MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for February 26, 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 is pleased to announce that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families, has given approval to continue the current Special Improvement Project (SIP) grant for “Mobile Customer Support” services. The grant was originally awarded in September 2005 and is scheduled through February 2007. The DHHS Office of Child Support Enforcement has agreed to extend this grant through August 2007. The Mobile Customer Support unit travels to the surrounding rural communities to assist those unable to travel to the Child Support Services main office in Salinas and provides help to those in need of case-related services, such as establishment and enforcement of their child support order.

District Attorney

After a four-day jury trial, Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced on February 8, 2007 that defendant Mark Arnold Clark was found to be a sexually violent predator. Defendant Clark was originally convicted in Merced County for similar charges in 1978 and committed to Atascadero State Hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender. After four years in Atascadero he was released and placed on probation.
In 1988, the defendant pled guilty in the Monterey County Superior Court to fifteen counts of child molestation and substantial sexual misconduct between 1985 and 1987. He was sentenced to serve 36 years in prison and was eligible for parole in February 2006, after having served 18 years.

After serving his 18-year sentence, the defendant sought release and the District Attorney’s Office filed a petition for commitment of Mark Arnold Clark as a sexually violent predator, alleging that he had been convicted of sexually violent offenses against two or more victims, that he is a pedophile and that it is likely he would re-offend by engaging in sexually violent predatory behavior.

Judge Villareal immediately committed the Defendant Clark to the Department of Mental Health for involuntary treatment for an indeterminate commitment.

**Parks and Environmental Health Department**

County Parks has received a Certificate of Recognition from Assembly Member John Laird in honor of being selected for the Department of Conservation’s Comprehensive Community Recycling Program. This program is designed to help communities increase beverage container recycling and implement coordinated, sustainable programs to maximize local recycling potential.

The Department of Conservation, through the Comprehensive Recycling Community, is focusing its efforts on providing funding for infrastructure and media outreach at special events and venues, which includes the Laguna Seca Recreation Area. The County Environmental Health Division administers the County’s Recycling Program and works in collaboration with County Parks to implement these special programs.

County Parks will continue to support Environmental Health’s efforts to attain grant funding to enhance the recycling program at Laguna Seca.

**Social and Employment Services Department**

The Monterey County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has successfully competed for four grants totaling $1,183,000. The following information describes these grants in detail, which are designed to provide employment services for Monterey County residents, most in need of job training.

*Veterans Employment Related Assistance Program Grant - $500,000:* To provide innovative job training services, apprenticeships and internships to help veterans throughout Monterey County secure high-demand and high-wage jobs in the construction, healthcare and protective service industries.

The programs are open to veterans with service-related disabilities, veterans who have left military service within the past four years, veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, those who served shorter terms and reservists, eligible spouses of veterans and those who must overcome barriers as they enter the labor market.
This grant maximizes an in-kind contribution of $223,979 provided through a partnership with the Office for Employment Training, the Veterans Transition Center, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office, the local State of CA Employment Development Department and the State Department of Rehabilitation to provide referrals, assessment, shared case management, outreach and placement, brochure printing and facilities for meetings and activities.

**High Concentration of Eligible Foster Youth, Additional Assistance Grant --$55,000:** This grant allows for the expansion of services to serve 10 eligible foster youth to receive in-depth career assessment opportunities, tutoring, vocational training, work experience and On-the-Job Training opportunities in partnership with the Office for Employment Training and the Family and Children's Services Independent Living Program (ILP), a division of the Department of Social and Employment Services.

This grant maximizes an in-kind contribution $18,333 from the Family and Children's Services, ILP.

**Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) Pipeline Training Grant - $525,705:** This grant provides training, work experience and On-the-Job training services for 110 Certified Nursing Assistants through a partnership with the Office for Employment Training, Shoreline Workforce Development Services, Mee Memorial Hospital in King City, and the Salinas Adult School.

This grant maximizes an in-kind contribution of $305,904 from Mee Memorial Hospital, $37,128 from Shoreline Workforce Development Services and CNA training through the Salinas Adult School.

**CA Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Intergovernmental Partnerships Planning Grant - $100,000:** The CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation agency awarded this grant to the Monterey County WIB to establish partnerships with community-based organizations to design a plan for the development of successful models for parolee services that result in a safer community, a more collaborative and effective support network, and successful families and individuals. A planning committee will include the Monterey County WIB staff, Turning Point of the Central Coast, CA State Parole Offices, Monterey County Behavioral Health, Monterey County Sheriff’s Department Office of Corrections, Monterey County Probation Department, Restorative Justice Partners Board, Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, and Interim, Inc. Additional members will be added to the planning group, as appropriate, to provide a broad analysis of the need and target population to be served.

**Sheriff’s Department**

We are pleased to announce on Tuesday, February 27th, the Board of Supervisors will adopt a resolution commending Otha L. Morgan, Monterey County Deputy Sheriff, upon his retirement from public service of over 26 years. The Board will also adopt a resolution commending Sgt. Robert E. Oen, Monterey County Deputy Sheriff, upon his retirement from public service of over 32 years.

The Recruitment Division of the Sheriff’s Department has been very proactive with outreach and advertising. They have secured a contract with Recruit Military for a year, which includes
advertising of positions within the Sheriff’s Department in their printed quarterly newsletter “Incoming” in their electronic monthly newsletter “Vet Ten”, which is sent out to over 140,000 subscribers. The contract also includes classified advertising on their website and personalized e-mails sent out by Recruit Military to their subscribers notifying them of our positions. Recruitment will also be attending a Recruit Military job fair in San Francisco on June 28th. Advertising on the back and side of Monterey-Salinas Transit buses will begin on March 1st, and a full-page advertisement in the new "Police Recruit" Magazine is forthcoming.

The Recruitment Division has been in contact with the One Stop Career Center in both Salinas and Seaside, and with Workforce Santa Cruz County. Cmdr. Nash has done public service announcement radio interviews with Clear Channel, which will air on KTOM, KOCEAN, and KION 1460. Recruiting also has a new website link: www.joinmcso.com.

This concludes the CAO report.