DATE: March 10, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for March 10, 2008

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.

Electons

February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary: The Department completed the official canvass and certified the Election on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, which was the 28-day certification deadline established by state law. Counties have 10-days from certification to file a final result with the Secretary of State, who must certify the statewide results no later than 35-days from the date of the election. The Department has posted the complete Statement of the Votes cast on the website under the pull-down selection labeled “Election Results” and then by selecting “Statement of the Vote”. The final results reflected that 85,165 voters cast a ballot in the election, which reflects a turnout of 59.48%. Of that percentage, 35.54% voted by mail and 23.93% voted at their polling place.

The Elections Department would like to thank all County employees who signed up to participate through the Election Officer program. There were 129 employees who assisted the election in one of many important roles. The Department would also like to thank the many County Departments who provided assistance with purchasing, contracts, and invoices and payments. The Department recognizes that this team effort leads to success.

The Department will soon be sending out Election Official applications to sign up for the June 3, 2008 Consolidated Statewide Primary Election. Anyone interested should see the information shortly.
April 8, 2008 City of Carmel-by-the-Sea General Election: Election materials will be mailed to voters living in the Carmel area on Monday, March 10, 2008. The City will be electing a Mayor for a 2-year term and two members to the City Council for 4-year terms. There are two precincts for this election and voters other than those who vote by mail will vote at the Sunset Center on Election Day. The Department will be counting ballots and announcing results from Carmel-by-the-Sea, rather than the Election Department, on Election Night.

June 3, 2008 Consolidated Statewide Primary: The June Primary is 85-days away. The candidate nomination period closed on Friday, March 7, 2008. The Department has posted a list of candidates who have qualified from Monterey County, as well as a list of the local ballot measures that will appear before voters in various parts of the County this June. The Department has provided a link to the qualified state propositions and will provide a link to the state qualified candidate list as soon as it becomes available.

A voter, who may be both a permanent vote by mail voter and registered as either Decline-to-State (non-partisan and has selected not to affiliate with a political party) or is registered with a party that has not qualified for the ballot in California, will soon receive a post-card from the Department providing information about voting options in California’s “modified” primary system. Those who wish to receive a partisan ballot from the American Independent Party, or the California Republican Party, or the Democratic Party should complete and return the card by April 11, 2008 so they may prepare to send vote by mail ballots scheduled beginning on Monday, May 4th.

This concludes the CAO report.