Finance, water utility bonds
A bill is in the works to help California’s public water utilities pay for projects mandated by environmental laws. If the bill is passed, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and other California public water utilities will be able to issue project-specific bonds. Learn more in “Los Angeles Water Utility Backs Bill to Create New Bond Mechanism,” in The Bond Buyer on June 10, 2013.

Clean(er) energy, supply chain, innovation
Volvo Trucks is the first manufacturer to announce plans to commercialize dimethyl ether (DME)-powered heavy-duty commercial vehicles in North America.
DME can be made from a variety of sustainable feedstocks, including biogas from food and animal waste, wastewater treatment facilities, and landfills. When produced from biomass or biogas, DME can provide up to a 95 percent CO₂ reduction compared to diesel.
As well, Oberon Fuels has developed skid-mounted, small-scale production units that can cost-effectively convert biogas and natural gas into DME. The first of the production units will go online in June in California's Imperial Valley region.
There’s more detail in “Volvo Trucks to Develop DME-Powered Vehicles for North America” from Truck Body Builders, June 7, 2013.

University/industry partnership, aquaculture
"Worldwide demand for tuna increases yearly, even as tuna stocks are dwindling precipitously," Terry Bradley, a URI professor of fisheries and aquaculture, said in “URI, firm developing techniques for tuna aquaculture” on UPI.com on June 12, 2013. "What we're trying to do is produce fish in captivity and take the pressure off the wild stocks."
Bradley and Peter Mottur, director of Rhode Island-based Greenfins, are working to develop techniques to raise tuna from egg to harvest-size while creating a new sustainable industry in Rhode Island.

Forestry, first nations
Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. has long been known for setting standards in forest management. But SFI is setting standards of an equally important kind in its dealings with Canada's aboriginal people. SFI and the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business have signed a memorandum of understanding for the two groups to work together through the CCAB's progressive aboriginal relations program.
Learn more in “Forestry initiative aids relations” in the Financial Post, June 11, 2013.

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