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Community Environmental Council Welcomes New Board Members

*Community leaders bring new experiences and expertise crucial to getting the
Santa Barbara region off fossil fuels*

Santa Barbara, CA, November 19, 2013 - The Community Environmental Council (CEC) is proud to announce the addition of two new Board members to its Board of Directors, both of whom bring a range of experiences and expertise important to the organization's mission and direction.

Karl L. Hutterer, Ph.D. is well known in the Santa Barbara area after serving as the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History from 2000 to 2012, where he was instrumental in the renovation of the Sea Center and the continued development of the museum's educational programming. From 1990 to 2000, Hutterer served as the Director of the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Washington while holding an appointment as Professor of Anthropology.

He has held positions at universities around the world including in the Philippines, at the University of Hawaii, the East-west Center in Hawaii, Bryn Mawr College, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. As an archaeologist, Hutterer has conducted research in Germany, Hawaii, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and Laos. He has been elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has served or serves on several national and state boards of museum and nonprofit organizations.

John H. Steed, J.D. joins the CEC Board with 31 years of experience in private practice after earning his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1977. Throughout his career, Steed has specialized in corporate law, financial services, and real estate transactions with private law firms in Orlando, Florida (1977-1979), Salt Lake City, Utah (1979-1981), Atlanta, Georgia (1981-1996) and Tokyo (1996-2008).

After retiring from Paul, Hastings LLP as a partner in 2008, Steed began a consulting practice where he assisted a major U.S. financial institution to establish a mortgage lending business in Japan and a large Japanese international law firm to expand its practice and enhance its relationships with U.S. and others.

After the nuclear disaster in Fukushima in 2011, Steed introduced the Aquantis C-Plane technology for using the hydrokinetic energy of steady ocean currents to generate base load electric power under development by Aquantis, Inc. in Santa Barbara to interested parties in Japan. He continues to support Aquantis in its relationship with the Japanese licensee of its technology, while investigating opportunities for collaboration between U.S. and Japanese companies in the fields of renewable energy generation and power storage.

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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