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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Report for the week of January 24, 2011

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer

This Week's Topics: the county’s internship program is ‘making the grade,’ a tour of the Office of Employment Training showcases efforts to put folks back into the job market and its not too soon to start thinking about Monterey County Clean Up Day.

Administration
Monterey County’s fledgling internship program has reached several milestones this month. Begun in 2008 as a pilot program, the Board of Supervisors approved modest funding to make it a permanent program, and it has been nominated for an Agency Star Community Service Award by the Volunteer Center.

The Volunteer Center recognizes both volunteers and organizations with outstanding volunteer programs each year. This year’s Community Service Awards presentations will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 in Monterey.

The primary objectives of the internship program are to promote student awareness about the diversity of County careers, enhance training for local students and strengthen recruitment of a future workforce. A project of the Human Resource Division, it has been funded the last two years through salary savings from a vacant position, but that
savings has run out. The Board of Supervisors voted January 11th to fund the part-time position needed to keep the program running. You can read the board report here:

http://publicagendas.co.monterey.ca.us/MG97055/AS97081/AS97085/AI97560/DO9756 1/1.PDF

View the program’s annual report here:


Under the program, interns work on short-term projects assisting departments. In the academic year 2009/2010, 175 interns worked a collective 27,633 voluntary hours in 18 different County departments. Those hours have a dollar value equivalent of more than $600,000. In the program's second year, the number of students applying for County internships increased by an amazing 145%.

Those interested in applying for a county internship can find information and an application form on the county website: http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/intern/

**Department of Social and Employment Services – OET**

Recently, staff members at the Office of Employment Training invited Supervisor Lou Calcagno, 2nd District, for a tour of the One-Stop Career Center. Supervisor Calcagno is one of the board members appointed to the Board of Supervisors Economic Development Committee, the goal of which is to further the county’s economic development initiatives, including diversifying the economy and creating higher paying jobs.

Staff members Alma McHoney and Allen Ogletree provided a tour and the opportunity to sit in on a JobLink session put on by Target.

The JobLink Networking Group provides job seekers direct access to employers and business leaders. Participants take part in mock interviews several times a year provided by employers who bring their own personnel to teach, encourage, and inspire. JobLink is supported by more than 3 dozen local businesses and agencies.
“One of the tasks given to the Economic Development Committee is to evaluate existing economic development organizations and programs,” explains Calcagno. “It was helpful to see first hand what programs are already in place.”

**Health Department**

Planning is already underway for the 6th Annual Monterey County Clean-Up Day set for Saturday, April 16, so save the date. This yearly community clean up effort coincides with Earth Day each year.

The Recycling and Resource Recovery Service of the Health Department’s Environmental Health Division handles quite a bit of coordination for this event, along with the Monterey County Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force. The project began as a way for the task force to combat illegal dumping, and has grown to become a popular community event. Last year, clean up sites ranged from Del Monte Beach in Monterey to Natividad Creek Park in Salinas, and the event drew more than 1500 volunteers countywide working in more than 33 areas around the county.

Those wanting to participate can sign up individually or in groups, and chose a target area for cleanup. Work will go from 8 AM to Noon on the 16th.

If you want to participate or are a member of an organization that wants to participate, call Gabriela Carbajal at 755-8909.

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