal Energy Management Program, 5/5/17

What Is The New Solar Homes Partnership?

The California Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) is part of the comprehensive statewide solar program, known as the California Solar Initiative. The NSHP provides financial incentives and other support to home builders, encouraging the construction of new, energy efficient solar homes that save homeowners money on their electric bills and protect the environment.

Applicants are encouraged to submit reservation applications and payment claims using the online application tool, when possible.

New reservation applications and payment claims submitted by mail must be sent to the Energy Commission at the address identified on the [GoSolar California contacts page](#). All inquiries must be directed to the Energy Commission at 844-421-6229.

Source: GoSolar California, 5/4/17

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Reports and Studies

Shared renewables scorecard webinar now online

If you missed Interstate Renewable Energy Council's May 19 webinar on the national shared renewables program scorecard, you can download a [recording](#) and the [slide deck](#).

Source: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, 5/20/17

Download CESA webinar on solar for low-income customers

If you were unable to attend our webinar today, "Bringing the Benefits of Solar to Low-Income Customers," Slides and a recording have been posted on the Clean Energy States Alliance website.

The [report](#) featured in this webinar is also available online.

This webinar and report were produced by the CESA as part of the Sustainable Solar Education Project. Check out more [information and resources](#) on solar equitability and consumer protection.

Source: Clean Energy States Alliance, 5/18/17

IREC Releases Energy Storage Guide for Policymakers

A new tool published by IREC, [Charging Ahead: An Energy Storage Guide for State Policymakers](#) provides regulators and other decision makers with specific guidance on key issues for policy consideration, including foundational policies for advanced energy storage—a new generation of technologies characterized by flexible operating capabilities and diverse applications.

Charging Ahead aims to address that gap by providing an in-depth discussion of the most urgent actions to take in order to enable viable energy storage markets that effectively empower states to take advantage of the full suite of advanced energy storage capabilities.

Source: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, 4/19/17

Model Rules for Shared Renewable Energy Programs

Revised in collaboration with The Vote Solar Initiative, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council updated the model rules to assist stakeholders in developing shared renewables programs to broaden renewable energy access to more consumers. In addition, IREC updated its guiding principles for shared renewable energy programs to illustrate better these programs' critical aspects.

Source: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, 5/17/17

CESA Guide Outlines Strategies to Bring the Benefits of Solar to Low-Income Households

The Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) has taken an in-depth look at successful and promising policies and programs that can be used to bring the benefits of solar to low-income consumers. Bringing the Benefits of Solar Energy to Low-Income Consumers, a guide authored by Bentham Paulos of PaulosAnalysis, outlines the obstacles that low-income households face in accessing solar power and provides a detailed overview of strategies that policymakers and government agencies can use to encourage low-income solar adoption

Despite increasing affordability of solar and solar-friendly policies and programs, some low-income households still face substantial obstacles to going solar: being renters and not homeowners, having low or no credit, or having little savings. Conversely, many policies that provide financial or energy assistance to the poor were not designed to access solar power. A new guide, written for CESA by Bentham Paulos of Paulos Analysis, concludes that barriers to adopting solar are not insurmountable.

The Clean Energy States Alliance is hosting a free webinar about the new guide with author Bentham Paulos on Thursday, May 18 from 1-2 pm ET. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A with the audience. Read more and [register for the webinar](#)

Source: Clean Energy States Alliance, 5/15/17

CESA webinar on energy storage available online

The Sterling Municipal Light Department has deployed a **2-megawatt/3.9 megawatt-hour battery storage system** that can isolate from the main grid in the event of a power outage and, with an existing PV array, provide up to 12 days of emergency backup power to the town's police department and emergency dispatch services. In addition to these resiliency benefits, the battery storage system will provide cost savings for both ratepayers and the utility, with an anticipated project payback period of seven years (two years after grants are applied).

Slides from this webinar are available as a [pdf](#) .

Source: Clean Energy States Alliance, 4/28/17

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Funding

FY17 and FY18 Tribal Wetland Program Development Grants

Applications Due: June 5, 2017

Interested in Federal Funding? [Learn more](#) about how to apply for funding.

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Environmental Protection Agency

The EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants to develop or refine tribal wetland programs. Comprehensive wetland programs help enable tribes to more effectively protect, restore, and manage their wetland resources.

Under this announcement, the EPA will have two separate applicant tracks for eligible applicants.

- Tribes can apply under Track One and/or Track Two
- Intertribal consortia can apply under Track Two only

See the [FOA](#).

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,644,800

Source: Van Ness Feldman, 5/10/17

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