MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for March 30, 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.

Cooperative Extension

Resource for anglers: A new guide produced by California Sea Grant and the California Department of Fish and Game offer tips to anglers on when to go beach fishing to catch target species, what to look for in the surf to improve catches, and rods and reels to consider. The centerpiece of the brochure is a beautifully illustrated key to commonly caught surf species in Central California.

To download printable PDFs of the brochures, visit California Sea Grant at:
http://www.csgc.ucsd.edu/BOOKSTORE/COMP_PUBLICATIONS/comp_pub_C_CAE_Beach_Fishing.html

Information for strawberry growers: The Cooperative Extension Strawberry and Caneberry farm advisor has recently started a “blog” in English and Spanish to provide up-to-the-minute information related to strawberry issues. Timely information will help address problems early, with the goal of preventing serious economic loss or environmental damage.
http://ucanr.org/blogs/fresamora/
http://ucanr.org/blogs/strawberries_caneberries/
National Research Conference held in Salinas: On March 23-25, the University of California Cooperative Extension, Monterey County, hosted the joint meeting of the 55th Annual Soil Fungus Conference and the 41st Annual California Nematology Workshop. This meeting was organized by Plant Pathology Farm Advisor Steve Koike in collaboration with the organizing committee made up of agricultural researchers from various parts of the western U.S. About 90 attendees gathered over the three days to hear talks on plant pathogen and nematode problems on various crops. Of particular interest were research talks on alternative, innovative means of controlling soilborne pests that are usually managed by fumigants. The group also visited the National Steinbeck Center and had the chance to learn about the history of agriculture in the Salinas Valley and the work of John Steinbeck.

This concludes the CAO report.