MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for March 16, 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.

Elections

March 3, 2009 Special School Elections: The final results of the Special School District Elections are available on the Department’s website by selecting the link for the Latest Election Results. The overall turnout was just over 19%, with 13% of the eligible voters voting by mail and just over 6% voting in person.

May 5, 2009 City of Gonzales Special All Mail Ballot Election: The Department has completed the layout and design of the official ballot and voter information. Voting material, including the official ballot, will be mailed to all eligible voters beginning Monday, April 6, 2009.

May 19, 2009 Special Statewide Election: The Statewide Special Election is 64 days away. The Department is now creating the layout and design for the official ballot containing the six (6) Propositions, 1A – 1F, as well as working on the layout and information contained in the local sample ballot and voter information pamphlet.

Poll Worker Recruitment: Last week, the Department sent out the recruitment memo and application for County employees interested in serving voters at the Special Statewide Election this May through the Election Officer Program.
Library

Monterey County Free Libraries recently marked the first anniversary of its Book Club to Go (BC2G) program. The program, which was launched in February 2008 to celebrate Library Lovers’ month, has been a resounding success.

The BC2G Program allows book clubs or reading groups to check out a “kit” which consists of a bag that contains 10 paperback copies of a book, discussion questions, discussion leader tips, and a sign-out sheet to help keep track of the bag’s contents. In addition, staff is available to assist people who wish to start a book group or need assistance selecting a title.

The program, which was one of the first to offer bilingual bags, started with 37 titles and has now expanded to 58 titles, including fiction, non-fiction, young adult, and Spanish/English bilingual sets. Titles are selected for their literary value as well the likelihood of their resulting in lively discussion. Currently there are 58 reading groups across the County registered to use this service, and bags have been checked out 125 times in the first year.

For more information on the program, please call (831) 899-2055 or visit http://www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org/BookClubtoGo/default.html

This concludes the CAO report.