MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for January 22, 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.

Elections

Register to Vote: As of Monday, January 21, 2008, the County now has 141,480 registered voters. The deadline to register to vote for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election is TODAY! The Department will be open until midnight to assist anyone who needs to register to vote, or who needs to update their voter registration due to a move, a change in name, change in mailing address, or anyone who wishes to change political party affiliation. If you wish to verify your information, you can call the Department at (831) 796-1499, or review the following information regarding a new online application the Department has, which allows you to verify your own information.

Department Launches New Online Verification Service to Assist Voters: The Department tested and launched two new website services that allow voters to log on and verify their voter registration status or whether or not the Department has received their voted returned mail ballot. Visit the Department’s home page at www.MontereyCountyElections.us and select the service you wish. All you need is your date of birth, the street number of your residence address, and your zip code and the system will be able to tell you if it has a match.
**Vote by Mail (Absentee) Voting.** The Department has issued 82,251 vote by mail ballots and has received 13,382 voted returns. This means 58% of the registered voters in the County have already received their ballot in the mail, and just more than 16% of those voters have voted and returned their ballot. Voters have until the close of polls to return their ballot to an Elections Official and many voters do wait and drop their ballot off on Election night at one of the County’s polling places. The Department suggests that anyone who plans to return their voted ballot should mail it no later than Thursday, January 31st or Friday, February 1st to allow enough time for the Department to receive it by Election Day.

**Logic and Accuracy Testing** The Department will commence the pre-election testing of the voting equipment to be used in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election today, Tuesday, January 22, 2008. All testing must be completed no later than 7-days prior to the Election. The Pre-Election Logic & Accuracy Testing or Pre-LAT is a test or series of tests to ensure that every device used to tabulate ballots accurately records each vote. The test is conducted by processing test ballots marked with pre-determined vote patterns reflecting at least one vote for each possible selection within an office or question. If a voting machine does not accurately tally, the cause for the error is corrected and a re-test is performed before the system is approved for use. The Department may also choose to keep the voting machine out of service. Successful testing will demonstrate that: each candidate and ballot measure receives the proper predetermined number of votes; that the system reports the proper number of over and under votes; and, that the system accepts only the proper ballot styles and rejects improper ones.

**Health Department**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is scheduled to present a Transportation Excellence Award to the Health Department's Community Health Division of it's "...outstanding contribution to improving transportation in Monterey County, specifically for...support of Monterey County Bike Week and promoting bicycling as a healthy transportation alternative." The actual award presentation will be made on January 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., during the regularly scheduled TAMC Board meeting. John Snider, Director of Community Health, will be present to accept the award on the Department's behalf.

**Library**

The Monterey County Free Libraries continues to work closely with the City of Marina on many library services. The Library is currently offering a Basic Computer Skills class at the Marina Branch Library in collaboration with the City of Marina and the Monterey Adult School.

The class meets on Wednesdays, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., in the Homework Center, and is open to people of all ages. Students learn how to operate a computer, access the Internet, send e-mails, create web pages, etc. The class has proven to be extremely popular and is functioning with students doubling up at most of the 16 computers and is a great example of successful collaboration between agencies.
**Sheriff’s Office**

The California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN) will be in the Sheriff’s Office Public Safety Building’s break room on January 22nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. CTDN staff will be available to answer questions and present information on organ donation. The CTDN’s goal is to increase donor registration during their “12 Weeks of Giving” Campaign.

To sign up online to be an organ and tissue donor in California, access the CTDN link at [http://www.donatelifecalifornia.org](http://www.donatelifecalifornia.org). Your organ donation could save the lives of eight people, and your tissue donation enhances the lives of another 50 people.

The Annual Public Safety Night will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at the Elks Lodge at 614 Airport Blvd., Salinas. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is $15.00 per person. The event is open seating and the dress code is casual. For Reservations, interested individuals should RSVP to the Elks Office, at 424-8039, by January 12th.

The Annual Monterey County Peace Officer’s Officer of the Year Dinner will be held on Friday, February 15th, at the Hyatt in Monterey. Officers from all agencies will be honored in addition to the selection of the MCPOA Officer of the Year. For more information on this event, please contact Leah Casey at 402-0044.

This concludes the CAO report.