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## Digest #121

A big thank you to CSUMB for becoming our first new [partner](#) of 2016!

At least three local companies were showing off their products at CES, the big annual consumer electronics show in Las Vegas last week. If your company was also at CES and you'd like to weigh in, please [contact me](#).

January is packed with events! Check [our events page](#) or events section below.

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## Top Stories:

- CES 1: The Verge called it "the best new electric skateboard on the block." [What else did they say about Inboard's skateboard?](#) (Inboard Technologies is the local company that Central Coast Angels invested in last month.)
- CES 2: This company will "make home plumbing a bit smarter and help save you money on your utilities and costs associated with water damage while also helping protect the planet." [What else did TechCrunch say about Collopie Waterworks?](#)
- CES 3: While at CES in Las Vegas, Collopie Waterworks presented at the TechCrunch Hardware Battlefield. [Learn more about it and watch Keri and Hilary's presentation.](#)
- CES 4: "Several companies are working to try to give us a password-less future. Plantronics is hoping to



be part of that with a handy headset." [What else did Computerworld say about the Plantronics Wearable Concept 2?](#)

- AgTech: Technology is transforming agriculture, one of the world's oldest industries. The City of Salinas seeded the Steinbeck Innovation Cluster in 2012, and [Salinas is now actively embracing the coming changes.](#)
- [RSVP now for the Jan. 14 special screening of "CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap."](#) (It's free!) This documentary film depicts challenges women and minorities face in the computer industry. A panel discussion follows the film.
- Beyond Paris: The accord *"represents the biggest shift we have ever seen on this global crisis."* [What can you do to tackle climate change here in Santa Cruz?](#)
- The Jan. Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup kicked off 2016 with a packed house at their monthly event last week. [Here's what you missed.](#)
- Santa Cruz is embracing its own identity adjacent to the action in



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Silicon Valley. Save the date for this Jan. 27 panel discussion at Plantronics. [Watershed: Santa Cruz Tech Breaks Out.](#)



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## Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the meetup website for your event.

- Tue Jan 12, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup - Intro to 2016 Startup Challenge competition](#) at Cruzio.
- Tue Jan 12, 7pm: [Meditation for Techies](#) at 406 Mission St, Santa Cruz.
- Wed Jan 13, 6pm: [Launching The AgTech Growers Alliance](#) at Monterey County Agricultural Center, Salinas.
- Wed Jan 13, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup - Intro to 2016 Startup Challenge competition](#) at Small Business Development Center, Salinas.
- Thu Jan 14, 6:30-9:30pm: [Screening and panel 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.
- Wed Jan 27, 5:30pm: Panel Discussion: [Watershed: Santa Cruz Tech Breaks Out](#) at Plantronics.
- Wed Jan 27, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Jan 27, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz County AgTech Meetup](#) at Digital NEST.
- Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31, [Hack UCSC 2016](#) at UC Santa Cruz.
- Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31, [Startup Weekend Monterey Bay](#) at CSUMB.

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