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Sustainability News From Around the Bay Area

Save the date:
Thursday, Feb. 28
8:30 to 11:30 am

Bay Area Alliance quarterly meeting on
Strengthening the Sustainable Communities - Climate Change Nexus

How can we protect the climate and boost our region's sustainability? Come hear about some exciting initiatives doing just that - Green Collar Jobs, the Regional Transportation Plan, FOCUS, and PG&E's Business Sustainability initiatives.

Will Travis of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission will present a Climate Change Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Region.

Also our new Climate Change and Smart Growth working groups will meet. Join Us!

Location: BCDC
50 California Street, Ste 2600, San Francisco.
BART: Embarcadero
Date: February 28
Time: 8:30am to11:30am

The Sustainability Wire profiles a slice of sustainability initiatives from the business, local government and non-profit arenas of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Peninsula Cities Fight Global Warming

Over 20 cities in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties have decided to join forces to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. With leadership from the Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network, ICLEI, and the Bay Area Air Quality Managment District, all twenty cities will have their city government's emissions calculated, from electricity usage in government buildings to tailpipe emissions for employee commutes. Once they have that data in September, they will develop their Climate Action Plans. More info: www.jointventure.org/programs-initiatives/climateprotection/climateprotection.html

Green Collar Jobs in the Bay Area

Two new reports scope out the potential of the green economy to generate quality jobs in the Bay Area's low-income communities and communities of color. Check out these recent publications: *"Community Jobs in the Green Economy" and "Green Collar Jobs: An Analysis of the Capacity of Green Businesses to Provide High Quality Jobs for Men and Women with Barriers to Employment".* View reports at: www.greenforall.org/resources/index.html

Smart Growth Grants

MTC and ABAG have issued a call for applications for the Station Area and FOCUS Planning grant program. Stations areas along Resolution 3434 Transit lines and all FOCUS Priority Development Areas are welcome to apply. Planning grants up to $750,000 are available for localized planning efforts. More info: www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/smart_growth/#stations
Applications are due by **February 29, 2008.**

RSVP: allison@bayareaalliance.org

watch our website for more details: bayareaalliance.org

it's a rewarding commute

Want to get rewarded for carpooling or biking to work? RideSpring has an on-line system to help connect employees who want to car-pool and offers a local rewards program. www.ridespring.com

let's ask the kids..

What do your children think of the future?
EnVision 2050: Is the Future Nature? is looking for poster art works, designs and ideas created by students in grade 6 through 12. They are encouraged to think about the future of tomorrow's cities, from how they will look to how people will move within them, with an eye towards nature and natural processes. www.urbanrevision.com

awards

Call For Entries

Second Annual Regional Awards Program
Growing Smarter Together

Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2008

www.abag.ca.gov/smarter.html

EVENTS

February 8-9, 2008
Engineers for a Sustainable World Conference
The 2008 ESW Conference will bring together leading faculty, students, and industry partners for a constructive dialogue on global sustainability.
Location: San Francisco
More info: **www.eswusa.org/conference/2008/registration.asp**

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EVENTS

February 13, 2008
Global Players: What does it mean to be green?
Come hear BMW, Google,and Lufthansa talk about their green strategies
Location: Google, Mountain View
More info: www.gaba-network.org/

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EVENTS

February 20, 2008
Forum: Green Building Finance & Investment
Where the Green Building Industry and the Financial Community Come Together to Catalyze Finance and Investment.
See How Green Building Deals Will Get Done in 2008!
Keynote Speaker: Jim Wunderman, Bay Area Council
Location: San Francisco
More Info: guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?1Q,P1,D86240BF-BA60-42F6-9DBE-349164E5E6CB

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February 28, 2008
Strengthening the Sustainable Communities - Climate Change Nexus
Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Communities quarterly meeting
Location: San Francisco
More info: above and www.bayareaalliance.org

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March 5-8, 2008
The Third National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice and Smart Growth
Join a diverse mix of leaders and advocates from the non-profit, public policy, philanthropy, government, business, and academic sectors—all of whom share a commitment to the belief that everyone should have the opportunity to participate and prosper in society.
Location: New Orleans, LA
More info: **www.regionalequity08.org**

EVENTS

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Thursday March 6
Amory Lovins
Co-founder, Rocky Mountain Institute
Author: Natural Capitalism * Winning the Oil Endgame * Factor Four
Location: San Francisco
More info: www.calacademy.org/events/march_2008.php

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Monday March 24
Bill McKibben
Nature writer, Environmentalist
Author: Deep Economy * The End of Nature
Location: San Francisco
More info: www.calacademy.org/events/march_2008.php

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