MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for March 24, 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.

Library

Monterey County Free Libraries continues to win kudos and recognition. The City of Soledad recently recognized Angie Lopez, Manager of the Soledad branch library, as Citizen of the Year. Angie, who is well respected and loved by coworkers and members of the public alike, has worked for the library system for 35 years and was also honored as a Monterey County Outstanding Woman of the Year in 2006.

For 20 years now the Monterey County Weekly has been featuring an annual “Best of” series. Readers vote for their favorites in various categories and editors also pick in some categories. This year’s best picks are out and the place that is believed to “Most Likely Make You Smarter” is the Marina branch of the County library system. In the words of the Weekly “… there is something enchantingly cool about Marina’s brand new knowledge reservoir.”

The Seaside branch library recently won a contest sponsored by Paramount Pictures for special displays and creative children’s programs. Librarian Lori Chan worked with the children at her weekly program to make fun crafts and displays based on the popular children’s series “The Spiderwick Chronicles” by Tony DiTerlizzi. As a result, Monterey County Free Libraries will be one of only 5 libraries nation-wide to receive a private screening for 300 library supporters of the recently released “The Spiderwick Chronicles” movie.

This concludes the CAO report.