MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
   County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for January 8, 2007

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.

Resource Management Agency

January 3rd marked a major milestone in the Monterey County planning. With the adoption of the County General Plan update, a process concluded that had spanned seven years and tens of thousands of hours of effort by members of the public and county officials. The Plan will be the blueprint for the physical development of Monterey County for the next twenty years. During the past two years alone, the update was discussed by the Board of Supervisors at 25 public meetings and by the Planning Commission at another 17 public meetings. In addition, input was solicited and received from various advisory committees, cities, Native American tribes and regional and state agencies. An integral part of the deliberation process was the preparation, review and finalization of applicable environmental impact documents. As in any major undertaking by the County, the success of the 2006 General Plan Update process was the result of a team effort. While there are many individuals who contributed, key team members who deserve special recognition include Alana Knaster, Carl Holm, Mike Novo and Dale Ellis. These individuals spent countless hours working into the evenings, weekends and holidays to assure the provision of applicable material for policy makers to make the most informed decisions.

On October 4, 2005, the Redevelopment Agency approved a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) between the Agency and East Garrison Partners I, LLC (EGP). The DDA provides for the development of the East Garrison project consisting of 1,470 new dwelling units.
(30% of which will be affordable), up to 100,000 square feet of commercial space within a town center format, community facilities/amenities (including parks and a new library) and adaptive reuse of historic structures. On January 16, 2007 the Redevelopment Agency is scheduled to approve the transfer of land to EGP, a major milestone in realizing implementation of the project. A number of departments within the RMA have successfully collaborated to ensure that the developer has satisfied the 56 conditions precedent to the land transfer.

RMA - Planning & Building

In 2006, the Building Services and Planning Departments experienced another very busy year, as was reflected by the following:

- 3,042 building permits were issued with a total valuation of $256,652,837.
- 408 grading permits were issued.
- More than 32,000 building/grading inspections were performed.
- 3,270 building permit applications were received.
- 350 grading permits applications were received.
- 473 planning projects were approved.
- 685 planning applications were received.
- 626 records requests were received and completed.
- 416 disclosure requests were received and completed.

On January 9th County Building Services staff will relocate its office to the Agricultural Commissioner’s offices in King City. Since mid-2005, Building Services has shared office space with the King City’s Building Inspection Department at City Hall. This shared spaced allowed us to better facilitate a contract for the County to provide interim plan check and building inspection services for the City. King City has recently hired a building official and staff for those functions, therefore, County assistance is no longer needed and the contract was allowed to end on December 31st.

RMA – Public Works

Skanska U.S.A. Building, Inc., the North Wing Construction Manager, has informed the County that they will not seek a contract extension upon expiration of their contract term on December 31, 2006.

The North Wing is currently undergoing an extensive hazardous materials abatement procedure. This process has caused project delays, which caused this contract to expire prior to the work being completed.

The County will obtain proposals from other construction project management firms, to replace Skanska’s role.

Sheriff’s Department

On January 9th, the Board of Supervisors will “Re-appoint Captain Ray McLaughlin to the Equal Opportunity Advisory Commission, representing the DSA” and the Board will also
“Adopt a Resolution commending *Sgt. Jose Mendoza* as the MCSO Deputy of the Year 2006 Award”.

January 17, 2007 is “Public Safety Night” at the Salinas Elk’s Lodge. Investigator’s James Miller and Javier Galvan are the guest speakers. The social starts at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. The cost is $15.00.

**CAO’s Office**

The Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report for 2006 is available on line. The report can be accessed at the following link:


**Economic Development – Competitive Clusters**

The Monterey County Business Council will again honor those individuals and businesses that have contributed to the economic vitality, growth and preservation of Monterey County. This year’s honorees will be the Monterey County Wine Industry Pioneers.

The evening will provide a reflection that goes back 200 years to when Franciscan Friars introduced wine grapes at the Spanish Mission in Soledad, to the historic 1935 climate study that pinpointed the climatic suitability of the Salinas Valley as a potential quality wine grape growing area, to the pioneers that made it happen to the bustling industry of today.

The following pioneers will be honored: Paul Masson, Mirassou Vineyards, Wente Vineyards, Chalone Vineyards, Durney Vineyards (now Heller Estates), Almaden Vineyards, McFarland Management Company, Monterey Farming Corporation (now Schied Vineyards), Prudential Insurance Co. & Southdown Land Company (now San Bernabe Vineyards), Ventana Vineyards, J. Lohr Winery and Junction Viticulture (now Valley Farm Management).

The event will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School with a reception at 6 p.m. and program and dinner beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for $150.00 per person. Priority table sponsorships are available for $1500.00. Invitations have been mailed. For further information, please call 883-9443.

This concludes the CAO report.