MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for February 8, 2010

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.

Clerk of the Board

The Board of Supervisors Standing Committee meeting and agenda information is now available on the Clerk of the Board’s webpage at http://000sweb.co.monterey.ca.us/cob/committees/default.asp. Information includes a brief description of the roles and responsibilities of the committees, agendas, members, meeting dates, times and locations.

Library

Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) receives Major National Grant to Serve Greenfield’s Oaxacan Community: MCFL received one of only three “Bookapalooza” grants awarded this year by Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association. As a result of this grant, the Greenfield Branch will receive 1,000 books for children and teens (estimated worth over $20,000) selected from among the materials the Association receives for award consideration.

The grant will help MCFL in responding to the compelling service needs of Greenfield’s Oaxacan population. MCFL’s work with the Oaxacan population and the California Rural Legal Assistance group has allowed the library to focus on one common aspiration expressed by the Oaxacan farm working community: parents want their children to read and write in English and participate in programs offered at the library, a trusted government agency.
MCFL will provide parent workshops in how to teach children to read and think critically, using the dialogic story telling method employed in many of MCFL’s popular story times. “Gunianiya!” (“Thank you” in Triqui) to ALSC for providing the Oaxacan families of Greenfield with the books they need to achieve their dreams of mastering English.

Triqui Language Classes at the Greenfield Branch Library: The Greenfield Branch of the Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) is offering free Triqui classes to community members. Triqui is the language spoken by majority of Greenfield’s Oaxacan population. Greenfield is also home to the largest group of Triqui speakers outside Mexico. The chance to study Triqui is a rare opportunity as the language is an oral one with no written script. The class is being taught by Amadeo Lopez, a native Triqui speaker.

Instruction takes place in Spanish and Triqui from 10 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. For more information, please call (831) 674-2614 or check MCFL’s electronic calendar for Greenfield at http://www.montereycountyfreelibraries.org/events.html

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.