MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for March 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.

Elections

June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Primary Election. The June Primary is 92-days away. The candidate nomination period is set to close this coming Friday, March 12th, at 5 p.m. The Department has posted a list of candidates who have qualified from Monterey County, as well as some of our neighboring counties whom we share electoral jurisdictions. The Department is expecting a busy week as many candidates who have not yet completed all nomination requirements will be coming in to file. How can you tell who has not yet completed all required paperwork? There is a note under the candidate’s name, indicating “Candidate has been issued papers, but may not have completed all of their paperwork.” If you see a name you recognize – let them know the Elections Department is waiting to see them! (http://www.montereycountyelections.us/a_candidates.htm)

Last week’s report indicated the Department would mail post cards to non-partisan voters on Wednesday, March 3rd. What the Department should have indicated was that the post cards were mailed on Monday, March 1st and would begin arriving in mail boxes on Wednesday, March 3rd. Those who wish to receive a partisan ballot from the Democratic or Republican Parties should complete and return the card by Friday, April 9, 2010. Anyone wishing to see the list of party candidates prior to making their ballot decision may view state and local candidates who filed
here in Monterey on the Department’s website, and may view statewide information on the Secretary of State’s website (www.sos.ca.gov). The Secretary of State will have the list of qualified candidates available no later than April 1, 2010.

**Social & Employment Services**

**APS - Code Enforcement Task Force Partnership.** The Department’s Adult Protective Services (APS) team became members of the County’s Code enforcement Task Force four months ago. This newly formed partnership furthers the Task Force’s capacity to address the circumstances and needs of frail seniors and adults with disabilities who find themselves in questionable living environments that pose risks to their health and safety.

Social Workers and the APS Public Health Nurse assess the psychosocial circumstances affecting individuals found to be in code violations. They then work directly with the resident in developing a service plan to resolve the problems identified in their assessment. This new partnership has strengthened coordination, problem solving, and communication between the Task Force and APS.

A recent case success involved an elderly couple found to be hoarding in their residence. Through APS intervention, the couple agreed to a cleanup plan with assistance from the County with associated costs. In addition, the APS worker made arrangements for the couple to be seen at Natividad Medical Center for needed medical care. The APS worker extended their service coordination capacity by arranging for a local philanthropy group to fund turning on the couple’s utilities that had been shut off.

The outcome of this partnership is a greater knowledge and appreciation for the work performed by all Task Force members and extends the capacity of the County to meet the needs of frail and disabled residents.

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.