MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
     County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for July 27, 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.

Child Support Services

Monterey County Joins Child Support Driver License “Get Back On The Road Again” Program: The Monterey County Department of Child Support Services (MCDCSS) will help non-custodial parents regain their driver licenses that may have been taken away because of missed child support payments. The special “Get Back on the Road Again” license buyback program begins August 1 and ends August 31, 2009. Monterey County DCSS will work with other agencies, including our sister counties of Santa Cruz and San Benito, to facilitate the program for the month of August by being open on selected Saturdays. This is a limited offer from the Monterey County Department of Child Support Services to assist those with their child support obligations.

The Monterey County Department of Child Support Services may release a driver license if a payment of one month’s current child support, plus a minimum of $25 on back support, is received and future payment arrangements are made. As long as the non-custodial parent continues to make monthly payments, they keep their license. If they are not obligated to pay current child support and owe only back support, they can still get their license. Keep the agreement, keep the license.
Eligible parents must have an established child support order and have repeatedly failed to make their payments. They may have lost their licenses under a 1996 law that allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend driver licenses for such offenses.

The Monterey County Department of Child Support Services has collected $36.9 million this last fiscal year from July 2008 through June 2009, while serving a total of 21,595 children. The total number of paternities established during this period was 3,444.

Child Support Services now offers the option of making child support payments with all major credit cards. For more information about this special program and our Saturday schedule, call (866) 901-3212 or visit www.co.monterey.ca.us/medcss

**Elections**

**August 25, 2009 All Mail Ballot Special Elections:** Voting packages, containing the official ballot, voting instructions, voter information about the election and a secure mail ballot return envelope will join the mail stream today, 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. To check and see if your voter registration information is current, select the link, “Am I Registered to Vote in Monterey County?” from the home page of the Department’s website.

**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 99 days away. The candidate nomination period remains opens through Friday, August 7, 2009. Visit the Department’s website for a description of the Election including offices on the ballot, a candidate guide and a list of candidates who have obtained papers so far, information on being a poll worker including the Department’s Team Up for Democracy program. The Department will soon be sending out Election Official applications to sign up for the November 3, 2009 Consolidated School and District General Election. Anyone interested should watch their in box for the coming information.

**CACEO Annual Conference:** The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials held their 101st Annual Conference last week in Industry City at the Pacific Palms Resort, just east of Los Angeles. California Professional Election Administration Certification classes were offered during the first two days, and two of the Department’s 10 permanent employees paid their own way in order to attend the training. The remaining three days of the conference were attended only by the Registrar of Voters, as the County’s principle representative and also chair of the Association’s Site Selection Committee. Sessions offered were: Board of Directors Strategic Planning and general Board meeting, “Surviving the Multi-Generational Workplace”, “Surviving the Collapse of SB 90”, “Crucial Conversations – Mastering the Ultimate Survival Skill Tools for Talking When Stakes are High, Emotions are Strong, and Opinions Differ”, “Saving on Election Mailing”, “Readability of Documents” (relating to public education and outreach),
“Election Billing Process” and finally a project kick-off for VoteCal (California’s first statewide voter registration database). While every meeting could not be attended due to overlap, materials were brought back from all sessions in order to obtain more information and best practices for the Department’s staff.

**Natividad Medical Center**

Job Growth in Health Is Expected to Be Strong

By CATHERINE RAMPELL
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Jobs in health care and those requiring postsecondary education will show the biggest gains by 2016, according to a report released on Monday by the president’s Council of Economic Advisers.

The report, titled “Preparing the Workers of Today for the Jobs of Tomorrow,” surveys previous research done on the parts of the labor force expected to grow most quickly. It then argues for ways to improve the educational system so that American workers can more readily adapt to an ever more skill-based economy.

The report was a response, in part, to criticism of the president’s $787 billion economic stimulus plan. The administration contends its plan will create millions of jobs.

The economy of 2016, the report says, will look very much like the economy of 2008 in terms of how workers will be distributed across major industries.

Manufacturing will continue its long-term decline, according to the report. Business and financial services will represent a slightly smaller portion of the labor force. Construction and transportation will probably grow once the economy recovers.

Employment in health and education services — which, unlike most other industries in the current recession, remains robust — will continue to skyrocket. A subsector of health care called “other medical services and dentists,” which includes home health care, outpatient care and medical laboratory positions, is projected to add the most jobs.
Environment-related occupations are also expected to grow quickly relative to the rest of the labor force.

But over all, the biggest job growth will occur in occupations requiring higher education.

The rewards of education have already been well-documented. As the report notes, workers now earn about 10 percent more money for each additional year of education they complete. In recent years, occupations with higher concentrations of college-educated workers have been growing much faster than the rest of the pack.

Economists expect this trend to continue, perhaps because such occupations employ a more nimble, creative work force.

That does not mean, though, that a bachelor’s degree will become a requirement for the new economy. In fact, occupations that require only an associate’s degree or a postsecondary vocational award will probably grow faster than jobs requiring a bachelor’s or higher.

Given this, the rest of the report describes goals for improving the postsecondary education system. These include improving early childhood, elementary and secondary education; better school curriculums; closer collaboration with employers to make sure students learn the skills they need on the job; better financial aid; and accountability for programs that do not work well.

This concludes the CAO report.