MEMORANDUM

DATE:    July 14, 2007

TO:      Board of Supervisors

FROM:    Lew C. Bauman
          County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for July 14, 2007

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.

Emergency Communications and Office of Emergency Services

On Friday, July 11th, OES and Emergency Communications, with the cooperation of system provider Twenty First Century Communications (TFCC), were able to implement Phase 1 of a countywide telephone emergency notification system (TENS) for use in the current wildland fire emergency. While the final implementation will include a database with contact information for County and city local officials, and the ability for County residents and business owners to enter cell phone, fax, email and pager numbers for contact, Phase 1 consists of the ability to send out mass notifications to land line telephones only. The E911 database is synchronized with the county’s GIS map to ensure that every telephone in a target area will be called with the relevant emergency message.

Emergency Communications staff is working with TFCC’s GIS team to clear up a few anomalies with the data synchronization. This work should be completed in the next few days, and none of the addresses in question are in the currently impacted area.

On Saturday July 12th, at 12:45 p.m. the system was used for the first time to notify residents of the lower Cachagua area of a mandatory evacuation. The notification process was effectively used and notifications made much faster than was possible in past evacuation events. Even with
its currently limited functionality, the system proved its usefulness and will continue to be an effective tool during this ongoing emergency and for years to come

**Parks**

*Scottish Games and Celtic Festival*

The 41st Annual Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival was held at Toro County Park on July 5th and 6th, 2008. The Scottish Society of the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Jaycees presented the event.

Sheriff Mike Kanalakis, Honorary Chieftain, officially opened the games on Saturday. The opening ceremonies included introductions of dignitaries, a parade of the clans and the ever-popular Massed Pipe Band.

Exact figures are not yet available; however, the promoters felt that Saturday’s attendance was significantly higher than previous years at Toro Park. Attendees enjoyed Piping & Drumming competitions, Irish & Highland Dancing competitions, athletic events, historical re-enactments, Celtic arts and crafts, British food vendors, and Sheepdog demonstrations.

Seamus Kennedy, Hamewith featuring John Taylor and the Black Irish Bank provided entertainment this year. Special guest was the Delta Police Pipe Bank from Canada.

*July 4th Weekend at the County Lakes*

Both Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio were busy 4th of July holiday weekend. As in the past, we had a full deployment of County Sheriff Deputies and Park Rangers to handle the weekend crowd. Overall attendance was down approximately 15% from prior years due to high gas prices and the concern of wildfires in the area.

This concludes the CAO report.