MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for January 19, 2009

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.

Probation

Juvenile Sex Offender Response Team (JSORT) Kick Off: On January 15, 2009, the implementation phase of the long-awaited Juvenile Sex Offender Response Team (JSORT) was launched at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. This innovative program is funded by a two-year $250,000 discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

For more than four years, the JSORT Steering Committee has been building a new approach to respond to those juvenile offenders who have caused sexual harm to our community. The Steering Committee has been a reflection of the collaborative spirit of the Monterey County community, including representatives from County agencies: Probation (lead agency), Children’s Behavioral Health, and the Department of Social and Employment Services; as well the Monterey Police Department, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Rape Crisis Center, Community Human Services, and a private clinician.

The first grant year was dedicated to planning, to establish strategies, plans and protocols in collaboration with Superior Courts, District Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and law enforcement agencies throughout Monterey County; to identify and create a network of trained clinicians for juvenile sex offenders; and to identify the data that needed to be collected in order to measure outcomes.
The training for the network of clinicians, provided by the nationally known expert John A. Hunter, co-author of “Strengthening Community-Based Programming for Juvenile Sexual Offenders”, started in December 2007. Protocols from the law enforcement referrals to Juvenile Probation are within days of being formally established; the Deputy Probation Officer, who serves as sex offender specialist and lead officer for the project, has been assigned to the program.

In the upcoming months, the members of the Juvenile Sex Offender Response Team will be selected; in addition, each law enforcement agency will identify an officer or detective that will be the agency specialist for the program.

**Resource Management Agency**

In August, Supervisor Lou Calcagno designated representatives for a "Moss Landing Community Plan Update Committee" to provide an outline of a vision for the Moss Landing Committee as one of the elements of a larger effort to update the Monterey County Coastal Plan. The Committee, which included representatives from the key interest groups in the community, reviewed the text of the Moss Landing Plan, worked with staff and outside agencies to evaluate the status of current and future infrastructure needs and examined options for future growth in the Plan area. After six months of intensive work, the Committee has completed a consensus (unanimous) set of recommendations for the update of the Moss Landing Plan. These will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 27th.

This concludes the CAO report.