

CEC'S LEGACY: 50 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

1970

Founded one of the nation's first **ecology centers**

1973

Founded one of the nation's first learning and research **community gardens**



1976

Opened one of the nation's first community **recycling centers**

1982

Hosted a **green building** competition for CEC headquarters



1985

Pioneered **hazardous waste collection** and curbside recycling

1990


Helped pass California's **recycling law**, the first in the nation

2001

Built the **Watershed Resource Center** at Arroyo Burro Beach

2004

Shifted CEC's mission to focus on **climate change**




2007

Published one of the nation's first **carbon neutrality** plans

For 50 years, CEC has strategically catalyzed change on the Central Coast, influencing California and beyond.

2010

Installed the first Rethink the Drink **water bottle refill station** in a local school



2011

Opened the **first Solarize** program

2016


Published the **Santa Barbara County Food Action Plan**

2017

Secured city commitments to **100% renewable energy**

2018

Achieved **Community Choice Energy** for most of the Central Coast




2019

Secured our region's first **wind farm**

2020

Launched an effort to establish the Central Coast as a **global climate leader**
Named California **Nonprofit of the Year**
Awarded City of Santa Barbara **Climate Hero**



2022

CEO Sigrid Wright named **Congressional Woman of the Year**