MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of August 31, 2010

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer.

This Week's Topics: Libraries Complete a Successful Summer Reading Program and the Health Department welcomes its new Director.

Libraries

The 2010 Monterey County Free Libraries Summer Reading Program was a great success! This yearly event is now much more than just books. It offered over 175 programs during the summer and had over 7,300 children, teens and adults attend various events.

The Summer Reading Program is intended to encourage reading and promote literacy. This year nearly 4,000 children, teens and adults signed up to participate in the reading program, through which participants receive incentives and prizes for reading regularly. Reading during the summer expands knowledge, sparks new interests, and provides life-long enjoyment – plus, it helps encourage the use of our libraries and promotes a life-long love of learning in our local communities.

Studies have consistently shown that children’s reading skills can deteriorate if they do not participate in a summer reading program. For the second year, many adults joined the Summer Reading Program in order to set an example for their children and to demonstrate that reading is for pleasure as much as it is for discovering information.
The Summer Reading Program, which is one of the biggest and most popular events for the library, is almost entirely funded by the Foundation for Monterey County Free Libraries and its generous donors. Thank you to all of our supporters and participants; together, we touched the lives of many.

Health

The Monterey County Health Department is now under the guidance of its new Director, Ray Bullick.

Bullick comes to Monterey County after spending many years in Tulare County, where he was that County’s Health Department Director for 5 years.

Bullick brings more than 30 years of public health experience to Monterey County, and says his experience in Tulare will be an asset to his new position.

“There is tremendous compatibility between my job in Tulare and my new position in Monterey County, similar operations and divisions,” says Bullick. “Monterey and Tulare County both have a large agricultural base. Besides working in Health Services in a rural county for over 20 years, I was born and raised on a farm, which gives me a special connection to the people and the programs in a rural area.”

Ray Bullick

Bullick began his career in health services as a Public Health Nurse in 1975. He holds a B.S. degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota and a Master Degree in Health Science Administration from California State University, Fresno. He is married with two grown children.

His wife Barbara is a special education teacher, and both are looking forward to living in Monterey County. Welcome Ray!

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