MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for December 1, 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

November 4, 2008 Presidential General - Official Canvass: The Department completed tabulation of all remaining ballots last week, including qualified provisional ballots. Any voter who was required to cast a provisional ballot may contact the Department on or after December 4th to find out if their provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason why.

The Department has now completed the required manual tally of both the paper ballot and touch-screen voting machine results, including the increased post-election manual tally requirements for close contests (margin of victory is 0.5% or less). The tally of write-in votes also completed last week for qualified write-in candidates for President of the United States, Congressional District 17, Assembly District 27, Superior Court Judge of Monterey County, and Mayor for the City of Pacific Grove. The Department will certify the final election results no later than Tuesday, December 2nd and bring the final certified Statement of the Vote before the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008.

March 3, 2009 Special School Elections: On Tuesday, November 25th, the Elections Department and Registrar of Voters issued an order calling for a recall election for the San Ardo Union Elementary School District to occur in conjunction with the already scheduled Special School Elections.
The Board of Trustees of the District decided on Monday, November 17, 2008 to reject the Resolution that was drafted to order the recall election for Irma Guerrero and Gabriel Guerrero. When a governing body fails to order a recall election, the California Elections Code provides that the Registrar of Voters shall set the date for holding the recall election.

Qualifications: Nomination documents for eligible persons intending to declare candidacy may be obtained from and filed with the Elections Department, no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 18, 2008.

**Information Technology**

MPC Corporation Bankruptcy Filing: Though deteriorating financial conditions continue to plague the PC industry, the Bankruptcy Court has approved the restructuring plans of our PC supplier MPC Corporation as well as payments to their manufacturing and assembly supplier and we have begun to receive backlogged orders for equipment. On Thursday, (11/20/08), the County ITD received 16 computers comprising five different orders that had previously been held up from delivery. Under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code rulings, the company has negotiated for the release of already manufactured products, the completion of backlogged orders, and begun preparations for manufacturing of new orders at their Nampa, Idaho facility. These rapid steps give us improved confidence of compliance with our contract for supply of PC and laptops. However, the CAO’s Purchasing Division and the Information Technology Department are closely monitoring the situation, having regular discussions with the company, and working on alternative sources of supply and other workaround solutions to avoid any disruptions in County business that may occur as a result of the filing and MPC business interruptions. Though the circumstance is discomforting, all efforts are being taken to avoid further adverse impacts to the County’s departments and progress is being made with completing the backlogged orders.

This concludes the CAO report.