MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

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

Parks

SCRAMP is hosting the American Le Mans Racing Series May 21st-23rd, 2010. This is the first race event of the season at Laguna Seca.

Again this year, there will be a “race into the darkness” event from 2:30-8:15p.m. on Saturday, May 22nd. The race will receive live television coverage on the Speed Channel. The “race into the darkness” concept continues to enhance the American Le Mans Series at Laguna Seca. In addition, a practice session will be conducted on the track Thursday, May 20th until 8:00 p.m. This unique event and the television coverage will continue to showcase Monterey County and Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca and increase attendance for future events.
Library
American Sign Language Story Time at the Library

Monterey County Free Libraries continues to seek ways to reach all residents of the County. As a result, the Marina Branch of the Monterey County Free Libraries will host a special story time in American Sign Language for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families, as well as for members of the hearing community, on Saturday, May 22 from 2:00 p.m. The program will be presented in American Sign Language and an interpreter will translate the stories for the hearing members of the audience. No pre-registration is required.

This program is supported by the Literacy, Empowerment, and Advocacy Program (L.E.A.P) and is funded by a grant from Harden Foundation. The Marina Branch Library is located at 190 Seaside Circle in Marina. For more information, please call (831) 883-7507.

Clerk of the Board
The Monterey County Clerk of the Board reports those using the internet to search for information from the County Code will find a new feature - email. Recently added to the webpage where the code sections are accessed online, is an email feature, allowing entire chapters or sections of the code to be sent to those interested.

http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=16111&stateId=5&stateName=California&customBanner=16111.jpg&imageclass=L&cl=16111.txt

Cooperative Extension
Cooperative Extension’s Nutrition Program Manager has been working throughout the county with schools to promote healthy eating and lifestyles. One of the tools used in this effort is the UC Cooperative Extension-developed curriculum entitled “EatFit”. The schools and teachers are working hard to incorporate evidence-based behavioral change metrics into their evaluation plans.

Here are some comments from a handful of parent letters offered in feedback for the “EatFit” curriculum. In addition, the family’s health is improved as youth bring the lessons learned home to their parents.

- "I have seen an improvement in ‘J’s’ choice of foods lately. Often, she's advised us of the importance of eating more vegetables and fruits. She has stopped drinking soda when we eat out; at the dinner table she always discusses what she learned from her health class. J also knows portion control and she avoids sweets. I am glad that she can make these choices for
herself and wants to be healthy always. Indeed, I am very pleased that this program has been instituted in schools now. Thanks!

Respectfully. "Mrs. R

- "Gracias por decirlo a mi hija lo que es saludable". Juan R.P. "Thank you for telling my daughter what is healthy."

- "Mi hija desde que se propuso a comer saludable y usar ejercicio es más activa." Roberto M. Since my daughter decided to eat healthfully and to exercise she is more active."

- "I'm impressed that my daughter is now more aware of the choices she makes when we eat at fast food restaurants." L. Garcia

- "Thank you for making this part of the curriculum". Elizabeth O.

Elections

June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Primary: As of Monday, the June Primary is 29-days away. Current activities surround the required Logic and Accuracy testing, cleaning and organizing materials for the polling places, candidate write-in nomination period, preparation for early voting at the Department, and processing voter registration forms for eligible voters.

Election Mail: Last week’s report indicated the Department would be mailing out all permanent and mail ballot precinct voters their vote by mail voting materials beginning Monday, May 10. Due to the significantly late translations from the State, almost every county was delayed in delivering the official format to their printer. Mail will be delivered to the Salinas post office for delivery on Thursday, May 13.

Vote by mail ballots will be available at the Department’s office in Salinas beginning Monday, May 10, as required by law for those who wish to obtain a ballot in person.

June 22 and August 17, 2010 Special Vacancy Elections – Senate District 15: On Thursday, May 6, a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court, Northern California District in San Jose on behalf of three Monterey County minority voters naming the County of Monterey and the State of California as Defendants, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief and asking the Court to prevent the continued implementation of the Special Vacancy Elections unless and until the required approval for the election, and any voting process changes, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act has been obtained. Monterey County is one of five counties involved in the Special Vacancy Election in Senate District 15 and is the only county required to submit voting changes to the Department of Justice for preclearance no less than 60-days before the change is implemented. No court date has been set.

The deadline for candidates seeking to have their name placed on the June 22 ballot is today, May 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
**General Office** – State Petitions: The Department, in addition to the coming elections listed above, is also verifying signatures on the following statewide petitions attempting to qualify for the November 2, 2010 ballot:

- #1380 Related to Redistricting – Certified to Secretary of State on 4/20/2010
- #1421 Related to Vehicle License Surcharge – certified to Secretary of State on 5/5/2010
- #1394 Related to Term Limits – Currently verifying signatures.
- #1414 Related to Transportation and Local Government Funds; #1454 Related to Global Warming. Both received 5/4/2010; Waiting for Random Sample
- #1408 Related to 2/3 Vote on State Budget. - Received 5/7/2010 Waiting for Random Sample

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.