



# MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT:** Certification of new Marin 'Green Businesses'.

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Award certificates.

**SUMMARY:** The Marin County Board of Supervisors launched the Marin Green Business program in April 2002 and has certified 290 businesses to date. The Marin Green Business program is a part of the larger Bay Area Green Business Program which now includes all nine counties and over 1,600 businesses.

The Marin County Green Business Program creates opportunities for businesses to embrace solutions that will protect the economic and environmental resources of our community. It recognizes businesses for going beyond compliance with regulatory requirements and conducting operations that are good for both their "bottom line" and the environment. The program has three goals:

- Help businesses reduce consumption of water and energy while reducing pollution and waste
- Award certificates to qualifying businesses
- Improve the environment of Marin and the Bay region

This month 31 new businesses are qualified to receive certification, bringing the Marin County total to 321. Example measures adopted by some of the green businesses receiving recognition this month include:

- Upgrades to facilities that include energy and water savings equipment.
- Office practices that include purchasing recycled content or reused materials, cleaning with less toxic products and reducing paper use.
- Emission reduction measures that include home based businesses and the use of local materials.

**The 31 businesses to be certified as Marin Green Businesses are:**

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| 1) Accolo, Inc., Larkspur                         | 18) Page Print Management + Design,<br>Mill Valley      |
| 2) Ad infin Item, Inc., San Rafael                | 19) Propville, San Rafael                               |
| 3) Ascend Innovations, Inc., San Rafael           | 20) Redhorse Constructors, San Rafael                   |
| 4) Bank of Marin, Mill Valley                     | 21) Renaissance Graphic Design, Fairfax                 |
| 5) Best Western Corte Madera Inn                  | 22) Rolling Thunder Group, Inc.,<br>San Rafael          |
| 6) Bolinas Community Center                       | 23) Ruth Dunmire, Fairfax                               |
| 7) The Coffee Roastery, Fairfax                   | 24) Sloat Design Group, San Rafael                      |
| 8) Equator Estate Coffees and Teas,<br>San Rafael | 25) St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin,<br>San Rafael |
| 9) Grilly's, Fairfax                              | 26) Stinson Beach Market                                |
| 10) Grilly's, Mill Valley                         | 27) Sustainable Fairfax                                 |
| 11) Guckenheimer at Autodesk, San Rafael          | 28) Ten Inverness Way Bed & Breakfast                   |
| 12) Jackson's Hardware, San Rafael                | 29) WIGT Printing, Mill Valley                          |
| 13) Julie Young, DDS, Corte Madera                | 30) Wipeout Bar & Grill, Greenbrae                      |
| 14) La Fleuriste, Tiburon                         | 31) Zeimer's Advertising Shoppe,<br>San Rafael          |
| 15) Local Flora, San Rafael                       |   |
| 16) The Loop, Mill Valley                         |   |
| 17) Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce               |   |

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

Reviewed By:

[ ] Auditor-Controller [X] N/A  
[ ] County Counsel [X] N/A  
[ ] Human Resources [X] N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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