MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 18, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for May 18, 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.

Clerk of the Board

Below are the links to the podcasts of Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings now available on the County’s website. The podcasting service is an added feature of our use of the Granicus webcasting service and provides another opportunity for the public to access information. The podcasts can be downloaded to mp3 players/iPods or computers for viewing at any time. The public can also view the video podcast of the meetings on their computers; however the video podcasts cannot be downloaded/transferred to a portable mp3 or iPod device.

http://monterey.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=5
http://monterey.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=14

Elections

May 19, 2009 Statewide Special: REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009!! All Monterey County polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 12th, the Department reported 157,500 registered voters qualified to vote. However, the Department will continue to receive qualified voter registration cards up to
Election Day, as long as they contain a postmark of the deadline of May 4\textsuperscript{th}. These voters are considered “late but eligible”.

**Vote by Mail and Early Voting:** Department has now issued nearly 94,700 vote by mail ballots and has received almost 28,700 voted returns. Any voter who will otherwise be unable to vote at their polling place on Election Day may come to the Department to obtain a ballot in person, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Voters may also authorize a family member, including grandparents, or a member of their household to come to the Department to pick up a ballot on their behalf.

As a reminder, all voted mail ballots must be received by the Monterey County Elections Department by the close of polls on Election Day. Voters should now opt to return their voted ballots in person rather than US Mail. Ballots can be dropped off to the Department or to any polling place in Monterey County. For a list of all active polling places for the Statewide Special Election, visit the Department’s website at [www.MontereyCountyElections.us](http://www.MontereyCountyElections.us) and select the link “Polling Places.” Monterey County employees who reside in surrounding counties are again reminded to return their ballot to the County where they are registered to vote and where they obtained their vote by mail ballot.

**Election Night Reporting:** While it is impossible to predict exactly what time the Department will complete the tabulation and reporting of election night returns, based upon one ballot-card for each voter and the predicted low turnout, the Department is not anticipating ballot tabulation will have to continue too deep into Wednesday as happened during the November 2008 Presidential General.

The Secretary of State’s Office will be reporting statewide and county-by-county results for all six Propositions on their website (www.sos.ca.gov) as well as through Twitter.

**Library**

Library reopens after water heater causes flooding: The Buena Vista Branch Library reopened on Tuesday, the 12th of May, after a water heater malfunction caused major flooding in the library. The problem occurred sometime between 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd of May, and the afternoon of Monday, the 4th of May.

The leak was discovered by twin sisters, Natalie and Veronica Dicks, who are in the 8th grade at Buena Vista Middle School. The young women are staunch library users and often volunteer to
work on library projects. Monterey County Free Libraries system is very grateful to them and will be placing book plates inside some books for teens in their honor.

Though baseboards around much of the library had to be replaced because of water damage, no books, DVDs, or library furniture were seriously damaged. Four computers, which sit on the floor under desks, got very wet but County IT staff managed to dry them out and they are back in working order.

Staff and the public alike were very pleased to have their library open again. One happy patron said, “I am so glad I can check my e-mail again. I am back in touch with the world.” The Buena Vista Branch is located at 18520 Tara Drive, by the middle school. Please call (831) 455-9699 for more information.

This concludes the CAO report.