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**RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) DAY NM
AT THE ROUNDHOUSE
Friday, January 29, 2016**



Santa Fe Sustainable
Everything Advocates



The New Mexico
Solar Energy Association
<http://www.nmsolar.org/>

The annual **Renewable Energy Day** at the New Mexico State Capitol building in Santa Fe will be on Friday, January 29th, 2016.

**ARE YOU A
MEMBER?**

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**JOIN NOW!**

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**The theme of the event is: The Future of Sustainability in NM.**

Anyone who supports the idea of Renewable Energy, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction is invited to join this gathering in a show of support at our State Capital. Claudia Pavel, the President of SFSEA states, "Our goal for this day is to raise awareness about renewable energy and sustainability in our beautiful state. We will also be speaking with members of the legislature about the extension of the NM solar tax credit which is due to expire at the end of 2016."

Exhibit tables will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor Rotunda at the Roundhouse. Expert representatives from New Mexico's Renewable Energy Industries, Organizations and Businesses will be available. Renewable technologies will be on display, including solar panels and electric cars. A press conference of select speakers will occur from 1-2 p.m. This event is open to the public and members and staff of the N.M. Legislature.

This day is being co-sponsored by SFSEA (Santa Fe Sustainable Everything Advocates) and NMSEA (New Mexico Solar Energy Association). If you would like more information about this event or to reserve an exhibit space, please

contact Claudia Pavel at 505 577-4633 or email at [Claudia@solarlogicllc.com](mailto:Claudia@solarlogicllc.com).

## RENEWABLE TAOS SHOWCASED

Renewable Taos will host a table at the State Capitol and have a position on an expert panel during the 1-2 p.m. press conference. William M. (Bill) Brown of Taos will be one of the speakers. His remarks will illuminate the rich and immediate potential for renewable energy transitions by New Mexico's Rural Electric Cooperatives. Other speakers are NM State Senator Mimi Stewart (Albuquerque), NM State Representative Sarah Maestas Barnes (Albuquerque); Global Warming Express (Santa Fe); Regina Wheeler/Taiyoko Sadewic of Positive Energy, and an Array Technologies, Inc. (Albuquerque) representative.

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FEEDBACK ON  
ALL ASPECTS OF  
OUR WORK!](#)

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY & THE 2016 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE

Renewable Taos urges you to support the following bills being considered in the 2016 NM Legislative Session:

**HB26 and SB13** -- Extensions to residential and small business solar tax credits.

**HB114** – Supports New Mexico State University microgrids and renewables research.

**HB132** -- Rep. Roberto “Bobby” J. Gonzales' bill will supply money to expand a residential energy conservation program for low-income persons.

**HB175 & SB 104** -- Several benefits for utility-scale renewable energy projects.

To view and download the bills, and to learn more about their sponsors and

their progress, see the following:

2016 Regular Session Bill Locator

[http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/bill\\_locator.aspx?year=16](http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/bill_locator.aspx?year=16)

NM Legislature Bill Finder By Number

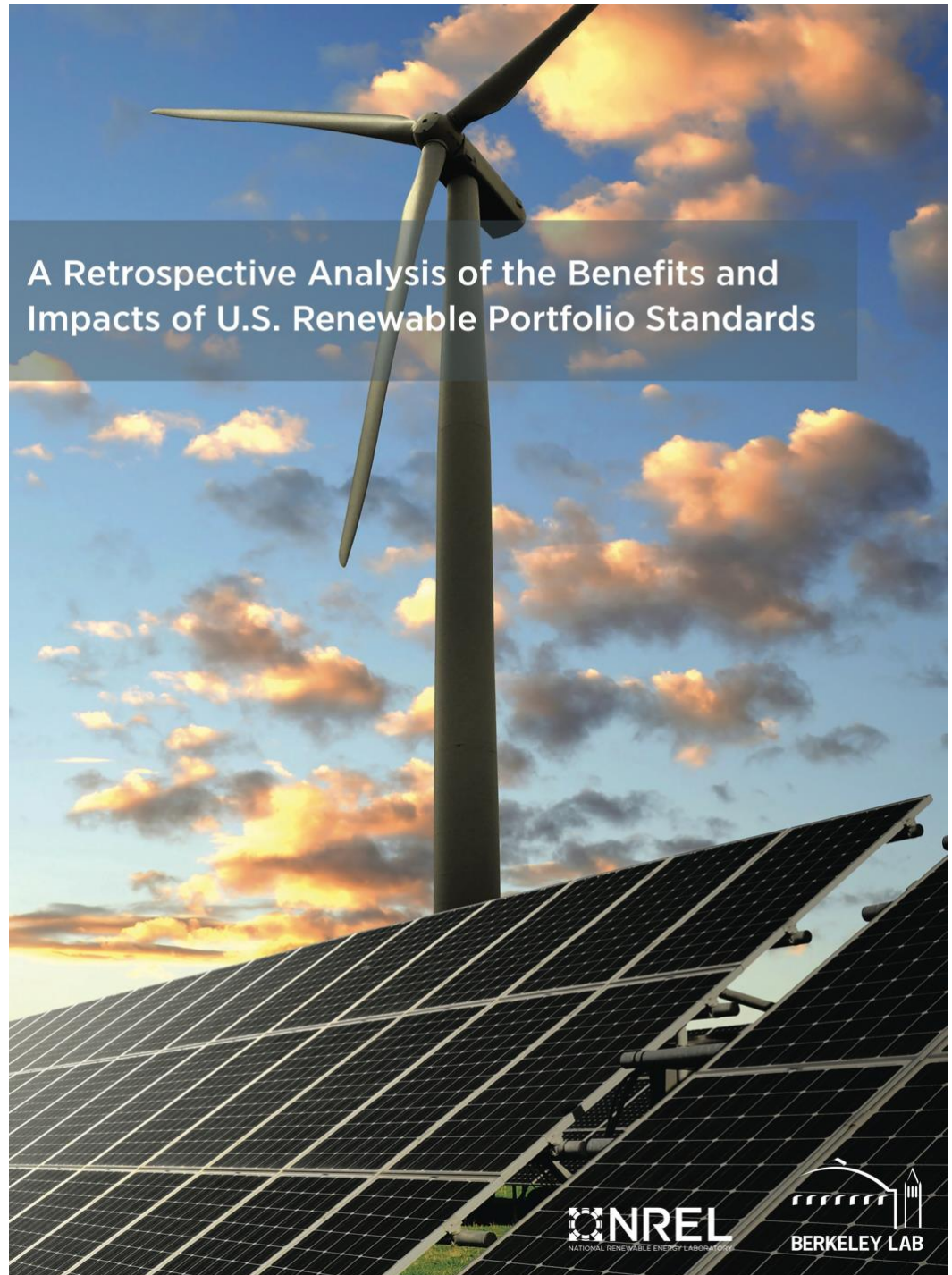
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**THE BENEFITS OF  
US RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS  
NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY  
LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY**

A new U.S. Department of Energy report (January 2016) examines the benefits and impacts of Renewable Portfolio Standards (REPs) for the USA. The researchers reveal a variety of benefits including greenhouse gases emissions reductions, air pollution emissions reductions and human health and environmental benefits, and reductions in both water withdrawals and consumption.

The DOE-NREL/LBNL study estimates that \$2.2 billion in benefits came from reduced greenhouse gas emissions and \$5.2 billion from reductions in other air pollution for state renewable portfolio standard (RPS) policies operating in 2013. The report also shows national water withdrawals and consumption were reduced by 830 billion gallons and 27 billion gallons in 2013, respectively.



You may view and download the report and related materials at:

<https://emp.lbl.gov/publications/retrospective-analysis-benefits-and>



## RENEWABLE TAOS MISSION

Renewable Taos is dedicated to promoting and facilitating a full transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency in Taos County and our surrounding region.

We advocate for local generation of renewable energy with an emphasis on local ownership. We build community partnerships to facilitate the transition to renewables, and propose and support projects. We recognize that energy efficiency is integral to the transition to renewable energy. We also work with other organizations to change the political climate in the state and country to facilitate the transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

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