

Andy Caldwell  
Executive Director  
COLAB Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo Counties

### History

- Raised in Lompoc (graduate of Lompoc High School)
- Graduated from University of California at San Diego (BA Degree) 1980
- Employed by Union Sugar from 1980 to 1991: started as seasonal laborer became Industrial Relations and Safety Manager in 1987.
- Helped to start COLAB in 1991 as it's founding Executive Director. COLAB has over 1300 members county wide and is considered one of the most powerful advocates in the county on behalf of business interests and the preservation of our constitutional rights. Also serves as Executive Director for COLAB San Luis Obispo County.
- COLAB SBC Website located at [www.colabsbc.org](http://www.colabsbc.org)

### Current Activities

- Daily radio talk show airs from 3-5 pm on KUHL AM 1440 (Santa Maria-SLO) and KZSB AM1290 (Santa Barbara-Ventura), the only local talk show to cover the entire Central Coast.
- Bi-weekly column appears in Santa Maria Times (and Lompoc Record), since 1995.
- Regularly attends County Board of Supervisors meeting to speak on behalf of COLAB and serve as a government watchdog.

### Personal

Married to Linda. We have seven children (six girls and one boy)

### Awards and Recognitions:

Santa Maria Valley Ag Association Annual Award Recipient 2004.

Voted Best "Community Watchdog" by Readers of the Santa Maria Sun 2005.

Santa Barbara Industrial Association Distinguished Public Service Award 2006

Voted Best "Community Activist" by Readers of the Santa Maria Sun 2007.

Voted Best "Community Watchdog" by Readers of the Santa Maria Sun 2008 and 2009 and 2010.

Voted Best "Take it to the Man Activist" by Readers of the Santa Maria Sun 2008 and 2009 and 2010.

Los Padres Council of Boy Scouts of America "Community Organization of the Year 2008"

Resolutions of Commendation from the California State Assembly, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, and the Santa Maria City Council.

Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau "Agricultural Promotion 2010" Award Recipient

From State Senator Sam Blakeslee, Ph.D, Resolution for Meritorious Service to Agriculture, Business and Labor in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, presented 2010

From the Vocational Training Center (which serves the disabled community)  
"Community Image Award 2010"