MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of November 22, 2010

In this week’s edition: Insight into mental health of Monterey County residents is available online, vote tally work in the Elections Department is reaching the bottom of the pile, and its standing room only at two key agriculture seminars.

Health
The latest Health Department publication, Monterey County Health Profile 2009: Behavioral Health is now available online. This is the eighth report in an annual series which examines the health status of Monterey County residents and it is the first report in the series to focus specifically on behavioral health issues.

Did you know that approximately 12,000 Monterey County Medi-Cal eligible residents were estimated by CA Dept of Mental Health to have serious mental or emotional health needs?

The report delves not only into data (80 outcomes are examined from poverty to suicide) but the needs for Mental and Behavior Health services.

Mental disorders are as disabling as other serious diseases and are the leading cause of disability for those ages 15-44. In 2008-2009, Monterey County Behavioral Health and its non-profit partner organizations served over 6,390 Monterey County residents with outpatient and inpatient services, representing a five-year increase of 33% more consumers.

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Excerpt: Monterey County Health Profile 2009: Behavioral Health
The report can be found on the Health Department’s website http://www.mtyhd.org
Click “Publications” then “Reports” then select Health Profile 2009.

**Elections**

**November 2, 2010 Statewide General - Official Canvass:** On Friday, November 19, the Department released another update to the official election results. The Department tabulated the remaining vote by mail ballots, releasing an update reflecting a 59.43% turnout so far. There are approximately 8,000 ballots left to tabulate, with over 4,600 being cast by provisional voters.

This coming Wednesday, November 24, the Department will release another result update. The Department’s goal is to complete tabulation of all remaining qualified ballots; therefore, the result may be posted to the Department’s website some time after the close of business at 5:00 pm.

The Department has completed the 100% tally of all touch-screen voting machine results, and has one full precinct left to complete for the required manual tally of paper ballots cast at 1% of the precincts.

The Department will also be increasing the post-election manual tally for the close mayoral contest in Greenfield, where the margin of victory has narrowed since Election night. Recently expired regulations required the elections official to increase the tally when the margin of victory is 0.05% or less; the margin of victory for the mayoral contest in Greenfield is, as of Friday, November 19, at 0.54%. The next closest contest is in Seaside, where the margin of victory is 1.44% between the two mayoral candidates. The tally of write-in votes commenced last week, with four, four-member teams being trained to review and manually report results for qualified write-in candidates in various state contests.

The Department will certify the final election results no later than Tuesday, November 30 and bring the final certified Statement of the Vote before the Board of Supervisors on or after Tuesday, December 7.

**Cooperative Extension**

Monterey County Cooperative Extension advisors led two standing room only conferences this month.

On November 9 farm advisor Richard Smith conducted his annual Salinas Valley Weed School to a large audience of growers and pest control advisors. Experts talked about new technologies in weed control, alternatives to
roadside weed control, and variables in herbicide persistence.

Weed control is a very important economic and environmental issue. Weeds are also common hosts of insects and diseases that can cause major economic losses to county agriculture.

On November 16, farm advisor Steve Koike held his annual Plant Disease Seminar, addressing a similar audience of about 120 growers who heard the latest research and issues affecting lettuce, other leafy greens, strawberries, grapevines, and the pathogens and invasive pests that these commodities face. Successful plant disease control has major impacts the county's economic well being.

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Steve Koike shares his findings at the November 16th seminar.