



# Santa Cruz County Business Council

## **Santa Cruz County Business Council Elects New Officers for 2014**

FREEDOM (December 31, 2013) - Peggy Dolgenos, president of Santa Cruz-based Cruzio Internet, has been elected by the Santa Cruz County Business Council's (SCCBC) Board of Directors as Chair for a one-year term beginning January 2014 through December 2014. Ms. Dolgenos previously served as Vice Chair of SCCBC in 2013, while also maintaining an active role in the organization's government affairs and infrastructure committees.

As president of Cruzio Internet, Ms. Dolgenos oversees one of the largest independent Internet service providers in California. Cruzio recently introduced previously unavailable enterprise-level Internet services to Santa Cruz County, representing a huge investment in the community. Cruzio is entrusted with providing Internet and technology services for more than 2,000 local businesses.

"I'm hoping," said Ms. Dolgenos upon accepting the position, "to continue encouraging the change that's happened in the business world in the last decade. Our local businesses care about the environment, about sustainability, about education and opportunity for a diverse population. I think many businesses are better aligned with our community as a whole, and I hope to help move forward in that spirit."

Filling the 2014 Vice Chair role will be Karl Philipovitch, Area Manager with Graniterock Construction in Watsonville. Philipovitch, a member of the Board of Directors for the past year, will continue to serve in his role as chair of the organization's Infrastructure Committee.

Mike Machado, CPA, retired partner at Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP in Watsonville, was re-elected to his position as Treasurer. Mr. Machado has served in a variety of leadership positions within SCCBC, including Co-Chair of the Board from 2008-2009. He currently serves as a consultant to a number of local organizations.

The Santa Cruz County Business Council (SCCBC), a privately funded not-for-profit organization, consists of a cross section of businesses representing multiple industries throughout the County. Established in 1996, SCCBC's mission is to advocate for economic and community vitality throughout Santa Cruz County.