MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
       County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for February 5, 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.

RMA-Housing and Redevelopment

On January 31, 2007, the Redevelopment Agency closed escrow on the 240-acre East Garrison property at Fort Ord. This is the culmination of more than five years of property negotiations, site planning and developing a financing program. The property is now owned by East Garrison Partners, who plan to develop 1,470 housing units (with up to 30% being affordable) on the property.

East Garrison is the first large transfer of land on the former Fort Ord by either the agency or County to a private developer. The developer anticipates beginning site work the week of February 5, 2007 and the first houses will be on the market in late 2008 or early 2009.

Sheriff’s Department

Captain Monarque will be chairing a comprehensive capital improvement plan for the Sheriff’s Office. The priority is to develop a planned approach to the growing needs of the office as a result of increases in personnel and increased storage space needs. The in-house capital improvement plan will facilitate the inclusion of the projects in the budget.
The Sheriff’s Department’s Executive Management Team (EMT) met this week with Supervisor Jerry Smith, David Medrano of the County Equal Opportunity Office, and members of the Civil Rights Coalition (CRC). The agenda included Sheriff’s Office policies relating to inmate grievances and Taser use. The CRC reiterated their support of the Crisis Intervention Training. The CRC also discussed the day laborer issues and the Sheriff’s Office policy on Immigration Enforcement. The CRC is comprised of individuals representing various local community-based organizations.

The Monterey County Grand Jury’s 2006 Report recommends that all TASER-using agencies should continue the use of the Taser and evaluate the use of the TASER cam™. The TASER-cam is a separately purchased piece of equipment (video and audio recording) that only affixes to the TASER® X26 models, allowing every potential TASER® X26 deployment to be recorded with full audio and video. A free TASER cam™ test and evaluation unit has been secured from the distributor and a ninety-day pilot program is being monitored for evaluation, effective January 29, 2007. It remains a priority to equip each Sheriff’s Deputy with a TASER® weapon.

The Monterey County Peace Officers’ Association Annual Peace Officer of the Year Dinner and Awards will be held on Friday, February 23, 2007 at the Embassy Suites, the cost is $30 per person. Sgt. Mendoza, along with the other local agencies Peace Officer of the Year Awardees, will be honored. RSVP to Ralph Villar at 751-6002 or 422-4964.

This concludes the CAO report.