MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
       County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for May 17, 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.

Department

Agricultural Commissioner

The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Systematic Entomology Laboratory has confirmed the detection of one European grapevine moth (EGVM), Lobesia botrana that was trapped by Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner staff on May 10, in a vineyard northeast of Soledad.

The trap was part of a statewide program, in conjunction with USDA and California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) to detect this invasive moth.

As a result of the find, county inspectors and state staff have placed nearly 400 traps in commercial vineyards within an 80 square mile area around the discovery according to Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner Eric Lauritzen, who also explains it is critical to determine if there are any more of these pests in our area, as any additional finds could trigger a quarantine.

Prior to this detection of EGVM, Monterey County had approximately 1,300 EGVM traps in place throughout commercial vineyards in the county.
European grapevine moth was first detected in Napa County in September of 2009. Since that time, EGVM has also been found in Sonoma, Solano, Mendocino and Fresno counties where eradication efforts are on-going.

EGVM is a grape pest of significant economic importance in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, southern Russia, Japan and, more recently, Chile. The larva feed on grape flowers and developing fruit. Second and third generations cause the most damage by direct feeding on mature grape berries and indirectly by predisposing the crop to fungal infections, like grey mold (caused by Botrytis cinerea.) Damage is greatest in grape cultivars that have compact clusters or are sensitive to rot. Treatment options for the EGVM include traditional and organic ovicides and larvicides as well as mating disruption.

![EGVM Adult moth about ¼ inch long](image1)

![EGVM larvae showing variable color
Older stages are darker in color
Up to ½ inch long](image2)

**Elections**

**June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Primary:** As of Monday, the June Primary is 22-days organizing materials for the polling places, candidate write-in nomination period (closes next week), Early Voting at the Department, and processing voter registration forms for eligible voters.

**Election Mail:** The Monterey County Elections Department began to hear confirmation that voters were beginning to receive their election materials for the June 8, 2010 Election. With the mail being dropped at the Post Office in Salinas on Wednesday evening, the Department is very impressed with the quick turnaround and ability to get the materials to mailboxes in just one to two days. If you have not yet received your State or local voter information, check the Department’s website feature (below) to make sure you are registered to vote – there is still time!

**Online Voter Information:** Visit [www.montereycountyelections.us](http://www.montereycountyelections.us) to use the self-help features for verifying you are registered to vote ("Am I registered to vote in Monterey County?"), for locating your polling place for the June 8, 2010 Primary and also to check out an online version of your local Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet ("Where do I vote?"). The State Voter Guide is also available online through the Secretary of State’s website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).
Register to Vote: If you have moved, changed your name, wish to change your political party (yes, there is time), or if you simply have not yet registered to vote in Monterey County, the deadline is coming fast! **Monday, May 24, 2010 is the last day.** Registration forms are available at the Department, at any Post Office, Library, City Hall, County Government Center, and various Social Services locations in the County. It may also not be too late to register to vote online through the Secretary of State’s website.

**June 22 and August 17, 2010 Special Vacancy Elections – Senate District 15:** Last week, the Department reported that a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court 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. A court date has been set for Thursday, May 20, 2010.

**General Office – State Petition update:**

#1394 Related to Term Limits – Certified to Secretary of State on 5/12/2010  
#1414 Related to Transportation and Local Government Funds; #1454 Related to Global Warming. Both received 5/4/2010 – now verifying signatures  
#1408 Related to 2/3 Vote on State Budget. - Received 5/7/2010; still waiting for Random Sample  
#1444 Related to Cigarette Taxes – Received 5/10; Waiting for Random Sample  
#1412 Repeal Business Tax Breaks – Received 5/12/2010; Waiting for Random Sample

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.