MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2006

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for December 4, 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.

HR Department- Risk Management

The CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (EIA) announced that the County of Monterey was selected as a winner in the EIA’s drawing for a free one-year subscription to their Web Based Training Program. The County was automatically entered into the drawing as a result of submitting the 2007-08 Excess Worker’s Compensation Renewal Application on time.

The EIA’s Web Based Training Program was developed because the EIA believes that a blend of online and instructor-led training is an effective means to: improve the safety culture and increase profitability; set the framework to realize fewer injuries on and off the job; and reduce costs associated with insurance, workers compensation claims and litigation. The program provides students “anytime, anywhere” access to quality training programs and provides an innovative, cost effective way to deliver, track and electronically record safety-training efforts. Simply put, it allows one to use the pervasiveness of the Internet to deliver more training to more employees at a reduced cost.

Parks Department

The Parks Department worked in collaboration with the Big Sur Land Trust to preview potential uses for the Marks Ranch "Community Park", a 816 acre parcel adjacent to Toro County Park.
On Monday, November 27th, approximately 50 people attended a 90-minute presentation at Chapala's restaurant. Bill Leahy and Joanna Devers of the Big Sur Land Trust provided a status update on their fund raising efforts to procure the property and their vision of a vibrant "Community Park". John Pinio, Meg Clovis and Lynn Burgess of County Parks described proposed activities at the site, which would serve recreational, educational, environmental and historical interests for people of all ages.

The community organizations and public agencies in attendance were enthusiastic about the project and those interested in partnering and/or participating in the project will submit their input and potential uses to the Big Sur Land Trust and Parks Department for review.

A second presentation is scheduled on Tuesday, December 5th, at 3:00 at Chapala's to accommodate those organizations and agencies unable to attend the November presentation.

**Sheriff’s Department**

Chief Liebersbach will be serving on a statewide committee responsible for establishing guidelines for the implementation of Assembly Bill 478. This committee will commence on January 1, 2007. Recently signed into law, AB 478 mandates that jails provide pregnant inmates with services such as prenatal care, childbirth education and dental cleaning.

The California State Sheriff’s Association has agreed to support legislation that would require that a latent print be obtained when a check is cashed at a place other than a financial institution. Many forged or stolen checks are cashed at convenience stores or other “mom and pop” businesses. Mandating a latent print on the back of payroll and personal checks will afford law enforcement a useful tool in identifying and prosecuting those responsible for passing forged and counterfeit checks.

The inmate count at the jail over the weekend was 1199. Although this figure is lower than reported in past weeks, the Custody Operations Bureau remains faced with the challenge of separating the inmates based on their classification status.

This concludes the CAO report.