



Fall 2012

GREEN BIZ HIGHLIGHT

San Rafael Chamber

Location: 817 Mission Avenue, San Rafael

Chamber Established: 1920

Certified green: April 2012



With the help of green MBA students from Dominican University, this year the Chamber took steps to green our office and operations. Certified as a Bay Area Green Business in 2012, the Chamber joined more than 400 green-recognized organizations in Marin and 2,700 Bay Area-wide.

Components of our certification process included minimizing the use of energy, reducing the use of

toxic cleaning products, and monitoring water and electricity bills. We have adopted a green purchasing policy, aiming to buy office supplies with at least 30% recycled content. To save energy, we removed the middle bulbs from all overhead lights, and we stocked our kitchen with plates and silverware so we can use non-disposable dishware as much as possible.

Chamber CEO Rick Wells says, “We are proud and excited to be part of a program that helps protect the future for our business and our environment. Being green certified helps keep Marin beautiful by preventing pollution, reducing waste, conserving resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions – all of which are good for business as well. We encourage all of our members to consider becoming Green Certified Businesses.”