MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for March 31, 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.

RMA – Planning

Planning Commission Approves Chevron San Ardo to Coalinga heated Oil Pipeline Project

On Wednesday, March 19th, the Planning Commission unanimously approved a proposed 57 mile heated oil pipeline between San Ardo and Coalinga. Nineteen miles of the pipeline traverse Monterey County. Chevron currently trucks crude from San Ardo to its refineries in the Bay Area. The company has been investing in its San Ardo facilities and intends to increase production from 4,000 barrels per day to 32,000 barrels per day. This would increase truck trips from the current 20 per day to 200 trips per day.

The pipeline construction, which will occur over an 18-month timeframe, has some temporary impacts to biological resources along the route. However, there will be significant air quality benefits, road degradation and safety benefits to taking 70,000 trucks per year off County roads.

The Planning Commission was particularly interested in the overall economic benefits of the project beyond the creation of construction jobs and short-term boost to the local economy supporting the construction effort. Staff noted that the pipeline was an important element in the long-term enhancement of operations in San Ardo that would not result in a significant increase in permanent jobs, but would ensure the viability of the current jobs and stability of the local
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economy in the area. There are also potential tax benefits to the County with respect to the improvements.

County staff worked collaboratively with Fresno County, which will consider approval of their portion of the pipeline in early May 2008. Monterey County served as the Lead Agency; Fresno as the Responsible Agency. Our staff teams collaborated throughout the process including selection of a consultant, review of draft documents and crafting of mitigation measures. The MOU could serve as a model for our joint efforts with other jurisdictions into the future.

**Sheriff’s Office**

Supervisor Lou Calcagno and Sheriff Mike Kanalakis encouraged public and media to join them Saturday, March 29, 2008 at noon for a press conference and grand opening ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Monterey County Sheriff's new Community Field Office (CFO) in Castroville. The CFO is located at 10680 Merritt Street in Castroville.

Sheriff’s Office personnel were on hand to answer questions, along with providing a K-9 demonstration. Neighborhood watch information was available as well as free bicycle helmets for the kids.

This project was successfully accomplished with assistance from various community organizations and groups including a great amount of support form LULAC. The CFO will be staffed by one full-time Sheriff’s employee. The hours will be Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This concludes the CAO report.