MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for April 16, 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

The Board of Supervisors approved the Castroville Community Plan on April 10, 2007. The Community Plan provides a comprehensive framework for future development and redevelopment activities in Castroville. The Plan envisions expanded housing development resulting in up to 1,600 new dwelling units in mixed-income neighborhoods, a redeveloped downtown which includes housing units-over-retail commercial uses, and an expansion of the existing industrial park focused on job-creation. The Plan also includes a comprehensive infrastructure program that addresses existing traffic circulation system deficiencies, flood control and drainage facilities, and extension of water and wastewater systems. The Community Plan is strongly supported by the community of Castroville and by many land use related organizations. Coastal Commission approval will be required for those areas in the Coastal Zone. The April 10th Board action directed staff to prepare and submit the Local Coastal Program Amendment.

Implementation of the Community Plan will provide an excellent opportunity for collaboration between the land use departments to facilitate the traffic circulation, flood control, slough enhancement, and public facilities components of the Plan. In addition, several affordable
housing projects are being planned for the downtown area with housing assistance provided by the County.

District Attorney

During the week of April 23rd to 29th, 2007, crime victims and survivors, and those who serve them, will join together across America to promote victims’ rights and services, and to educate our communities about the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools and our nation as a whole.

In Monterey County, an average of 20,000 criminal cases are filed annually. Since 1978, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office Victims of Crime Unit has worked diligently with the victims of these cases to ensure that they are aware of victim assistance and compensation programs that can help them to cope with the aftermath of crime.

The 2007 National Crime Victims’ Right Week not only honors the victims of crime, but all of the many agencies who assist them, as well. The community is asked to join in honoring those victims on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., at the Salinas Courthouse Government Center, Board of Supervisor’s Chambers, located at 168 West Alisal Street.

For additional information, please contact Victim Witness Coordinator Pamela Patterson at (831) 755-5070.

This concludes the CAO report.