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Newsletter

Hello, All — Remember to click on images and blue highlighted text for more information.

OUR TAOS-AREA RENEWABLE ENERGY WORK IS GETTING MORE & MORE NATIONAL ATTENTION

Beginning early 2018, Taos area progress on renewable energy has been a subject for research at three major USA universities. [The Earth Institute at Columbia University](#) in New York published [a scholarly survey of 56 cities — including Taos, NM](#) — that have made the community-wide commitment to 100% renewable energy. [The Joint Resolution on Renewable Energy](#) prepared by Renewable Taos is featured in this document.

[Professor David Hess and graduate student Haley Gentry at Vanderbilt University](#) in Tennessee are studying Renewable Taos for their project on local collaboration towards a 100% renewable energy pledge. The project is part of finding solutions to linking economic development with the greening of the economy.

[Researcher Alex DeGolia at the University of Colorado Denver School of Public](#)

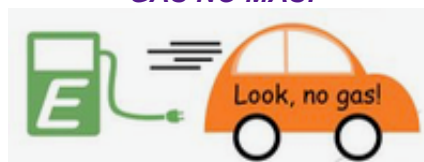
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TAOS ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO, SEPTEMBER 8TH

ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION GAS NO MAS!



JOIN US NOW FOR THIS BIG EVENT! WE NEED YOU!

Have your own EV? Bring it to the Expo and show it off. Spread the word. Solicit donations. Post flyers. Engage Taoseños in the EV conversation. Meet EV

Affairs explores how clean energy in small communities in our American West changes public opinion on climate and energy. Alex has been interviewing Renewable Taos principals and other members of our Taos area community during the past few months.

We at Renewable Taos encourage educational projects on renewable energy. We ask our members and other readers of this newsletter to support the work by providing information useful to the researchers.

THE LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY OPINIONS PROJECT SURVEY

Please take a few minutes of your time to express your opinions about renewable energy.

Go to: <https://www.localenergyopinions.com>

Learn about the project, and click on **TAKE THE SURVEY!** at the top of the page.

DELTA-MONTROSE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION (DMEA)

SERVING UP ELECTRICITY INNOVATION AND BROADBAND IN RURAL WESTERN COLORADO

DMEA is a Rural Electric Cooperative with almost the same number of members as **Kit Carson Electric Co-op (KCEC)**. Both DMEA and KCEC promote and build renewable energy generation facilities, battery energy storage, electric vehicle charging, Internet connectivity, and a new look at their wholesale electricity contracts.



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Delta-Montrose Electric Association Cooperative (DMEA) serves 27,000 customers in western Colorado.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance recently featured DMEA's work in its **Community Networks** program. Community Networks mostly features rural communities that invest in their own Internet and electrical infrastructure to promote economic prosperity and improve quality of life.

In a recent **31-minute podcast**, DMEA Board Members John Gavan and Brad Harding discuss **DMEA's Elevate Fiber-To-The-Home network**. They also discuss how the project is "...part of a larger effort to cope with the loss of electricity

enthusiasts.

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LEARN ALL ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND WHICH ONES ARE BEST FOR YOU

RIDING THE BLUE MARBLE AN ILLUSTRATED MEDITATION ABOUT PLANET EARTH

BY THE REVEREND DR. DAVE WASSERMAN



"This poetic book is for people who are concerned about the changes happening in our environment, who welcome a spiritual perspective on life's purposes, and who are awed by the incredible beauty of our traveling planetary home."

demand due to job losses in the coal industry and a desire to stay on the cusp of innovation." KCEC is in a similar situation with a substantial loss of electricity demand since the closure of the [Chevron Molybdenum Mine near Questa in 2014](#).

Renewable Taos, Inc. routinely works with DMEA, KCEC and other [Rural Electric Cooperatives \(RECs\) in New Mexico and Colorado](#). Most of these RECs face similar challenges. Many are seeking new business models and wholesale electricity contracts. The more innovative RECs will succeed by providing cleaner energy at predictable prices for their customers while boosting local economic growth.



"Since 1974, the Institute for Local Self-Reliance has been working to enable communities with tools to increase economic effectiveness, reduce wastes, decrease environmental impacts and provide for local ownership of the infrastructure and resources essential for community well-being."

CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE ACTION POLICY SUCCEEDS

DAUNTING CARBON REDUCTION TARGETS OF 2006 MET AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AS STATE ECONOMY BOOMS

California Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) is the pioneering [Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006](#). AB 32 requires a sharp reduction in greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions, and a transition to a sustainable, low-carbon future.

Under AB 32 provisions, California lowered its GHGs emissions to 1990 levels by 2016 — four years ahead of the target date of 2020. California achieved this remarkable result without sacrificing economic growth, without driving businesses out of



Rev. Dr. Dave Wasserman will offer a free reading from [RIDING THE BLUE MARBLE](#) at SOMOS in Taos on August 23rd at 5:00 P.M.

ARE HEAT WAVES AROUND OUR PLANET CAUSING YOU TO MELT DOWN?



JOIN OTHERS STATEWIDE IN NEW MEXICO WHO ARE TAKING ACTION EVERY DAY ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

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state, without hindering energy production, and without killing jobs and investment.

The opposition to AB 32 was fierce and immense, and opposition forces predicted every imaginable calamity for California if AB 32 was implemented.

Los Angeles Times

"California's ability to reach its AB 32 target without major strife or economic sacrifice, and to do so ahead of schedule, should be a powerful rebuttal to naysayers."

California's experience with AB 32 is an inspiration for communities, cities, states and countries seeking to cut carbon and other GHGs emissions without damaging their economies.

As California has proven, well conceived and well implemented policy can readily enable the sustainable climate and energy solutions our planet so desperately needs.



[Click Here for AB 32 and Climate Change Fact Sheets, FAQs and Useful Links](#)

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



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energy efficiency.

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