MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for July 13, 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

Outreach and Education: On Tuesday, June 30th, the Monterey County Elections Department joined Congressional Representatives Sam Farr (District 17) and Anna Eshoo (District 14), Santa Cruz County Supervisor Mark Stone, keynote speaker Dr. Aida Hurtado of UC Santa Cruz, the Santa Cruz County Elections Department and the District Director of San Jose Citizenship and Immigration Services, Carol Keller, as 106 people representing 31 different countries became new citizens at the “2009 Proud To Be An American ~ Citizenship Ceremony” at Roaring Camp Railroads, in Felton. Staff from both Monterey and Santa Cruz County worked with Congressman Farr’s staff to set up a voter registration table and prepare special packages for all new citizens in attendance that included a letter from Congressman Farr, a new voter registration card and a Santa Cruz County Election pen, as well as a brochure from the Secretary of State’s office listing contact information for all 58 counties. The Department also brought along brochures that explain registration and voting programs offered in Monterey County. Kudos to Inger Christensen from Santa Cruz and Heather Frisella from Monterey, for being outstanding representatives of each County and providing voter outreach and education services for the new citizens. While all attendees received a registration card, there were 34 new citizens who completed their forms to register to vote. Also in attendance were the Santa Cruz County Clerk, Gail Pellerin, the Registrar and Assistant Registrar from Monterey, Supervisor Jane Parker, and many other elected officials from both Santa Cruz and Monterey County.
August 25, 2009 All Mail Ballot Special Elections: The election materials for military and overseas voters residing in either of the two districts were mailed out on Thursday, July 2, 2009. Voting packages, containing the official ballot, voting instructions, voter information about the election and a secure mail ballot return envelope will be mailed to all remaining eligible voters on Monday, July 27, 2009. Any voter who registers to vote after the first mailing will be mailed their voter package soon after the Department verifies and processes the registration.

November 3, 2009 Consolidated School and Special District General Election: The November General Election for members representing various schools and special districts in the County is 113 days away. The candidate nomination period opens today, Monday, July 13 and will close on Friday, August 7, 2009. There are 28 local school and 17 special districts with offices scheduled for the ballot, in addition to the special election to incorporate a new Town of Carmel Valley, which will be a general municipal election. Normally, candidates running for city offices would obtain and file all nomination papers with the respective City or Town Clerk, however, since the Town is not formed, the County will issue and accept nomination papers until there is a Town Clerk. The date of August 7, 2009 is also the deadline to qualify local ballot measures for the November ballot.

The Elections Department would like to thank the Department of Social and Employment Services for working to transfer their older Dell computers they were no longer using and had been decommissioned. The Elections Department will use the Dell computers to replace some of our older computers.

This concludes the CAO report.