MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for June 8, 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

Six Alisal High School students, working with Kathleen Nolan of UC Cooperative Extension in Monterey County, have created a new fotonovela to teach their peers about the hazards of lead poisoning. "Fotonovela" is comic-book-like literature popular in Mexico. In this instance, it is an educational pamphlet that features photos of the students with thought and speech bubbles telling a story. The project was featured in the Californian on June 3rd, and on the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources news blog: http://ucanr.org/blogs/anrnews/ (Thursday, June 4, 2009).

The fotonovela is available on-line at the Monterey County Cooperative Extension website - http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu/EFNEP122/_b__i__Fotonovelas__b__i___.htm, and will be available at the Monterey County libraries.

Library

Write'Em Cowboys and Cowgirls! The Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) invite children and teens under the age of 18 to submit poems celebrating the western way of life in its annual Cowboy Poetry Contest held in partnership with the Foundation for MCFL and the California Rodeo Association. Monterey County's top three winning poets will have the opportunity to present their poems at the Cowboy Entertainment Gathering at Sherwood Hall on
Sunday, July 12, 2009 in Salinas. Winners will also receive prizes and have the chance to meet the show’s entertainers. Entry forms are available at local branches of the Monterey County Free Libraries and online at www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, June 24th. Proceeds from the Cowboy Entertainment Evening benefit the Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries. For more information, please contact Youth Services Librarian Ruth Paget at (831) 883-7542.

**Summer Reading Celebration at McShane's Nursery:** “Master the Art of Reading,” a Summer Reading Program especially for adults, will be launched at all 17 branches of the Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) beginning in mid June. For the first time, adults may join in the fun of reading programs and incentives that have traditionally been offered only to children and teens. To celebrate and welcome adults into the program, the Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries is partnering with the MCFL and McShane's Nursery on Highway 68 to offer a "Summer Reading Celebration" on Thursday, June 18th, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

This free kick-off event will feature keynote speaker and gardening expert, Tom Karwin, who writes the “On Gardening” column for the Herald. Music by jazz guitarist Michael Heller, guest appearances by Ms. Rodeo California 2009, Ashley Hoffman, and local author Gwyn Weger will add to the fun. The Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries is sponsoring the wine and appetizers. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Monterey County Free Libraries at (831) 883-7573 or McShane’s Nursery at (831) 455-1876.

This concludes the CAO report.