



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 375 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 2,000 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 12 new businesses are qualified to receive certification, bringing the Marin County total to 387. 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 12 businesses to be certified as Marin Green Businesses are:

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| 1) Advanced Hyperbaric Recovery of Marin, Larkspur | 7) Muir Woods Trading Company, Mill Valley |
| 2) APEX Motorworks, Novato | 8) Rickey's Restaurant, Novato |
| 3) Children's Cottage Cooperative, Larkspur | 9) Soluna Health, Inc., Sausalito |
| 4) Clean Garbage Can, San Anselmo | 10) Sun Valley Elementary School, San Rafael |
| 5) Financial Connections Group, Inc., Corte Madera | 11) Weeplant Corporation, San Rafael |
| 6) Law Offices of Marlene P. Getchell, San Rafael | 12) Whipper Snapper, San Rafael |

FISCAL IMPACT: There is 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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