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Newsletter

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NM STATEWIDE CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE A BIG SUCCESS

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) and Citizens' Climate Education - NM (CCE-NM) are hosted a statewide conference: **Getting Beyond the Climate Argument: Plugging into Solutions**. We shared live presentations among conference locations in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Taos.

CCL organizer Paul Biderman offered these comments on the event:

I just wanted to take a moment to offer my heartfelt thanks for your work that led to our successful conference on October 28, 2017. Just think of what we accomplished in this maiden voyage. Through our efforts, our tiny, all-volunteer group of planners produced:

A very well attended, highly informative and inspiring conference, attended by some 350 people statewide, on the threat to our climate and ways for each participant to become part of the solution;

Communication links among four locations in the

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state where climate advocates are working;

A strong call-out to youth in our communities to become engaged in climate action, and the beginnings of a statewide organizing efforts among them;

The attention of many of federal, state and local officials to the public demand for climate action, and to the mission and dedication of CCL in New Mexico;

Our collaboration and strengthening of working relationships with many of the state's leading groups focusing on climate change;

Relationships with significant local media outlets;

Widespread community support for CCL, and proof that donations of money, in-kind support and co-sponsorships to us are good investments; and

A turnout of about 25 people for the climate advocate training in Santa Fe on Sunday afternoon, to add new volunteers to work with us.

In short, your exhaustive efforts have established CCL as a leading representative of climate education and advocacy in the state. I think that's a big achievement, and makes me feel very proud to be associated with people of your dedication and ability.

We'll be in touch in the coming days to assess the outcomes of the conference and figure out how to carry forward the momentum begun there. But in the meantime, I wanted to be sure you knew just how much your efforts have achieved, and how I'm looking forward to continuing to work with this outstanding team.

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Renewable Taos, Inc., UNM-Taos and **Northern New Mexico Climate Change Corps** hosted Taos-area participants at Rio Grande Hall on the UNM-Taos Civic Plaza Campus.

We will share more about the event, including links to all presentations, debriefing reports, and other information in our next Renewable Taos Newsletter.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFUL LOW- INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

A new report from the **American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)** treats energy efficiency programs that are successful at reaching low-income customers. Although there are a variety of programs available, many who qualify for energy-efficiency benefits do not take advantage of them.



Learn about — and apply for — the Northern New Mexico Climate Change Corps — A million-dollar UNM-Taos project supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The program is collaborative with New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU), Las Vegas, NM. Students can continue on to BS and MS degrees at NMHU using the program.

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) promotes and enables citizen engagement in meaningful action for a livable climate



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CCL empowers and enables citizens to connect with and influence our members of Congress, telling them what we want is a livable world.

NEW MEXICO HAS CLIMATE & RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION EVENTS STATEWIDE ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS

The **ACEEE report** describes programs nationwide in the USA that have been successful in reaching low-income energy customers. Successful programs maximize participation, and deliver deep savings to those most in need.



"Energy efficiency is an effective tool for lowering the total energy costs faced by low-income customers. Increasingly, for these customers, utilities are delivering specialized programs designed to lower specific barriers to participation like lack of capital, lack of credit, and aging housing stock that may need health and safety improvements. These programs offer measures including lighting, air sealing, and insulation at little or no cost to participants."

Nearly 28% of families in the USA live on incomes below 200% of the federal poverty line. These families face large financial burdens because so much of their income goes toward paying energy utility bills. Because the costs of energy are the same for all consumers, low-income households incur an energy cost burden of about three times that of households with higher incomes.

ACEEE concluded there is no single key to success for delivering energy efficiency to low-income customers. The research says that different combinations of approaches will work best for different regions. An overall assessment supports those programs that continuously adjust their strategies over time, and recommends secure funding sources to allow such programs to continue and be more and more successful.

OUR 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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