MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for August 3, 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

August 25, 2009 All Mail Ballot Special Elections: Monday, July 27, 2009, was the first day voting materials were provided in the mail and the Department had already received 17 voted returns by Wednesday. Any person residing within the boundaries of Trustee Area 1 of the Alisal Union School District or the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District who did not yet receive voting material for the Alisal recall or for Carmel Fire’s Measure F, should verify their registration is current by selecting the link, “Am I Registered to Vote in Monterey County?” from the home page of the Department’s website. The deadline to register to vote in the August 25th election is Monday, August 10. To date, the Department has received over 700 voted returns.

November 3, 2009 Consolidated School and Special District General Election: On Tuesday, July 28th, the Department held its first candidate information seminar. The goal of the seminar, entitled “Phase 1: Decide and Declare” was to provide prospective candidates with a general overview of the required nomination forms and deadlines for running for local office at the November 3, 2009 Election. There were 17 attendees present as well as a member of the Salinas League of Women Voters who discussed options for using Smart Voter as another avenue for reaching out to their constituents. The next seminar, entitled “Phase II: From Campaigning to Certification” will provide
candidates with information regarding campaign finance and reporting, as provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission, more detailed information about the use of Smart Voter, as provided by the League of Women Voters, as well as a general overview of data and information the Department can provide with respect to campaigning, and finally, general information about the canvass and certification of the vote and dates when winners may take office. The second seminar will occur on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, beginning at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending may sign up by sending an RSVP to the Elections Department.

**Parks**

**Spirit West Coast:** Spirit West Coast was held at Laguna Seca Recreation Area on July 30-August 1, for the 13th straight year. The 3-day festival included six stages of top performers in Christian music including headliners TobyMac, Mercy Me, Jeremy Camp and David Crowder. Inspirational speaker Nick Vujicic spoke on Friday and Saturday evenings. There were numerous food vendors, a variety of sports areas, late-night comedy shows and a large expo of Christian-related merchandise and services. A children’s area featured train rides, clowns, face painting and a petting zoo.

Ticket sales were down again this year, but likely topped 30,000 for the three-day event. (Final attendance numbers are not yet available.) The majority of attendees camped within the boundaries of Laguna Seca Recreation Area with “Camp Managers” hosting each area. Spirit West Coast will return to Laguna Seca Recreation Area on July 1-3, 2010.

**Scottish Games & Celtic Festival:** The 43rd Annual Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival was held at Toro County Park on August 1st and 2nd, 2009. The event was presented by the Scottish Society of the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Jaycees. The games were officially opened on Saturday by Honorary Chieftain Tom Adcock. The opening ceremonies included introductions of dignitaries, a parade of the clans and the ever popular Massed Pipe Band.

Exact figures are not yet available, however, the attendance appeared higher than previous years at Toro Park. Attendees enjoyed Piping & Drumming competitions, Irish & Highland Dancing competitions, athletic events, historical re-enactments, Celtic arts and crafts, British food vendors, and Sheepdog demonstrations. Entertainment was provided by Molly’s Revenge, Ken O’Malley and the Twilight Lords, John Taylor and Ed Miller. Special guest was the UC Riverside Pipe Band.
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International Jamboree Of Vietnamese Scouting: Swarms of scouts visited San Lorenzo Park in King City on July 10-17 for the Ninth International Jamboree of Vietnamese Scouting. Approximately 3,000 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts attended the international event from France, Germany, Australia, Canada and the U.S. This Jamboree was the largest ever held since beginning in 1985 and the theme was “Thang Tien” or “Moving Forward.”

Throughout the week, Scouts worked on crafts, skills and competitions. They were separated from their regional troops to form new groups in order to make new friends and learn how to work together. The closing event included an awards ceremony. Organizers were very pleased with the Monterey County location.

This concludes the CAO report.