MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 9, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of August 9, 2010

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

This Week’s Topics: Monterey County’s Libraries and One Stop Career Center take job help on the road, Tracking Federal Stimulus money in Monterey County, and the County HR finds some big savings.

DSES/Libraries

This Friday, August 13, 2010 the One Stop Career Center of Monterey County in collaboration with Monterey County Free Libraries will launch the Mobile Career Center, with a visit by the van at the Castroville Library located at 11160 Speegle Street at 10am.

The Mobile Career Center van expands access opportunities for residents seeking assistance with job search, resume writing and other employment services. The van will be used for visiting libraries, community centers and job fairs throughout the county.

The partnership between the One Stop Career Center of Monterey County and the Monterey County Free Libraries is in response to the growing number of people turning to libraries as resource centers for information and links to community services. “The Mobile Career Center provides the perfect bridge for job seekers who cannot easily visit the One Stop Career Centers in Seaside and Salinas, and need more help than our staff can provide at the libraries,” says Jayanti Addleman, County Librarian.
Intergovernmental Affairs

Last year, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law in response to the nation's economic crisis. Economic stimulus monies were provided to areas around the nation, including California and here at home in Monterey County. In Monterey County, schools, city and county governments, local agencies and non-profit groups have been awarded funding. For those interested in seeing where stimulus money is being spent in Monterey County, or any other area of the state, a special map has been developed at: http://recovery.ca.gov which allows you track how stimulus money is being spent.

Human Resources

The County’s Risk Manager, Steve Mauck, has negotiated premium reduction of over one half million dollars in the County Medical Malpractice Insurance package. The negotiated package also increases some of the coverage limits and locks in the lower rate for 2 years.

The original bid by the insurance provider totaled over $1.2 million for one year. The savings of $590,000 will be realized in those departments involved in providing medical care: Natividad Medical Center, the Health Department, and the Sheriff’s Department (the Sheriff’s Department provides health related services to inmates).

This savings is part of a plan from Risk Management to create efficiencies and reduce costs for County departments.

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