MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of October 25, 2010

In this week’s edition: Probation staff is on the move, the latest voter registration numbers from Elections, groundbreaking is set for a Castroville housing project that got a boost from the County Redevelopment Agency and the UC Presidents goes “in the field” in Salinas.

Probation
Starting this week, Monterey County Probation Department’s Adult Division staff will be moving into their new home at 20 East Alisal – First Floor in Salinas (formerly known as the Old Republic building).

Staff in the Adult Division, currently housed in two separate downtown locations, the Central building at 236 Monterey Street and the Walker building at 20 West Gabilan, will be relocated to the new site in staged phases between October 27th and November 5th, 2010.

First Move
Location - Central Building on Monterey Street
Date & Time - Wednesday, Oct 27th - Friday, Oct 29th

Second Move
Location – Walker Building, Gabilan Street – First Floor
Date & Time – Wednesday, Nov. 3rd & Thursday Nov. 4th

Third Move
Location – Walker Building, Gabilan Street – Second Floor
Date & Time – Friday, Nov 5th
Please note that all phone numbers for Adult Division staff will remain the same.

We are making all possible efforts to ensure a smooth transition and minimize interruption of services. Phones will be forwarded between offices during moving times. However, should you need to contact staff during the move on urgent or time-sensitive matters, you may contact:

- Adult Division Director: Todd Keating  phone 796-1221
- Adult Clerical Supervisor: Cindy Brown  phone 796-1223
- Chief Admin Secretary: Elizabeth Balcazar  phone 755-3913

**Elections**

**November 2 Consolidated Statewide General:** As of Monday, October 25, the November Election is 8-days away. Verify your registration status, view your local Monterey County Voter Guide online, and see where your assigned polling place location is by visiting the Department’s website at www.MontereyCountyElections.us

**Close of Registration:** Last week was the close of the voter rolls. All counties have about a week to complete data entry on valid registration cards received on or postmarked by the registration deadline on Monday, October 18.

The chart below reflects the registration as of mid-day, Monday, October 25. The bolded figures reflect an increase since last week’s CAO Weekly Report:

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**Deadline to Vote by Mail/Early Voting:** Tuesday, October 26 is the last day to apply to receive a vote by mail ballot. Applications can be found on the back cover of the local Monterey County Voter Guide or on the Department’s website under the Voter Services tab.

Alternatively, anyone may come to the Department’s office and obtain a ballot in person, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours, and up to 8:00 pm, the close of polls, on Election Day. The special early voting touch screen voting machine is also available at the Office an ongoing through this coming Friday, October 29.

To date, the Department has issued over 106,000 ballots and received just over 27,500 voted returns.

**Election Results:** Saturday, the Department began the early processing of voted returns, by opening and extracting nearly 20,000 ballots from their blue return envelopes. On Monday, the Department commenced ballot counting, using three central ballot tabulators. State law allows the election official to begin processing vote by mail ballots 7-business days prior to
the Election but the results of the early tabulated ballots cannot be released until the close of polls on Election Day.

Visit the Department’s website, under “Election Results” to see the new general Election Results Reporting Schedule. The Department plans to adhere to this generic schedule for the November 2 Election and all elections in the future.

Poll Worker Training: Poll worker training classes will end this week, with final Inspector training taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday. After training is complete, the Department continues to offer “Practice Makes Perfect” sessions at the Department for any poll worker who would like one more opportunity to go over instructions and ask questions before Election Day. In the end, there were 28 Clerk and 6 Inspector classes held in October for training over 760 people to be ready to assist voters on Election Day!

Resource Management Agency – Redevelopment Agency
A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 4th at 11 a.m. to celebrate the start of construction of Cynara Court in Castroville.

For the past several years, the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) has been assisting MidPen Housing, a non-profit housing developer, with an affordable rental project located in downtown Castroville. The RDA has provided $2.77 million in funding assistance in addition to assistance with the processing of the entitlements.

Located on two separate sites, Cynara Court will provide a total of 58 rental units. All of the units will be restricted to low- and very low-income households earning 60% or less of the Monterey County Area Median Income ($66,100 for a family of four). Cynara Court addresses the need for affordable rental housing in Castroville where there are serious overcrowding problems and limited affordable housing opportunities. The project will meet the housing needs of both singles and families through the mix of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units.

Cynara Court also includes a community center housing a management office, an after school center with computer lab, and playground as well as a small office available for rent. The project design is consistent with the adopted Castroville Community Plan.
Construction on Cynara Court began this month and is expected to be completed by November of 2011. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately $18.7 million, and will provide more than 300 local construction jobs.

**Cooperative Extension**
The Monterey UC Cooperative Extension hosted University of California President Mark Yudof for a tour of UC activities in Monterey County on Friday, October 22.

President Yudof was accompanied by UC Vice President for Agricultural and Natural Resources Dan Dooley, who selected Monterey County as one of the first counties to highlight because of its long partnership with Cooperative Extension and the strong local agricultural research and extension program.

Cooperative Extension staff took President Yudof to a field site, where he met farm workers and got an up-close view of a lettuce harvest operation. Later Yudof met local agricultural leaders and the Cooperative Extension advisors and specialists who serve Monterey County.

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