MEMORANDUM

DATE:       July 6, 2009

TO:         Board of Supervisors

FROM:       Lew C. Bauman
            County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT:    County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for July 6, 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.

Parks

Fourth of July in the Park and Car Show at San Lorenzo Park: On July 4, the 28th Annual Fourth of July in the Park and Car Show was held at San Lorenzo Park in King City. All proceeds from the event support the Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum. This year the event featured the opening of the Swiss Diamonds exhibit which chronicles the history of Swiss-Italians and the dairy industry they helped build in the Salinas Valley. Besides the car show, over 2,000 visitors enjoyed the expanded children’s activity area, the new tractor barn and a tri-tip BBQ.

July 4th Weekend at the Lakes: July 4th patrons who visited Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento experienced typical early July temperatures (mid-90’s), unfortunately attendance at the Lakes continues to lag behind prior years due to a weak economy and low water levels. A special thanks to the Sheriff and Probation Departments for their support of our County Park Rangers in maintaining a safe and friendly environment for our attendees. Overall our visitors enjoyed an incident free fun-filled holiday weekend.
Red Bull U.S. Grand Prix at Laguna Seca: The Red Bull U.S. Grand Prix was held at Laguna Seca Recreation Area on July 3-5. Attendance was estimated at 105,800 over the 3-day event, down 26,000 from 2008. (Final attendance numbers are not yet available.)

The weekend was preceded by a Yamaha Superkart Exhibition. Grand Prix legends Kenny Roberts Sr., Wayne Rainey, Eddie Lawson and Valentino Rossi lined up for a Superkart showdown on Thursday followed by a Riders for Health charity auction.

The “main event” was the MotoGP World Championship race at 2 pm on Sunday. Following a year of disappointment, Spain’s Dani Pedrosa won the race. It was his first win at Laguna Seca and seventh MotoGP win. Pedrosa took the lead early and stayed there even though he was followed closely by Valentino Rossi for most of the race. Third place went to Jorge Lorenzo with Casey Stoner in fourth place and Nicky Hayden in fifth.

Other events during the weekend included the AMA Superbike race and the Daytona SportBike race. Mat Mladin won the AMA Superbike Race again this year and Ben Bostrom was the Daytona SportBike race winner.

Dates for the 2010 MotoGP race have not yet been announced.

This concludes the CAO report.