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## Berkeley Climate Change Network — March 7, 2023

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### 1. **BERC Energy Summit Weds and Thursday This Week**

"Making the Energy Transition Work" WEDS afternoon and THURS all day at Haas is the largest student-led energy conference in the country. Students, researchers, policy makers, industry leaders and entrepreneurs! Get all info and tickets [here](#).

### 2. **Does Daylight Savings Time Really Save Energy (new paper)**

Severin Borenstein (Energy Institute at Haas) has a new co-authored paper "[When We Change the Clock, Does the Clock Change Us?](#)" — the twice-yearly debate on Daylight Time, energy and economic activity. (Spring Forward this Sat. nite). And, while you are shape-shifting, check out Energy Institute's Andy Campbell [blogging on one of our greatest climate challenges](#) - the Energy Grid.

### 3. **White House Forum WEDS 8th (Zoom): Campus and Community-Scale Climate Change**

Join the University's Chief Sustainability Officer Matt St. Clair and a cast of thousands (on Zoom) for a two-hour White House forum tomorrow (WEDS) at 10 am PST. Register

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#### **4. Cool Job: Berkeley Seeks New Associate Vice Chancellor for Research**

Kathy Yelick, our Vice Chancellor for Research is inviting [nominations](#), including self-nominations, for the position of **Associate Vice Chancellor for Research (AVCR)**. Full-time position starting July 1. "As Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR), I am committed to Berkeley's excellence in all its domains of research, scholarship, and creative accomplishment, and to the value of integrating research across domains. The AVCR will work with me to oversee and bring strategic leadership to the VCR's portfolio of interdisciplinary research units, museums and field stations; support development of multidisciplinary collaborations that include contributions from all parts of our campus; and increase extramural support for these efforts."

#### **5. Watch What We Wish For: Record Snowpack and Rain-on-Snow Floods?**

Pacific Institute founder Peter Gleick and UCLA's Daniel Swain riff on the warning for later this week — [warm rain on massive snowpack could = big floods downstream](#). Remember 1997? 1862?

#### **6. Limited Submission Campus Competition: DOE Carbon Capture Demo Projects**

The VRCO has announced a limited submission competition for the U.S. DOE's **Carbon Capture Demonstration Projects**. Notices of Intent are due March 21. Get all the info [here](#).

#### **7. New Campus \$\$\$ Opportunity: DEIBJ — Climate, Sustainability & Environmental Justice**

UDAR's Ryan Lawrence writes about the big Earth Week opportunity to participate in their thematic giving hub, [Giving Opportunities: DEIBJ](#), focused this year on Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Justice. The campaign will launch on April 19 and close on April 26. Participants will create an online giving page that showcases their program, recruit online giving ambassadors, and promote the campaign among their networks. Get complete info [here](#). Questions? [ryanjl@berkeley.edu](mailto:ryanjl@berkeley.edu)

#### **8. UPDATE: Berkeley Grant News on the UCOP \$100M for Climate Action**

We now know that UCOP approved 39 LOIs led by a Berkeley PI and declined another 25. We are now starting to support the teams that are preparing full proposals and assessing how we can possibly offer staff assistance to some of the great projects that were declined. Stay tuned please. Questions? email [brucerjordani@berkeley.edu](mailto:brucerjordani@berkeley.edu)

#### **9. Hydrogen is HOT — Who is Working on H at Berkeley or LBL?**

BCCN would like to know if you (or someone at the table next to you) is working on Hydrogen solutions. [Hidden Hydrogen: Does the Earth Hold Vast Stores of Renewable, Carbon-Free Fuel?](#)

#### **10 IGT's Jill Banfield Wins Award Only Given Every 10 Years (and 1st woman ever!)**

The Innovative Genomics Institute's Microbiology Director Jill Banfield just received the [2023 van Leeuwenhoek Medal](#) — given only every 10-12 years - in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments in microbiology, including applications for biological carbon capture. The first woman to win the award in 125 years! Read all about it [here](#).

#### **11. CCCI Call for Proposals — Climate Research for China and California**

The California-China Climate Institute (Berkeley Law and RCNR) has issued a [call for proposals](#) for research projects related to California, China and/or comparative California-China **climate policy and implementation**. Total max award is \$60,000 and applications are due March 31. See the details [here](#).

#### **12. EPA Seeks Input on Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grant Program**

Dave Trinkle (Berkeley Research Development Office) tips us off that EPA is [soliciting comments](#) on the EJ and CJ Block Grant Program. This includes "new and innovative strategies and approaches for competition design, community engagement, equitable distribution of financial resources, grantee eligibility for funding, capacity building and outreach, and technical assistance." Specific questions in the RFI concern ECJ program design, eligible projects, eligible recipients, reporting and oversight, and technical assistance to eligible entities, as well as general comments. **Comments due by March 17.**

#### **13. Berkeley Students: Apply by 3/15 for \$10K Art Rosenfeld Award for Energy Efficiency**

The [2023 Art Rosenfeld Award for Energy Efficiency](#) is a \$10,000 fellowship awarded to a UC Berkeley graduate student in a Ph.D., Masters, J.D., or professional program who is committed to research on energy efficiency. The deadline is March 15th.

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