




**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** County Administrative Officer's Report for the week of August 15, 2011

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer.

This Week's Topics: Elections staff is already hard at work on the November ballot, big crowds turn out for two popular events at two county parks and find out how your artwork can make it into a county calendar.

**Elections**

**November 8, 2011 Consolidated School and Special District General Election:** The November General Election for members representing various schools and special districts in the County is less than 88-days away. The candidate nomination period closed on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a late night for Elections staff who had to review all papers, compare offices, and determine which, if any, local jurisdiction would require a 5-day filing extensions to Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

When one or more eligible incumbents have not filed nomination papers by the 88-day deadline (8/12/2011), state law provides for an extension of five calendar days to allow non-incumbent candidates to declare candidacy. Visit the Department's website to find the current list of candidates, including which offices have extended nominations time as well as which jurisdictions will go to ballot and those that won't. This information can be found under "Upcoming Elections." Select "November 8, 2011" then "Candidates."

There are 21 local school and special districts with an extended filing period. The Department has developed guidelines for candidates which can be found on the Department's website under "Candidate Services." This guide includes qualifications for office and general information on what documentation is required to become a candidate.

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> was also the deadline to qualify local ballot measures for the November ballot. There are four local school and city measures qualified for the ballot this November. The official 75-word ballot question can be found on the Department's website by selecting information on the measures under the tab "Upcoming Elections." There are two city and two school district ballot measures. The deadline for a 300-word primary ballot argument in favor of or against the local measures is Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>; authors who have submitted primary arguments will have until Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to submit their 250-word rebuttal to the opposing primary argument.

Countywide Referendum: Last week, the proponents of the referendum against County Ordinance #5181 (adopted July 12, 2011) filed a referendum containing 17,704 signatures of voters in the County, requesting that the ordinance be reconsidered, repealed, or be put to a vote of the people. The referendum, which was filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, was turned over to the Elections Department that day to begin the legal process to validate the petition. Whenever a petition contains an excess of 500 signatures, the elections official can, per Elections Code section 9115, opt to use a random sampling process for verifying at least 500 or 3% of the signatures, whichever is greater, rather than the entire petition. However, if the statistical sampling shows that the valid signatures are within 95 – 110% of the number of valid signatures needed to qualify the petition, then the elections official must continue to verify all signatures until either the petition has qualified or failed to qualify. This random sampling technique also assists the elections official in meeting the 30-day verification deadline when a petition contains thousands of signatures.

### Parks

It has been a busy month for the Parks Department, with two big events bringing lots of folks to two county parks.



Performers on stage at Spirit West Coast.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit West Coast at Laguna Seca Recreation Area took place August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The 3-day festival hosted top performers in Christian music including The Newsboys, Skillet and TobyMac. Inspirational speakers and comedians also made appearances throughout the festival.

The numerous food vendors, activity areas and large expo of Christian-related merchandise and services provided plenty for the whole family to enjoy. In addition, a children's area, Veggie Land, featured pony rides, face painting and a petting zoo.

Ticket sales were up this year according to the promoter and likely reached 30,000 for the three-day event. Final attendance numbers are not yet available. The majority of attendees camped within the boundaries of Laguna Seca Recreation Area with "Camp Managers" hosting each area.

The venerable 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival was held at Toro County Park August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The event was presented by the Scottish Society of the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Jaycees. The games were officially opened on Saturday with introductions of dignitaries, a parade of the clans and the ever popular Massed Pipe Band.

Attendees enjoyed stilt-walkers, piping & drumming competitions, Irish & Highland dancing competitions, athletic events, Celtic harping, a tableau of the Scottish royal court, clan tents, Celtic arts and crafts, British food vendors, and sheepdog demonstrations. Entertainment was provided by Seamus Kennedy, Brother and Sligo Rags. Attendance is estimated at 4,000 for the two-day event.



Pipers are a popular attraction at the festival.

### **Health**

The Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau continues to celebrate the positive impact that the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) has had in Monterey County. The Bureau's annual art calendar has become a great tool for raising awareness about mental health while celebrating milestones.

Art submissions are now being accepted for the 2012 calendar. The deadline for submissions is September 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find out more about the calendar, the qualifications for artwork and submission forms by visiting the Health Department's website or

[http://www.mtyhd.org/images/stories/Art\\_Submission\\_for\\_2012\\_BH\\_Art\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.mtyhd.org/images/stories/Art_Submission_for_2012_BH_Art_Calendar.pdf)

The goal of the 2012 Behavioral Health Art Calendar is to promote wellness and recovery, highlight programs and services funded by MHSA and showcase visual and literary artwork (short poems) by mental health consumers, family members, and individuals working in the mental health field.

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