MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2007

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for June 25, 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.

Cooperative Extension

In response to the need for more educational information about the invasive species, Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), the Cooperative Extension entomologist has written an introductory PowerPoint presentation about LBAM and related moths and “Tentative IPM Program and Proposed Treatment for LBAM in Nursery”. Both resources are available on the Cooperative Extension website at http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu under “Current News”.

In recognition of their exceptional work, two Monterey County farm advisors (100% of those going up this year for peer review) have received notification that they have been awarded accelerated career advancement.

Elections

Last week, the Elections Department completed its required 1% manual tally, which is one of the final steps in the official canvass of the vote. The Department reports it will complete the canvass of the June 5, 2007 Special Countywide Election within the 28-day legal timeframe and will present the certified results to the Board of Supervisors at their Tuesday, July 10th meeting.
June’s election was not a regular election for the Elections Department. Special elections are typically called with less than 5 months to prepare. The Elections Department enjoys its successes with the support and teamwork not only within its own office, but throughout the County. The Purchasing Department provided assistance in meeting the immediate purchasing needs, the Training Group at the CAO’s office provided assistance in conducting poll worker training, the Public Works Department provided signs and other equipment to direct Election Night traffic near and around the Department’s office on South Main Street, and the Sheriff’s Department who provided the necessary security on Election Day. Additionally, the County Poll Worker Program, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2002, is another way the entire County can participate in each election.

This week, the Elections Department says farewell to a long-time integral team member. Peter Wendt will be retiring on Friday, June 29th, after 11 years of service to the County of Monterey. Peter has been the Senior Department Information Systems Coordinator and provided technological expertise to the Department overseeing all computer systems, redistricting projects, precinct boundary creating and mapping, ballot tabulation, report generation, and management of the voter registration database. He also provided customer service to many candidates and campaigns seeking detailed information about the County’s 184 precincts and 143,553 registered voters.

This Friday, the Department will be hosting a post-election discussion to review election events and procedures, and afterwards will be celebrating with Peter as he enjoys his last day with the Monterey County Elections Department. Please join the Department in wishing Peter a fond farewell as he heads towards a well deserved retirement and all the best as he begins anew in Panama.

If any County employee has a suggestion for the Department which would help improve services or streamline programs, please feel free to email Linda Tulett, Registrar of Voters at TulettL@co.monterey.ca.us. Ideas are welcomed!

Sheriff’s Office

The Monterey County Peace Officers’ Association held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 20th, at the Steinbeck Center in Salinas. District Attorney Investigator Richard Moore was honored at the meeting along with three members of the Salinas Police Department.

On Tuesday June 19, 2007 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Re-entry Team toured the County jail and discussed the feasibility of utilizing the jail as a re-entry facility. They also discussed different funding options for a new County jail facility. Meetings and discussions will continue over the next couple of months.

This concludes the CAO report.