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The Cocoanut Grove was packed last week at the 10 year anniversary of the Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup, and we all hope Doug continues to run the meetup for another 10 years.

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Ten years, 106 events, and 2120 pizzas later, the Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup celebrates its big anniversary in grand style. [Read this article.](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/-221--Beacon-Report--2120-Pizzas--FarmToIncubator--and-more-tech---.html?soid=1102136716634&aid=ARV6XC2Pv4M)

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**Events**

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the event website, just in case!
• Tue Feb 13, 6pm: **Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup** at Cruzio.

• Tue Feb 13, 6:30pm: **Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup**, Pacific Grove.

• Thu Feb 15, 8:30am-12noon: **Google AdWords and Your Business 2018** at Hotel Paradox.

• Wed Feb 21, 6:30pm: **Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup** at NextSpace.

• Wed Feb 28, 8am-4pm: **Monterey County Business Council Infrastructure Summit**, Seaside.

• Wed Feb 28, 2-6pm: **Women in Ag and Tech: Challenges and Opportunities** at CSUMB, Seaside.

• Wed Feb 28, 5:30: **Santa Cruz County AgTech Meetup at Driscoll's**, 300 Westridge Drive, Watsonville.

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