Surplus Sale Means Big Savings for Shoppers, Revenue for the County

If office furniture and equipment are on your shopping list, look no further than the County’s own surplus sale, happening on October 27th from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. The sale will take place at 312 East Alisal Street, in Salinas.

County surplus sales are held several times a year, with items auctioned off to the highest bidder. Items up for sale this time include:

- Office Furniture
- Office Chairs
- File Cabinets - Lateral and Vertical
- Modular Office Partitions/ Components
- Courtroom/Church-type Benches
- Computer Parts/ Components
- Fax Machines

A sample of the type of surplus items which will be sold.
There is a process that departments must go through to determine if a piece of equipment is suitable for surplus. Before items can be sold, it must be determined that not only is the item not needed by the office which once used the item, but that no other department or office needs it and it cannot be provided to an appropriate non-profit organization for use.

Jaime Ayala, Deputy Purchasing Agency for the Contracts and Purchasing Division says the turnout for surplus sales averages 30-40 potential bidders and the average income from each sale is about $1,500. All of the equipment is sold ‘as is’ and ‘where is,’ all sales are cash only and items must be removed from the sale location by 4:00 p.m. on sale day.


Poll Worker Outreach takes Center Stage as Election Day Nears

As of Monday, October 17th, the November General Election was 22 days away. While there is plenty of preparation work underway, the Registrar and key staff took time out to talk to poll workers of the future.

On Friday, October 14th, both the Registrar and the Program Manager for Voter Registration and Outreach, Heather Frisella, attended the 6th Annual “Strong, Smart, and Bold Girls” luncheon held by Girls, Inc. at the Tehema Golf Course. Elections representatives were able to talk to young girls about the Student Poll Worker Program and provide applications for interested participants, as well as offer individual poll worker applications and registration forms for anyone 18 years of age or older. Many of the girls in attendance at the event have been poll workers for Monterey and/or have heard about this opportunity at their high school. The Elections Department partners with seven or eight different high schools in Monterey County to promote the program.

Follow the Department on Facebook by searching for “Monterey County Elections” and on Twitter at “MontereyVote!” Links for both sites can be found on the Department’s home page.

The Department continues to be busy calling upon experienced poll workers, reviewing applications from interested voters and analyzing the election and historical turnout data for placing workers on Election Day. This includes the list of those the Department places ‘on reserve’ to cover for last minute cancellations. In total, the Department will recruit and train about 600 people to be ready to serve on Election Day!
Last week the mailing of the local Monterey County Voter Guide and official vote by mail ballots began for permanent and mail ballot precinct voters. Since Monday was a holiday, the United States Postal Service began to process official election mail on Tuesday, October 11th, and this mail began to hit mailboxes on Wednesday and Thursday. Approximately 210,000 pieces hit the mail stream, including 80,000 official vote by mail ballots and 130,000 local voter guides containing important information about the election, including the voter’s assigned polling place location.