MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for May 12, 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.

Budget

Status of FY 2008-09 CAO Recommended Budget

County Administrative Office budget discussions with Department Heads as well as outside agencies have concluded. County staff is diligently preparing the FY 2008-09 CAO Recommended Budget for the Board’s consideration during Budget Hearings scheduled to begin on Monday, June 9th. In building this year’s Recommended Budget it is evident that there are more needs than County resources can sustain and financial pressure continues as we await the Governor’s FY 2008-09 Budget Revision scheduled for released on May 14th.

Staff working with Departments will analyze the Governor’s May Revision and will recommend any necessary action to the Board’s Budget Committee and the Board at subsequent meetings. Additionally, a summary of the CAO Recommended Budget will be presented to the Board’s Budget Committee at its May 28th meeting.

Given the magnitude of the state’s fiscal situation, the County Administrative Office is characterizing this year’s Recommended Budget as a “interim budget” and one that will most certainly require a revision as a result of the FY 2008-09 Final State Budget. At this time, all indications are the State will not pass a budget by
June 30\textsuperscript{th}. We will continue to monitor this situation and will report to the Board’s Budget Committee and Board as necessary.

\textit{Parks}

\textit{Wildflower Festival Triathlon}

The 26th annual Wildflower Festival Triathlon took place the weekend of May 2\textsuperscript{nd} through the 4\textsuperscript{th} at Lake San Antonio. Tri-California Events produces this event on behalf of Monterey County Parks. The Wildflower is the second largest triathlon in the world attracting over 30,000 spectators and 7,500 athletes each year. This year three separate Triathlon events were conducted Saturday and Sunday, each consisted of a swim, cycling and run portion. On Saturday; the long course, a half Ironman, consisting of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run. World class athletes complete the course in a little over 4 hours, while many of the dedicated competitors will take up to 7 hours to finish. Also on Saturday is the Mountain Bike Triathlon; a .25-mile swim, 9.7-mile bike and 2.0-mile run, most competitors finish this much shorter event in between 1-1/2 and 2-1/2 hours. The Olympic Course Triathlon, on Sunday is the final event, both an individual event and team relay event that covers a .93-mile swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2-mile run.

In addition to the Triathlon racing events, the Festival had three all day music entertainment, puppet and magic shows for the kids, cycling and sports related clinics, too many to count food and merchandise vendors and award presentations for the winners in all age groups.

This concludes the CAO report.