MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of September 13, 2010

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer.

This Week’s Topics: A huge cleanup task at County Surplus reaps big rewards, Grants workshop at the Library and County Elections is recruiting for November election officials.

Contracts/Purchasing
Monterey County’s surplus yard got a much needed makeover thanks to the efforts of Contracts and Purchasing staff.

In late 2008 it was identified that the County needed to take immediate action and address the County’s Surplus Yard located at 312 East Alisal Street. With the continual arrival of additional items into an already over crowded facility, there were concerns on how to manage these items with the impact of the ongoing budget cuts.

The yard was overcrowded and most of the items left where being exposed to the elements due to lack of storage space.

To further compound the issue, over the past several years there have been several break-ins a month, causing safety and health issues.
On August 18, 2009 the clean-up project was assigned to Jaime Ayala as Project #2009-02, to clean up the yard and dispose of or salvage any usable surplus items.

Jaime worked with several agencies including the Sheriff’s Office. Working with Commander John Mihu and Robert Pulido, Jaime was able to line up the necessary labor force utilizing the inmate litter crew at no cost. But what could be done with the unusable items once it had been cleaned up? With a limited budget, it was suggested that Jaime contact a local contractor, Chuck Dilliard of Eagle Hauling & Recycling, a company that works solely on the recycling cost. Mr. Dilliard was more than pleased to help with our project.

The clean up project began on June 24, 2010 and was completed on July 23, 2010 with impressive results:
* 206,500 pounds of material was removed from the yard
* 194,580 pounds of that total was recycled
* The project had a 94% recycling rate
* Only 6% of materials removed were non-recyclable
* 37 transfer loads removed from the facility

Perhaps the most impressive result is the cost. This project that was originally estimated to cost roughly $50,000 dollars ended up costing a mere $406.00 dollars.
Libraries
Is your organization looking for funds? Are you trying to hone your grant-seeking skills? MCFL is offering a workshop on how to use the Foundation Directory Online, one of the premier grants databases on the web. The free workshop will be held at the Seaside Branch Library on Saturday, September 18th, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to:
- Identify grant-makers in your field or your area
- Customize your search
- Search for detailed info on foundations

The database is available free of charge to MCFL patrons at the Seaside and King City branch libraries. Space is limited. Call (831) 899-2055 to reserve a spot.

Elections
November 2, 2010 Statewide Consolidated General Election: As of Monday, September 13, the November General election is 50 days away. The Department has finalized all 72 contests making a total of 58 ballot types for the County of Monterey (and, as it is mandated that the Department report election results by each of the 183 voting precincts, there are actually 10,614 different ballot styles!). The Department has also confirmed what was expected – due to the sheer number of contests on the ballot, ranging from statewide offices and propositions, to Justices of the Supreme Court, to the local city and district offices – each voter will have two-cards that make up their official ballot. Visit the Department’s website to find local contest information and a link to the Secretary of State’s website for all statewide ballot information.

Vote by Mail. Ballots are being mailed out over seas to the County’s Military and Overseas voters to enable them to participate in the November Election. State law allows “special absentee voters” in the military and overseas to request their ballot up to 60-days before the election. The new MOVE Act (Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act) mandates all ballots are mailed to such voters no later than 45-days prior to the election. That date is Saturday, September 18.

All other registered permanent vote by mail and mail ballot precinct voters can have their ballots sent no sooner than 29-days before the election. That date is Monday, October 4.

Poll Worker Recruitment. Last week, the Department generated the email commencing the recruitment effort for the County’s employees who wish to participate this November through the Election Official Program. Please consider this opportunity to serve on Election Day for voters in your neighborhood.

Outreach. The Department participated in the El Grito Festival this weekend in Salinas. The Department’s lead staff on voter registration, along with two bilingual temporary employees,
attended the event to register voters, recruit new poll workers, and provide general information about the Department and the election scheduled in November.