MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for January 29, 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.

Child Support Services

The Monterey County Department of Child Support Services announced that Jody Holtzworth, who is currently employed as a Staff Services Manager for our Agency, has accepted the position of Deputy Director. This position was vacated by the retirement of Patsy Volpe at the end of December.

Jody has served us well in her role in managing the staff development and training program; quality assurance and program improvement; CASES support system and Information Technology support, as well as providing policy analysis and running special research projects. Her recent focus has been that of handling the coordination of our agency’s involvement with the CCSAS (statewide automation project).

Jody had been involved with the Child Support Enforcement Program since 1991. She began her work in this field as a Legal Assistant for the State of West Virginia, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement in 1991. In 1993 she was promoted to a position of Administrative Services Manager for the same organization and served in that capacity until 1995, at which time she became a Regional Manager for the State of West Virginia and served in that capacity until 2001 when she was recruited by the Monterey County Child Support Services.
Sheriff’s Department

On January 4, 2007, Monterey County Sheriff Mike Kanalakis was sworn into Office for his second term by the Honorable John Anton, retired Judge of the Superior Court of California, Monterey County.

The ceremony was called to order by Sheriff’s Honor Guard Commander Alan Wheelus followed by the presentation of the colors by the Sheriff’s Color Guard.

Following Sheriff Kanalakis’ remarks, his Executive Management Team took the Oath of Office. The Executive Management Team includes Undersheriff Nancy M. Cuffney, Enforcement Operations Bureau Chief Deputy John G. Darling, Administration Bureau Chief Deputy Steven R. Deering, and Custody Operations Bureau Chief Deputy Norbert J. Liebersbach.

The ceremony was concluded with Eileen Cantada, Monterey County Sheriff’s Records Specialist, singing the National Anthem.

The Sheriff has announced the distribution of asset forfeiture funds. These funds are made available to the Office of the Sheriff as a result of court actions that force persons convicted of drug offenses to forfeit property and money that were obtained as a direct result of illicit drug sales.

Health and Safety Code Section 11498(I) requires that 15% of all Asset Seizure Funds distributed to law enforcement shall be deposited in a special fund. This fund shall be used for the sole purpose of funding programs designed to combat drug abuse and divert gang activity. It is the intent of the Legislature to cause the development and continuation of positive intervention programs for high-risk elementary and secondary school age students.

On January 9, 2007, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved the donation of $5,000 each to the Juvenile Impact Program and the Monterey County Police Athletic League.

The Juvenile Impact Program is a proactive program specifically designed to work with “at risk” youth. The Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, California State University Monterey Bay, and the Army assist in mentoring to gain the attention of youths. Parents, who previously did not have a place to turn to, can now voluntarily enroll their children who have behavioral or discipline problems in the Juvenile Impact Program. The Juvenile Impact Program participants develop a positive relationship with law enforcement and the community.

The Monterey County Police Athletic League (PAL) provides educational, recreational, and athletic programs to the youth of Monterey County. The program unites law enforcement and the youth of the community in a positive interactive environment, creating a healthy understanding between them. The development of this great relationship drastically reduces the exposure of the youth to criminal or other negative influences.

On January 30, 2007, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors will be asked to authorize the Sheriff’s Office to donate $1,000 to the Salinas High School Sober Grad Night and $5,000 to the Rancho Cielo Youth Project out of the Sheriff’s Drug and Youth Gang Education Fund.
The Salinas High School Sober Grad Night provides a safe and positive alternative for the class of 2007 graduating seniors. The celebration provides decorations, music, food, prizes and activities that run non-stop from 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. in the transformed school gym and adjoining rooms. This year’s graduation will take place on June 14, 2007.

Rancho Cielo provides much needed preventive health and social services for youth in Monterey County. The comprehensive program consists of services designed to improve the health and well-being of youth participants by reducing risk factors and improving an environment rich in opportunities to enhance academic excellence, life skills development, job preparation/placement, physical health and well-being. Rancho Cielo is a collaborative partnership between youth, their parents, community members, law enforcement agencies, social service programs, education, private sector businesses, foundations and other interested partners. The development of this great relationship drastically reduces the exposure of the youth to criminal or other negative influences.

This concludes the CAO report.