MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2006

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for October 2, 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.

Parks Department

The Parks Department celebrated its 40th Anniversary on Monday, September 25th at the Royal Oaks County Park. The Parks Foundation hosted a BBQ that was attended by the Board of Supervisors, Park Commissioners, the CAO, County Department Heads, Special Guests, Park staff and volunteers. The highlight of the event was the attendance of Warren Church, a 1966 Board Supervisor who was instrumental in establishing the Parks Department and Charter Park Commissioners, from 1966, Elaine Whisenand and David Tavernetti. The weather was great and the event was very successful.

Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Kanalakis is participating this month in "LEEDS" training. Provided by the FBI, “LEEDS” training (Law Enforcement Executive Development) is a specialized course solely for Chief Executives in Law Enforcement such as Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police of larger agencies. Attendance to this select training is only by invitation of the FBI. The extensive program requires two weeks and covers current and emerging issues in Law Enforcement for Law Enforcement Executives. In addition to providing a specialized and unique training program, it is an opportunity for Monterey County Sheriff to meet executive police managers from around
the country, share experience and knowledge, and develop a strategic law enforcement partnership. The FBI is funding all expenses associated with the course.

RMA – Planning Department

The Planning Commission held two days of meetings the week of September 25th. The topics included Property Owner Requests, Rural Center Boundaries, Circulation Element, Safety and Housing.

The Commission completed its review of all of the property owner requests except for one at the mouth of the Carmel Valley that will be discussed as part of the completion of language on Rural Centers and differences among landowners in the Toro Area Plan regarding whether they want to remain in or not. The Commission made recommendations on a number of requests that were tailored to accommodate a significant amount of affordable housing.

The Sheriff and Fire Chiefs presented information on requirements in the Safety Element.

The Housing Advisory Committee responded to questions posed by the Planning Commission regarding the ability to provide affordable housing beyond the 5-year term of the current housing element. These will be provided as text changes.

The Ag Advisory Committee deliberated on the General Plan and EIR.

Next week, LUAC will be presenting their review of the consistency of the Area Plans with the General Plan and other concerns. There will be evening meetings on Wednesday and Thursday.

Monterey County Competitive Clusters

The Education Cluster Working Group, lead by Dr. Clara Yu, President of Monterey Institute of International Studies and Dr. Christine Cermak, Executive Director of Information Resources and CIO, Naval Postgraduate School, has been reorganized. The group will implement the following Cluster Action Initiatives:

- Develop and sponsor a Global Conference on Education that will attract attendees both nationally and internationally.

- Develop a website and pamphlet that showcases the educational and research assets within Monterey County and highlight how they can work closely with businesses and the community.

- Work with Naval Postgraduate School to develop their beachfront property to support research and complement tourism.

- Work to brand Monterey County as an intellectual destination by promoting workshops, seminars and conferences developed through joint partnerships among higher education institutions.
Economic Development

The Fall 2006 Monterey County Economic Report has been completed and will be available for distribution on October 7, 2006. The Monterey County Business Council prepares and distributes the report twice yearly and the objective is to provide useful information regarding the demographics and economics of Monterey County. The Fall 2006 report contains information on population, unemployment trends, labor force, key industries and the Monterey County Competitive Clusters Project i.e.;

- June 2006 Unemployment Rate = 5.6%
- Monterey County population at 1/1/06 = 424,842
- Total jobs at June 2006 = 183,200
- 2005 Agriculture Production = $3.3B
- FY 2005/06 Transient Occupancy Tax = $41.9M

Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Judy Schmidt at info@mcbc.biz or calling 883-9443.

This concludes the CAO report.