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Community Environmental Council Announces 2013 Board of Directors Officers

*Community leaders are tapped to create innovative approaches
to getting the Santa Barbara region off fossil fuels*

Santa Barbara, CA, March 18, 2013 – The Community Environmental Council (CEC) is proud to announce its 2013 Board of Directors Officers, who will play a pivotal role in the organization's mission and leadership.

Dave Davis, the non-profit's CEO/Executive Director, has also been named President of the Board in an innovative move to lead the Community Environmental Council staff and Board of Directors by utilizing his decades of experience in the community. Mr. Davis served as the City of Santa Barbara's Community Development Director and City Planner for almost 25 years before retiring from public service. He has been named "Planner of the Year" by the Santa Barbara Citizen's Planning Association as well as "Citizen of the Year" by the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization. Mr. Davis has been recognized for distinction by the Pacific Coast Business Times in "Who's Who in Clean Tech and Sustainability."

"Dave's background, insight, wisdom and management style were the driving force in our decision as a Board to elect him President. Dave is a true leader and we are all looking forward to his leadership in the coming months to take us to new heights," said CEC board member Jeff Carmody.

Jeff Carmody of Agility Capital has been named 1st Vice President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Carmody has an extensive background in venture debt financing as a Founding Partner and Chief Operating Officer of [Agility Capital](#). Agility provides short term financing to emerging growth companies throughout the western US. Mr. Carmody has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast MIT Enterprise Forum and has chaired the Steering Committee for the Business & Technology Awards Dinner benefitting the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara County. Mr. Carmody is also the chair of CEC's Executive Committee, and serves on the Finance Committee and Endowment Committee.

Andrew Lemert, Director of Information Technology for The [Towbes Group, Inc.](#), has been named 2nd Vice President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Lemert has over 15 years of experience designing, implementing and managing technology systems for corporations, non-profit and civic organizations. His passion for applied technology and systems efficiency encompasses energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy. Mr. Lemert is the chair of the CEC Board Development Committee and serves on the Executive Committee, Fund Development Committee, and CEC Solarize Task Force Committee.

Jordan benShea, owner of boutique marketing firm [SkyView Projects](#), has been named Secretary of the Board of Directors. Ms. benShea is also the Founder of the blog [Sustainable Socially](#), highlighting how to use social platforms as a new paradigm for creating a sustainable planet. Ms. benShea is also the Board Liaison for the Partnership Council, and serves on the Executive Committee, Fund Development Committee, Board Development Committee, Solarize Task Force, Green Gala Committee and advises on Earth Day and Carrot Mob marketing.

Brian Fahnestock, Vice President of Business Development at [Simpler Systems](#), has been named Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Simpler Systems creates data search, inquiry and reporting technologies for use over the

Internet or mobile devices. Mr. Fahnstock has over 20 years of experience in private industry and government financial management. Mr. Fahnstock serves on the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee and Endowment Committee.

About the Community Environmental Council (CEC)

Since 1970, CEC has led the Santa Barbara region – and at times California and the nation – in creative solutions to some of the toughest environmental problems. Today CEC is focused on eliminating the use of fossil fuels in the Central Coast region in one generation – Fossil Free by '33. Find the CEC on the web at www.cecsb.org, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cecsb and on Twitter at #CECSB.

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