



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

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TO: Board of Supervisors
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County Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Report for the week of March 28, 2011

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer.

This Week's Topics: National recognition comes to a member of the Library staff and the Health Department's Environmental Health Division is taking the lead on both agriculture safety and litter issues around the county.

Libraries

Monterey County Free Libraries is proud to announce that Maria Lomeli, Library Manager at the San Ardo Branch, was selected as one of the top runners-up in this year's award for Paralibrarian of the Year.

This is a highly competitive national award given by the Library Journal. Maria was one of only two runners-up, which are recognized as "Two to Watch" as professionals in their chosen field.

Maria was nominated for her outstanding and dedicated work both in the library and with bookmobile services, and her willingness to advocate for the patrons she serves. Maria spends half of her time at the San Ardo Branch and the other half working at the regional branch of King City where she supervises bookmobile service.

Maria believes libraries can have a tremendous positive impact in the community and offer opportunities to patrons, particularly those in rural areas.



Maria Lomeli is the Library Manager in San Ardo and Supervisor of Bookmobile Services.



Health - Environmental Health Division

Environmental Ag Workshop

On March 30, 2011 the Environmental Health Bureau, in cooperation with the Monterey County Farm Bureau and the Growers Shippers Association, will hold its annual Environmental Compliance Workshop for locals in the agriculture industry, at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds in King City.



This workshop has been held annually since 2001 and is designed to assist growers and other agriculture-related businesses to stay in compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Agricultural operations often use hazardous materials, generate hazardous wastes, and store chemicals in aboveground and underground tanks, all of which may pose threats to health, safety and the environment if handled improperly. Also on the agenda at this year's workshop, agriculture-related crime and the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary's Agricultural and Rural Lands Plan.

The workshop is free and is funded by settlements from previous environmental enforcement cases as well as sponsorships from local agriculture businesses.

County Cleanup Day

There is still plenty of time to sign up to take part in the 6th Annual Monterey County Cleanup Day on April 16, from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. Do something good for the community and celebrate Earth Day this year by taking part in clean-up efforts on this special day.



The Recycling and Resource Recovery Service of the Health Department's Environmental Health Bureau, along with the Monterey County Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force, coordinates with community members to help combat illegal dumping and litter abatement.

To date, 31 cleanup sites have been planned in locations from Del Monte Beach in Monterey to Natividad Creek Park in Salinas. E-waste drop offs also will be available.

If you're interested in participating in a cleanup or if you would like to coordinate a cleanup of your own in an area special to you, please contact Gabriela Carbajal at 755-8909. Volunteer groups will receive gloves, bags and a disposal coupon to dispose of the material cleaned up for FREE!

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