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New Bioenergy Association of California to Promote Bioenergy Production

Sacramento, Calif., February 11, 2013 – A new association organized to promote bioenergy generation in California will be officially launched at an event in Sacramento on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Called the [Bioenergy Association of California \(BAC\)](#), the organization was formed by companies and agencies with an interest in promoting sustainable bioenergy development in California. [Julia Levin](#), former Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy at the California Resources Agency, is serving as the organization's executive director.

"Bioenergy is creating jobs and economic development while producing renewable energy for homes and businesses, and renewable fuels for motor vehicles," said [Neil Black](#), president of CalBio and chair of the BAC Board. "It also protects public health and safety by reducing landfill waste, wildfire risks and greenhouse gas emissions, and can significantly reduce air and water pollution."

The Bioenergy Association of California's founding members include the [American Biogas Council](#), [Biogas Equity2](#), the [California Association of Sanitation Agencies](#), [California Bioenergy](#), [CleanWorld](#), [Harvest Power](#), [CR&R](#), [Phoenix Energy](#), [MT-Energie USA](#), [Placer County Air Pollution Control District](#), [The Prasino Group](#), [The Climate Trust](#), [TSS Consultants](#), [Waste Management](#) and [West Biofuels](#).

"California is poised for huge growth in bioenergy development," said Levin. "The Bioenergy Association of California will lead the way and ensure that recently enacted state policies help the industry to grow quickly and sustainably, and in the process make California a world leader in bioenergy."

The organization focuses on promoting community-scale bioenergy generation from organic waste sources through policy advocacy, public education and outreach, research and

communication of industry best practices. Bioenergy includes electricity, biogas, renewable liquid fuels, and combined heat and power.

Organic waste sources include dairy and agricultural waste, food and food processing wastes, other organic urban wastes, wastewater treatment, forest biomass and water treatment gas and wastes. Using these sources for bioenergy generation reduces greenhouse gas emissions and wildfire risks, and diverts material from landfills.

The organization is holding a kick-off reception at the [Sutter Club in Sacramento](#), from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Attendees include Bioenergy Association of California members, other industry leaders, members of the Governor Brown Administration, elected officials and agency leaders, and research and environmental groups.

The BAC is open to bioenergy producers, suppliers, service providers, researchers and other experts, consultants, nonprofits and public agencies, individuals, and others interested in promoting sustainable bioenergy development in California. More information is available at www.bioenergyca.org.

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