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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER NAMES DAVID LANDECKER AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Environmental Defense Center (EDC) announced today that it has hired long-time community activist, businessman and attorney David J. Landecker as its new Executive Director. Landecker is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and has been active in environmental law and policy for more than thirty years, including six years on EDC's Board of Directors in the 1990s. Landecker resigned as President of the Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County this week to take on this position at EDC.

Landecker brings experience as a non-profit executive, having served as the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics from 2001-06 and a boardmember of many local groups, with experience as a lawyer in private practice, fifteen years as a corporate C.E.O., a consultant and real property manager. He has also managed several local political and environmental campaigns. Mr. Landecker will begin his service as EDC's Executive Director immediately. EDC's former Executive Director, Cameron Benson, has become the City of Santa Barbara's Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager.

"I am excited, honored and humbled to have been selected as EDC's Executive Director," said Mr. Landecker. "It is a wonderful opportunity for me to build on my diverse experiences and use the skills I have learned to serve the people and environment of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties. EDC has a long and impressive history of successes in protecting and enhancing our community's quality of life through protection of local air and water quality, open spaces, and controlling the use of toxic chemicals and pesticides. I am looking forward to working with its terrific staff and dedicated Board of Directors to continue and enhance that history."

"David is intimately familiar with the organization and the issues that matter most to this community," said EDC Board President Whitney Abbott. "He will build upon Cameron Benson's successes in providing a link between EDC and its local supporters who are critical to the organization's success," noting that EDC is completely funded through private donations and receives no government assistance.

Linda Krop, chief counsel at EDC, said, "I've worked with David for many years and am excited to have the benefit of his experience and years of commitment to environmental causes available to EDC and our clients."

Since 1977, EDC has been serving California's Central Coast as the only non-profit environmental law firm between Los Angeles and San Francisco, assisting other environmental and community groups with their efforts to protect environmental quality.

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