MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for February 12, 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.

Treasurer-Tax Collector

The Treasurer-Tax Collector is coordinating a major issuance ($154 million) of Certificates of Participation (COP’s) that will provide funding for the completion of the North, East & West Wing Courthouse construction projects. In addition, the funds will be used to complete the Health Administration Building and a new multi-story parking garage to serve the government center complex. The financing will also include a refunding of all outstanding county COP debt resulting in a savings of over $4 million. The closing of the debt issue will occur sometime in mid-April. Many County departments are involved in this financing, and the Treasurer-Tax Collector wishes to gratefully acknowledge this team effort - Assessor; Auditor-Controller; CAO; County Counsel; Health; Public Works and the Courts.

RMA-Building

The Building Services Department of the Resource Management Agency has completed work on a proposed ordinance that would establish the first ever Monterey County Fire Code. The ordinance was developed in partnership with the Monterey County Fire Prevention Officers Association and has been endorsed by the County Streamlining Task Force. Hearings on the proposed ordinance by the Board of Supervisors are expected to begin in March.
relative to fire safety throughout the state. Local governments, including fire districts, may adopt local amendments to that code for use in their jurisdiction. There are currently twelve fire districts in the County. All, except the Aromas Tri-County District, have adopted the same local amendments. The proposed ordinance would incorporate the State Fire Code with the same local amendments as adopted by those fire districts applicable, except for the area of the Aromas Tri-County Fire District, throughout the County. This will enhance overall fire protection, create opportunities for even better coordination between applicants, the County and the fire jurisdictions and ultimately provide more consistency, and uniform service to applicants.

Sheriff Department

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 Hotel. The cost is $30 per person. Sgt. Mendoza will be honored as the Monterey County Sheriff’s Officer of the Year. The Monterey County Peace Officer’s Association Officer of the Year will also be announced. RSVP required to Ralph Villar at 751-6002 or 422-4964.

RMA-Public Works

Public Works just received pictures from Brenda Villanueva, Engineering Technician, who is currently serving in the Naval Reserves. Brenda has been assigned to a tour of duty in Kuwait since July. Brenda is doing fine and wanted to share these attached pictures with all of you showing the Monterey County Flag flying over the Arabian Sea. The Board of Supervisors commissioned and dedicated this flag for display on the naval vessel. Our prayers and thoughts remain with Brenda during her tour of duty.

This concludes the CAO report.