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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for November 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.

Probation

On November 13th, the Probation Department is scheduled to open a new program for juvenile offenders, the Evening Reporting Center (ERC), located at the Rancho Cielo Youth Campus.

ERC is a short-term, structured after school educational environment for probation wards that have technically violated the terms and conditions of their probation. It offers them an opportunity to correct their negative behaviors, which would otherwise result in detention and formal violation of probation proceedings.

The goals of the program are to educate and redirect the attitudes and behaviors of selected probation violators and prevent them from failing probation and committing new law violations, without employing a locked detention sanction and to reduce Juvenile Hall overcrowding by redirecting eligible participants - probation wards in the city of Salinas who do not pose a serious threat to the community or themselves - to structured, supervised activities during after-school hours, in afternoons and evenings.

Activities include cognitive skill building, substance abuse counseling, anger management, tutoring, job skills, organized recreation and gang awareness.

This concludes the CAO report.