MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 28, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of June 28, 2010

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer to the Board of Supervisors.

This Week’s Topics: Fireworks Safety Information, Natividad Medical Center Farmer’s Market, Election Update and what’s new on the web.

Public Safety

Fireworks are a tradition on the 4th of July holiday, but rules about sale and use of fireworks varies throughout Monterey County and the Central Coast area. Find out where fireworks can be sold, used, or where they are prohibited.

Parks

The Independence Day holiday also means camping out for many. The Parks Department reports lots of water, plenty of campsites available at our county lakes campgrounds. For more information check out:

http://www.lakesanantonioresort.com/
http://www.nacimientoresort.com/
**Natividad Medical Center**

Have you had your 5 servings of fruits and vegetables today? Strive for 5! Come check out Natividad Medical Center’s Certified Farmer’s Market every Wednesday from 11 am until 4 pm in front of the Outpatient entrance. For more information go to:


**Elections**

**June 8, 2010 Statewide Primary:** The official canvass can continue once again, now that the canvass for the June 22 Special Primary (see details below) is complete. The deadline to finalize all steps of the official canvass is Tuesday, July 6.

**June 22 Special Primary Election – Senate District 15:** Election Day is over; the official canvass is complete, aside from review and manual tally of write-in votes. Normally, in state elections, the official canvass can last up to 28-days, with all of the details that need to be finalized, confirmed, and reported. However, for the June 22 Special Primary, the 5 counties only have 8-days and that is including Saturday and Sunday. Why? With the necessity to begin work on the upcoming August general (see below, with no winner, we do this all over again), the official canvass had to be cut short.

The overall turnout in Monterey County was 32.11%, slightly higher than the predicted 30% - reflecting 29,572 of the District’s eligible 92,088 voters. Visit the Department’s website and select, “Latest Election Results” for the candidate totals. For District-wide results and county-by-county results from all 5 counties in the District, visit the Secretary of State’s website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov). The site, however, does not reflect the total registered voters throughout the District, giving the viewer the ability to calculate overall voter turnout. According to statistics collected by the Department, there were 460,247 eligible voters, of which 147,117 cast a ballot, reflecting a 31.13% turnout; 7.47% of the voters cast their ballot at the polls, and 23.66% voted by mail.

With no candidate reaching the required majority vote necessary to avoid the August 17 general, or run-off, election (Blakeslee with 49.49% and Laird with 41.73%), voters will be headed to the polls once again to select a representative in Senate.

**August 17 Special General Election – Senate District 15:** As of Monday, June 28, there are merely 50-days until the August 17 Special General. Yes, you read it correctly - voters will head to the polls again. The ballot will look exactly the same, aside from the date – all candidates will be listed in the same order, and all will have the same ballot.
designation (brief description of current profession that is shown under each candidate’s name on the ballot). The Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet will look the same, with no candidate statements for Laird or Blakeslee. You may see one from Hinkle or Fitzgerald, as they agreed to the campaign spending limit so are both permitted to have a statement in the pamphlet (the due date is after the submission of this report). The polling places will be the same, with just one or two changes – reason, again, it is important to review the back cover of the local Pamphlet for that information!

**November 2, 2010 Statewide General** – Thursday, June 24, 2010 was the deadline for all state initiatives to qualify for placement on the general election ballot. Counties worked very hard in between all of the required work on the official canvass for the June 8 Statewide Primary, as well as those counties, including Monterey, conducing the June 22 Special Primary, to validate petitions in time to meet the deadline. As of late Thursday, there are 10 propositions listed on the “Qualified Statewide Ballot Measures” web page. For a brief synopsis of each, visit the Secretary of State’s website, or follow this link: [http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm)

Candidate nominations open on Monday, July 12 and close on Friday, August 6.

**Administration**

New on the website – check out links to

Economic Development - [http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/admin/business-services.htm](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/admin/business-services.htm) - where those interested in doing business in the county can get information

County Strategic Initiatives – [http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/pages/bos/2010-11-Strategic-Initiatives.htm](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/pages/bos/2010-11-Strategic-Initiatives.htm) - these initiatives and goals have been developed by the Board of Supervisors as guiding principals to set county policy, and play an important role in the county budget.

Press releases from the District Attorney’s Office - [http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/da/press.htm](http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/da/press.htm)

A Salinas Valley Agriculture blog focusing on grower production issues can be found on the County Agriculture Extension Office homepage - [http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu/](http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu/)

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