MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2006

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administration Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for August 21, 2006

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer to the Board of Supervisors. This report provides information on issues affecting the County and the progress of County activities.

Recognition for Monterey County’s Children’s System of Care – “La Familia Sana”

Monterey County received federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding in 2003 to enhance and expand the existing system of behavioral health services for children. An evaluation report on the program developed with this funding, La Familia Sana Program, measuring the impact of the Program on the level of impairment present in clients, was recently released. According to the Report, "Clients' total...scores significantly improved from the first score available to the current (2004-2005) score. The magnitude of this effect was large, indicating a strong treatment effect." In simple terms, this means the therapeutic interventions included in La Familia Sana are working!

Additionally, La Familia Sana received three awards at the SAMHSA national conference Recognizing Excellence in Community Communications and Outreach (ECCO) last month in Florida. Recognition was given in the categories of 1) Community Outreach to Parents and Caregivers, 2) Partnership Development, and 3) Communications and Social Marketing Planning. The Health Department is proud of the accomplishments of its Behavioral Health Division's staff, and the national recognition they have earned.

Castroville Community Plan

The public comment period for the Castroville Community Plan Draft EIR has concluded and the Housing and Redevelopment Office are preparing final documents. The Community Plan provides a comprehensive framework for future development and redevelopment activities in Castroville. The Plan envisions expanded housing development resulting in up to 1,600 new dwelling units in mixed-
income neighborhoods, a redeveloped downtown which includes housing units over retail commercial uses, and an expansion of the existing industrial park focused on job-creation. The Plan also includes a comprehensive infrastructure program that addresses existing circulation system deficiencies, flood control and drainage facilities, and extension of water and wastewater systems.

The Community Plan is strongly supported by the community of Castroville and by many land use related organizations. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Community Plan in early fall with Board of Supervisors action by the end of the year.

General Plan Process Update

The Draft EIR will be released to the public on August 18th. It has been provided to all of the appropriate public agencies as well as to the Planning Commission. The document is on the County web site.

The Planning Commission (PC) held its first workshop on the General Plan. The workshop covered the Land Use Element. Issues discussed included definitions of “Critical” watersheds, boundaries of rural centers with respect to owners that did not want to be included in a rural center and the applicability of various sections to the Coastal Zone. The next workshop is scheduled on August 23, 2006, the topic of that meeting will include the Agricultural Element. The PC has added several more meetings including night sessions to its schedule for review of documents.

Sheriff’s Department, District Attorney’s Office, and Parks

The above three agencies worked in collaboration in the apprehension, arrest and subsequent felony conviction of a former Los Angeles police officer who fled the scene of a boating accident at Lake San Antonio that critically injured a young man on a jet ski. Los Angeles Chief of Police, William J. Bratton, sent a letter commending Sheriff Sergeant Ron Willis, Deputies Robert Gonzalez and Jason Smith, District Attorney Investigator Dave Norum, Assistant District Attorney Rolondo Mazarosos, Senior Park Ranger Josh Calagna, Rangers Greg Grilli and Richard Riddle for demonstrating their professionalism and expertise in resolving this case.

This concludes the CAO report.