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Thank you, Looker, for renewing your [partnership](#) support!

Bud Colligan is one of Santa Cruz Tech Beat's [earliest benefactors](#). I believe I can safely speak for local organizations in saying that, without Bud's presence and support, a variety of early stage tech, business, and arts organizations would not be as robust as they are. Colligan has just been appointed to Gov. Gavin Newsom's office. What will Colligan do in his new role? Will he continue to participate in the Monterey Bay ecosystem? And, will he continue to live in Santa Cruz?

What else? The cannabis industry's first commodity trading desk was introduced by a company in Salinas. DroneCamp 2019 is coming to Monterey in June. Read about the highlights of the AgTech Summit held recently at Hartnell College. And, learn more about the rebranding of Poly from CMO Amy Barzdukas.

As usual, there's more. Scroll down and start reading.

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Pat Reilly, IP Society, shares vendor, product, and speaker highlights from the Salinas Valley AgTech Summit. [Read this article.](#)

Congrats on that thing you won?!? Chris Miller explains Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and the toy car called #deepracer. [Read this article.](#)

The 3-day DroneCamp 2019 in June will include everything you need to know to use drones for mapping, research, and land management. [Read this article.](#)

The Grupo Flor platform enables buyers and

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sellers to connect for the purchase and sale of raw cannabis materials. [Read this article.](#)

Poly CMO, Amy Barzdukas, talks about rebranding one of Silicon Valley's (and Santa Cruz's) oldest tech companies. [Read this article.](#)

As Teresa Thomae retires, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Santa Cruz County announces their new director. [Read this article.](#)

Case Study: PayStand helps this business scale combined with strict federal regulatory requirements for same day payments. [Read this article.](#)

The more inclusive and diverse an organization is, the stronger the movement is. Here are 7 myths *Women Who Cowork* is busting. [Read this article.](#)

Jobs/Internships

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Events



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- Tue Apr 9, 12noon-1pm: [NextTalk Series: Turn Selling Secondhand Stuff Into A Superpower](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Apr 9, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Tue Apr 9, 6pm: [Monterey Bay Information Technologists Meetup](#), Pacific Grove.
- Sat Apr 13, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Sun Apr 14, 1-4pm: [Digital NEST Salinas 2 Year Celebration](#), Cesar Chavez Library in Salinas.
- Tue Apr 16, 5-8pm: [Drone, Automation, and Robotics Technology \(DART\) Meetup](#) at UCMBEST, Marina.
- Tue Apr 16, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Apr 17, 4:30pm: [Diverse Voices, Professional Speaker Series \(with Eron Lake, Yahoo!\)](#) at UCSC Baskin School of Engineering E2 180.
- Wed Apr 17, 6:30: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Apr 17, 7pm: [Santa Cruz Data Science and Analytics MeetUp](#) at New



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