

Sheppard Mullin and PricewaterhouseCoopers Welcome Tech Coast Angels Chairman

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The second CCVF lecture event of 2002 will feature Ken Deemer, Chairman of Tech Coast Angels. Deemer will speak on "New Angel Investment Strategies". This event includes a wine and cheese reception and will be held Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Westlake Plaza Hotel in Westlake Village. The second CCVF lecture event of 2002 will feature . Deemer will speak on "New Angel Investment Strategies". This event includes a wine and cheese reception and will be held from in.

Deemer will be welcomed to the event and introduced by Jim Haslem of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP and by Gregory D. Njoes of PricewaterhouseCoopers. The event is hosted by the Central Coast Venture Forum (www.ccvf.org). Sheppard Mullin and PricewaterhouseCoopers are senior sponsors of CCVF.

The cost for the lecture event is \$20 per person and registration is available online at www.ccvf.org/rsvp/ or by calling Jim Haslem at (805) 879-1814.

2002 CCVF ANNUAL INVESTOR CONFERENCE

CCVF will hold its sixth annual investor conference on **June 14, 2002**. The conference is the largest of its kind on California's Central Coast, a technology corridor encompassing northern Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. The event showcases the region's leading entrepreneurs and emerging-growth companies to venture capitalists and angel investors. This year's annual conference will occur **June 14** at **Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort** in **Santa Barbara**. An invitation is required for attendance at the annual conference. For information, visit www.ccvf.org.

CCVF LECTURE SERIES

The third CCVF lecture event of 2002 will feature Alex Suh, Managing Director, California Technology Ventures. Suh will address "New Venture Capital Investment Strategies." This breakfast event will occur on **Friday, April 12, 2002** at **8:30 a.m.** at **Fess Parker's Doubletree Hotel** in **Santa Barbara**.

Oracle CFO Jeff Henley presented on January 25, 2002 in Santa Barbara at the first CCVF lecture event of 2002.

ABOUT CCVF

CCVF was founded in 1996 by a group of 100 local business executives who wanted to encourage and support the formation and rapid growth of new fast-track companies located on the Central Coast. To date, CCVF has reviewed the business plans of more than 500 private companies, and helped a number of these new ventures raise over \$100 million in new capital from professional investors. by a group of 100 local business executives

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One of the original founders of CCVF, Joseph Nida is now a partner of Sheppard Mullin. Sheppard Mullin continues the traditional support and sponsorship of CCVF which Nida and his law firm, Nida & Maloney, LLP began in 1996. Nida & Maloney, LLP became part of Sheppard Mullin in September 2001.

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