Digest #120

Happy New Year! Thank you to two new Partners of the Month: WaveStaff and Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. Click on their banners below to learn more.

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Top Stories:

• What is food security? Find out what Monarch Media is doing with the Eurasian Center for Food Security at Moscow State University.

• A new series of Impact Innovation & Investor Forums will explore the issues and opportunities at the nexus of food, water, energy and climate. The first event will be held this Thurs, Jan 7, 6pm, in Salinas.

• OpenCounter is bringing lessons learned in Santa Cruz to more cities across the nation. Find out what GovTech news has to say about the citizen-centric approach to licensing and permitting in Boston.

• Beyond the $80K worth of prizes, there's another reason to participate in HACK UCSC 2016. Tech Cares category participants can use their products to promote social good.
• CSUMB hosts **Startup Weekend for the Monterey Bay region Jan 29-31**. The weekend is a 54-hour marathon offering a chance to learn the basics of developing startup businesses and launching successful ventures.

• Learn more about Erin Robinson Swink, the renowned game developer that UCSC recently appointed as **creative director of its master's program in games and playable media**.

• Community Television of Santa Cruz County (CTV) recently invited Doug Erickson, Sue Carter, and Bonnie Lipscomb to participate in a **panel discussion about Hack UCSC 2016**.
change. Be sure to check the meetup website for your event.

- Tue Jan 5, 7pm: [Drupal Group monthly meeting](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Jan 6, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Thu Jan 7, 6pm: [Ag Innovation Investor Forum](#) at Monterey County Agriculture Center, Salinas.
- Sat Jan 9, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Jan 12, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#) at The Press Club, Seaside.
- Tue Jan 12, 7pm: [Meditation for Techies](#) at 406 Mission St, Santa Cruz.
- Thu Jan 14, 6:30-9:30pm: [Screening and discussion of the film CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Jan 20, 5pm: [Santa Cruz Women's Javascript/FrontEnd Development Meetup](#) at Looker.
- Wed Jan 20, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.

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