MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of June 14, 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.

Departments

Monterey County Free Libraries

Libraries receive books from 2 major grants

In the last few months Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) was awarded 2 “in-kind” grants. These grants have gone far to helping offset the challenges created by the 70% reduction this year of books and materials budget. MCFL is happy to announce that the materials have arrived and are being sent out to the branches this week.

The Bookapalooza grant is awarded annually by the Association for Library Services to Children to only 3 libraries in the US and consists of 1,000 outstanding books

L-R County Librarian Jayanti Addleman, Mariano Alvarez from La Unión Indigena, Greenfield Branch Manager Beth Lopez, Youth Services Managing Librarian Leslie Payne, and South County Managing Librarian Mary Housel.
and DVDs. The award recognizes MCFL’s work in Greenfield, particularly in serving the Triqui speaking community. MCFL staff has worked closely over the last year with the staff at La Unión Indígena to reach out to the Oaxacan community. The books and DVDs received through this award will be housed at the Greenfield branch but will be available to all library users.

For the third year in a row, MCFL also received the “We the People” grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This “Bookshelf” grant provides books and DVDs for all 17 branches of the county library system. The Bookshelf grants are part of an NEH program which aims to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

Did You Know.....

Monterey County Free Libraries was established by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on August 6, 1912.

Anne Hadden was the first Librarian, and she opened five library branches, the first in Greenfield.

Some early branch collections and reading rooms were in private residences, schools, stores, and in Big Sur at the Post Office.

Monterey County Free Libraries operates seventeen branch libraries, two bookmobiles, a library by mail program, deposit collections in local schools, and a number of special programs.
Administration/Information Technology

The Monterey County Government Channel, MGTVD, has been honored with 5 awards for its outstanding programming by SCAN-NATOA, the States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. The awards are from a regional competition for government programming.

Programs created for the channel focusing on gang violence crackdowns, the TENS Alert System and the One Stop Career Center were honored at a ceremony in Long Beach June 3rd.

In the last 5 years, MGTVD has won a total of 14 awards for its programming. The channel is a collaborative effort involving the Administrative office which oversees programming and Information/Technology which handles equipment and contracts.

MGTVD can be seen on Comcast Cable Channel 28 and in southern and northern Monterey County on Saturday mornings on Charter Cable Channel 29 by agreement with the Monterey County Office of Education.

Programs can be viewed online at http://www.mgtvonline.com/
The broadcast schedule can be found at http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/mgtv/

While MGTVD’s most important task is making government more accessible by bringing the meetings of the Board of Supervisors into thousands of homes throughout the county each week, it also provides hours of informative and educational programs about county departments and services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.