MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 10, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
       County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for August 10, 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.

Health Department

Clinic Services Bureau: The California Asthma Public Health Initiative (CAPHI) program, under the California Department of Public Health, received the 2009 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for the work of its ten (10) funded partners, including the Monterey County Health Department relating to asthma. The Monterey County Health Department received a $40,000 grant, and served a total of 447 children primarily through the Laurel Pediatric Clinic. Their efforts, dedication, hard work and collaboration are making a real difference for many children in Monterey County.

Library

Self-Check stations added at two more Monterey County Free Libraries locations: Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) continues to look for ways to increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness. One option is to offer patrons the option of checking out their own materials. In the month of July, self check stations were installed in Carmel Valley and Greenfield. Self-check is now available at a total of four branches, including Marina and Castroville. Self check helps reduce lines at the circulation desk and allows patrons more privacy when borrowing library materials. Self check also allows library staff more time to help patrons with the more complicated and labor intensive issues. MCFL is committed to finding more efficient ways to serve the public.
Continuing Summer Programs at the library: Summer is always a very busy and exciting time for Monterey County Free Libraries. The MCFL continues to leverage its resources and while many other library systems are reducing services, MCFL continues to provide new and innovative programs.

In addition to the over 120 regularly scheduled programs and shows for children, teens and adults this summer, additional programs are being offered at various branches throughout the County. Some of the upcoming programs are listed below:

- The Marina Branch of the Monterey County Free Libraries invites youth in grades 6 to 12 to join a teen gaming event on Saturday, August 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. Call 831-883-7507 for more information.

- Financial Topics Forum at the Carmel Valley branch. An on-going Program held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for those who would like to increase their knowledge of financial topics. The next program is scheduled for August 15th. Call 831-659-2377 for more information.

- 2009 Wine Seminar and Tasting sponsored by the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library. Learn about the finer subtleties of wine from Master Wine Maker, Rich Tanguay, on Saturday, August 29th, 2009, 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Your $25.00 donation includes the buffet, a glass of wine, wine tasting, and the presentation.

- Rob Klevan of the Monterey Jazz Fest at the Carmel Valley branch. Saturday, September 12th, 10:15am - 11:30am/ Hear Rob Klevan of the Monterey Jazz Festival talk about the history of the Festival, stories of the jazz greats, and how the Festival supports jazz education. For information and to sign-up, please call 831- 659-2377.

- Shay Adams on Raising Bees and Honey at the Carmel Valley branch. Saturday, October 3, 10:15am - 11:30am. Hear Shay Adams talk about the joys of beekeeping and collecting honey. For information and to sign-up, please call 831- 659-2377

Other ongoing events include Introductory Computer classes, Vietnamese Language classes, ESL Conversation groups, Book Club meetings, etc. Please check the online events calendar at [http://www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org/events.html](http://www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org/events.html) for details.

This concludes the CAO report.