MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for April 19, 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.

Departments

Health, Office of Emergency Services, Administration, Water Resources Agency

Monterey County and the City of Salinas have been notified of the receipt of a national award from the American Public Works Association for the response to the May 2009 Dayton Water Incident.

Dayton Water Incident

An explosion and fire occurred during the evening of May 29, 2009 at an industrial building on Dayton Street in Salinas. An unpermitted business was experimenting with a new paint emulsifier that resulted in a major explosion that was seen for miles. The explosion destroyed the building and damaged several adjacent buildings. The fire department's response to contain the fire resulted in hazardous materials flowing from
the property onto Dayton Street and into the nearby storm drains system that ultimately discharged into the Reclamation Ditch. The Reclamation Ditch is a major waterway that collects agriculture runoff from the Salinas Valley and urban runoff from a significant portion of Salinas. The effected stretch of the Reclamation Ditch was 4 miles long with approximately 5 million gallons of contaminated product (water and toxic materials).

The response to the Dayton Water Incident was a collaboration of Monterey County, the City of Salinas, numerous state and federal agencies and several private contractors and consultants; acting together to ensure contaminated water did not end up in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. During the course of the clean up, over ten million gallons of water was treated to remove contaminants of concern.

APWA Projects of the Year Award

The American Public Works Association (APWA) Public Works Projects of the Year awards are presented annually to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects, recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, contractor, consultant and their cooperative achievements. The County of Monterey, City of Salinas, Mark Thomas & Company and Rain for Rent Inc. will be recognized during APWA's International Public Works Congress & Exposition in August.

Agencies and Organizations involved in the clean up response

- Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Division and Office of the Health Officer
- Monterey County Office of Emergency Services
- Monterey County Administration
- Monterey County Resource Management Agency
- Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- City of Salinas, Engineering and Transportation
- Salinas Fire Department
- North Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District
- Cal Trans
- California Department of Fish and Game
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- NOAA National Marine Sanctuary
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Weber Hayes & Associates
- Mark Thomas & Company
- Rain For Rent
- Monterey Peninsula Engineering
Parks

The Sea Otter Classic celebrated 20 years at Laguna Seca Recreation Area on April 15-18. The 4-day festival events included professional races in downhill, dual slalom and road racing as well as a variety of amateur and youth events. Nearly 10,000 athletes from across the globe continued the tradition started in 1991 with only 350 participants. New this year was the Gran Fondo, three fully supported rides of 28-mile and 45-mile coastal routes and a 100-mile inland route for more experienced riders.

Environmental stewardship has been a priority for Sea Otter Classic. They actively promote trail conservation, alternative forms of transportation and recycling for a more sustainable future. They continue to improve and expand their environmental programs each year through partnerships with SRAM, Kenda, Thule, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., Toyota and others.

Because the legacy of the sport lies with our youth, Sea Otter Classic encourages youngsters to ride and break the sedentary habits of today’s generation. They host several youth-oriented programs—school outreach visits, a skills ride zone, kid’s bike races, bike rodeos and much more.

Final numbers are not yet available, but it appeared to be a successful weekend.

Elections

June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Primary: As of Monday, the June Primary is 50-days away. Current activities surround design, layout, translation and proofing of all voting and poll worker training materials. The Department is also designing the matrix that will be used to test the vote tabulating equipment. This test must include all contests and parties, and the end result must prove that the voting equipment can tabulate votes correctly. There will be 31,166 total number of voting targets marked on test paper ballots. The Department must also test all touch-screen voting machines as well. There will be approximately 250 touch-screens programmed, tested and deployed for the Primary Election (for each precinct, one is set up and one is spare).

Report of Registration: The Department filed its “60-day Report of Registration” with the Secretary of State’s Office. As of Friday, April 9, 2010, the registration in Monterey County is as follows:

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Vote by Mail (Absentee) Voting: Due to the late arrival of the State’s Spanish translations of ballot information, there is a delay in the production of the official ballot for Monterey County’s military and overseas voters. However, the Department is working closely with the ballot printing and mailing vendor to accomplish this mandate timely. Under State Election law, should official ballot stock not be available in time, the Department will mail facsimile ballots for the military and overseas voters to use. The County will continue to provide these “Special
Absentee Voters” the option of faxing their voted ballot back to the office if they do not receive it in time to vote and return it by mail. During the November 2008 Presidential General Election, the Department received 150 faxed ballots from overseas voters who could not return their ballot via the postal system in time to be counted.

**Poll Worker Recruitment:** The Department would like to thank all of the County Employees who have signed up to participate in June. As of Friday (4/16/10) the Department has received 90 applications through the County Election Official Program — this number reflects almost 2/3 of the Department’s goal which is 124!! The Elections Department is more than appreciative of the willingness of each employee to join, and of their supervisor to allow involvement in the program and provide voters assistance on Election Day. THANK YOU to those who have signed up — will YOU?

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.