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We are a non-profit, membership organization providing green building and sustainability training, seminars and events.

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### WHAT'S NEW?

#### SOLAR WORKS SUPPORTS GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

Welcome new chapter sponsor: Solar Works in Sebastopol.

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#### NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED FOR 2009-10

We added six new members to the board this year.

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#### MEET OUR NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL

Council includes Paul Hawken, David Eisenberg, Geof Syphers, Pau Dolan, Peter Bruck, Sim Van der Ryn, Andres Edwards, Pete Gang and Bruce Hammond.

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#### CHANGES TO LEED 2009 - WHAT'S NEW?

A large overhaul of the LEED rating system has occurred. So, what's new? What's it mean to your projects? Your LEED AP credential?

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### UPCOMING TOURS & CLASSES

#### OUR SPONSORS



FEB 16

**Green Building Tour @ Camelbak LEED CI**  
**Guided tour & presentation of LEED CI project**  
**Sponsored by Camelbak**

MAR 12

**Green Building Seminar: Low Energy Demand Buildings**  
**Sponsored by Firemen's Fund Insurance**

MAR 26

**Green Building Tour @ Buck Institute LEED CI**  
**Guided tour & presentation of LEED CI project**  
**Sponsored by Buck Institute**

APR 09

**Green Building Seminar: Structural Solutions in GB**  
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MAY 07

**Green Building Seminar: Healthy Indoor Environments**  
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JUL 11

**Green Building Professional Certificate Program**  
**Sponsored by Autodesk**

## GREEN BUILDING NEWS

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### **Patchwork of Green Rules Sprouts across the North Bay**

NORTH BAY – Green building is fast becoming standard building throughout the North Bay and the state.

### **Green Building Council rolls out LEED for Homes**

NORTH BAY – The U.S. Green Building Council is expanding its LEED program into residential construction, giving local homebuilders a chance to get a nationally recognized certification that has long been the gold standard for commercial green building in the U.S.

### **Napa, Marin receive grants to collect carbon data**

NAPA & MARIN COUNTIES Governments of Napa and Marin counties have banded together to tally how much of what are called greenhouse gasses are emitted inside their borders. The figures they come up with eventually will be required in project...

### **Builders looking forward to clearer LEED standards**

NAPA Bob Massaro is managing green-building documentation and certification requirements for five commercial and residential construction projects in Napa Valley, and hes looking forward to proposed changes to

the US Green Building Council's ...

### **Santa Rosa Nissan dealer going green**

SANTA ROSA work begins this week on the new green Nissan dealership, the first green Nissan agency and the first auto agency on the West Coast to go for gold LEED certification. Partners Jim Sosa, Lawrence Amador and Huxley Richardson got the go ...

### **CamelBak readies green headquarters for move**

PETALUMA CamelBak Products LLC, best known among outdoors enthusiasts and the military for hands-free backpack containers, is just a few weeks away from relocating its headquarters to south Petaluma and is vying for national recognition of its new ...

## **ABOUT REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**

### **Our Mission**

The Redwood Empire Chapter's mission is to promote the design, construction and operation of buildings in Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live, work and learn.

### **What is the Redwood Empire?**

The Chapter is named for the coastal region of Northern California where the Coastal Redwood tree (*sequoia sempervirens*) is found. Roughly, the Redwood Empire extends along the Coastal Mountains from just north of San Francisco to the Oregon border. The Redwood Empire Chapter's territory includes: Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. See [our map](#) for details.

