MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for October 6, 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 – Redevelopment & Housing

On September 24, 2008, the Planning Commission approved the Cynara Court Affordable Housing Project located in downtown Castroville. The approval by the County is the culmination of considerable efforts by the Redevelopment and Housing Office to “jump start” the revitalization of Castroville. The project is being undertaken by Mid Peninsula Housing Coalition on two non-contiguous sites on Merritt Street and consists of 58 affordable apartments within mixed use developments. The project embodies the “smart growth” principles contained in the Castroville Community Plan by providing much needed affordable rental housing on in-fill blighted sites in conjunction with commercial uses, designed to promote quality design and a pedestrian friendly environment. The Redevelopment Agency is providing significant project funding to the tune of $1.4 million dollars in Redevelopment Housing Set Aside funds. The project will be owned and operated by Mid-Pen’s property management firm which has an excellent track record of well maintained properties and community involvement. The project design and operation will set a high bar for future development in the downtown, encouraging additional investment in the community.

This concludes the CAO report.