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California Narrows the Right of Insureds to Independent Counsel

By: Aaron P. Allan

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Reigniting Biogas in California

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The Great Ethanol Caper – A Seemingly Good Idea Gone Wrong

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California Pushes Forward in the Carbon Frontier, Overcoming Legal Challenge

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California's First Carbon Auction: Without a Hitch or Full of Glitch?

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All Politics is Local: Should State or Local Government Approve Renewable Energy Projects?

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Adaptation: The Future of Climate Change

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