



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 24, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for May 24, 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.

Department

Parks

Monterey Sports Car Championships

The Monterey Sports Car Championships were held at the Laguna Seca Recreation Area on May 21-23. The American Le Mans Series, Patron GT3 Challenge, Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup and others put on great show. The season-opener is the only Laguna Seca race event that features "racing into the darkness" for the Saturday American Le Mans race.

With four different classes of cars in the action-packed 6-hour American LeMans Series race. The winner was Patrick Long in an exciting finish. He held on to his lead in the last few minutes, winning by 0.365 seconds.

Sunday's excitement was provided for Indy 500 fans as they watched former Indy 500 winner



Danny Sullivan take to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. He did not win the MX-5 Cup event, but that was okay with him. His goal was to raise money for the Monterey County SPCA, which he did by agreeing that MAZDASPEED make a donation to the organization rather than pay him an appearance fee.

National Safe Boating Week, Getting Ready for Summer at the Lakes

In support of National Safe Boating Week (May 22-28, 2010) where boaters are encouraged to wear their life jackets, Park Rangers and Sheriff's Deputies at both lakes Nacimiento and San Antonio will be out in force to provide support for patrons wearing their life jackets.



Managing Monterey County Park Ranger Casey Nielsen states, "Accidents do happen but boaters enjoying any of the local lakes can improve their safety by simply wearing their life jackets. Ninety percent of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents were not wearing their life jackets. In the twelve years I have been working on local lakes I have seen life jackets save lives."



As a result of recent winter rains, both Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento are back to ideal recreational water levels. To further enhance our patrons' experience, Monterey County Parks has invested several million dollars of improvements at both facilities that include a new marina, fish cleaning station, day

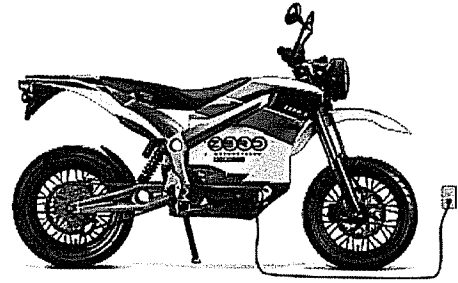
use restrooms and RV dump station at Nacimiento and numerous improvements at San Antonio.

With over 8,000 surface acres of combined recreational boating opportunity located within an hour of Paso Robles or King City, both lakes are great places to get away from home without spending a fortune. The Memorial Day Weekend is a great time to visit either lake and see all the recent improvements and experience the highest water levels in the last five years.

"Green" alternative fuel forum

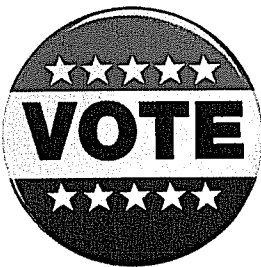
The first "green" Future of Transportation Technology Forum was hosted by Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and the Monterey County Parks Department on Wednesday, May 19th, at Laguna Seca. The forum was sponsored by Freescale Semiconductor. Moderated by Gill Campbell, CEO & General Manager of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, the forum was opened with comments from Supervisor Dave Potter and County CAO Lew Bauman.

A group of speakers gave overviews of the latest testing, technology and public programs in transportation. The speakers were followed by a panel of experts who answered questions from the audience. An expo showcased the latest in electric vehicles, solar-powered chemical toilets and tents and the Zero Motorcycle.



The event's participants included Lee Slezak, U.S. Department of Energy; Gene Banman, Zero Motorcycles; Jeff Curry, A Better Place; Steve Nelson, Freescale Semiconductor; Simon Saba, Saba Motors; Doug Fehan, General Motor's Corvette Racing; Robert Davis, Mazda North American Operations; and Paul Drayson, Drayson Racing Team and Minister of Science and Innovation for the United Kingdom.

Elections



June 8, 2010 Consolidated Statewide Primary: As of Monday, May 24th the June Primary is 15-days away. Monday is also the deadline to register to vote for the June 8, 2010 Statewide Primary. Verify your registration status, view your local Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet online, and see where your assigned polling place location is by visiting the Department's website at www.MontereyCountyElections.us

Register to Vote: Monday, May 24 is the deadline to register to vote!

This means, if you have moved, changed your name, wish to change your political party, or if you simply have not yet registered to vote in Monterey County, the last day to get on the rolls or update your information in order to receive your voter information in the mail is TODAY. Registration forms are available at the Department until 5:00 p.m., or at any Post Office, Library, City Hall, County Government Center, and various Social Services locations in the County. It is important to have the form delivered in person or post marked showing it was completed and mailed on May 24.

Vote by Mail/Early Voting: The period for voting by mail is ongoing through Tuesday, June 1, 2010. If you are signed up as a permanent vote by mail voter or if you reside in an all mail ballot precinct and you have not gotten any voting materials, you may contact the office to ensure your registration file is accurate. The special early voting touch screen voting machine is also available at the Office an ongoing through Friday, June 4.

June 22 and August 17, 2010 Special Vacancy Elections – Senate District 15: After last week's CAO report, the County learned that the hearing in the US District Court, Northern California San Jose Division was set for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20. That afternoon, at 12:40 p.m., the Department of Justice emailed a letter to the Elections Department providing preclearance of all changes submitted in conjunction with the June 22 Special Primary Election. The hearing in San Jose before a three-judge panel remained on schedule and all parties were present including counsel for the plaintiffs, the interveners, a representative from the Attorney General's Office for

the State of California and Governor, as well as the Acting Chief of the Department of Justice was present via telephone conference. The hearing was brief and, the next day, Friday, May 21, the County received confirmation from the Courts that preliminary injunction to halt the Election was denied and the Temporary Restraining Order was lifted, meaning the administration of the Special Primary Election could resume. The order also indicated that the Courts would retain jurisdiction of the case in the event that preclearance of the election is withdrawn or new information comes to light that would require further review or objection during the 60-day review period.

Election Mail: On Friday, May 21, the Department mailed out voting material to all military and overseas voters, providing each with the pre-cleared generic write-in ballot, certified list of candidates, and instructions on how to return their vote via fax, as permitted for military and overseas voters per California Election law. The Department is now finalizing the local sample ballot and voter information pamphlet and all mailing materials for the Special Primary Election. Voters residing in the 15th Senate District should begin to receive their voting information towards the end of the first week of June.

General Office – State Petitions Update for statewide petitions attempting to qualify for the November 2, 2010 ballot:

- #1394 Related to Term Limits – Certified to Secretary of State.
- #1414 Related to Transportation & Local Government Funds – Certified to Secretary of State
- #1454 Related to Global Warming – verifying signatures
- #1408 Related to 2/3 Vote on State Budget. – verifying signatures
- #1444 Related to Cigarette Taxes – received 5/10; waiting for random sample
- #1412 Repeals Business Tax Breaks – received 5/12; verifying signatures

This concludes the CAO Weekly Report.