



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: Feb. 17, 2015
Board Meeting Date: Feb. 24, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #4

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Parks

Devil's Slide Trail honored

Congratulations to all involved in making the Devil's Slide Trail project a reality. The American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9, awarded the project a 2014 outstanding project award in the Bikes and Trails category. The former highway now offers visitors to its multi-use trail dramatic ocean views while walking, biking or horseback riding.

The Parks Department owns the project which was engineered by BKF Engineers. The awards ceremony is March 6, 2015 in San Diego.

Winter camping underway at Memorial County Park

Who says camping is just for summer? Following the suspension of summer camping at Memorial County Park last year due to drought conditions, the Parks Department is happily promoting winter and early spring camping at the popular Loma Mar spot. Visitors during this off-season period up to the first week of May include available spaces in the 39-site Azalea Flat campground for tents and camper vans and viewing of

sprouting fungi, yellow-orange banana slugs and steelhead trout making their way back to Pescadero Creek from the ocean to spawn.

Public Safety

County working on one-strike massage ordinance

One strike and you're out – that's the message to illegal massage parlors in San Mateo County that Deputy County Manager Mike Callagy and Supervisor Adrienne Tissier delivered Jan. 16, 2015 to an assembled group of city managers. The two are working on a county ordinance mandating that massage parlors be shut down indefinitely after a single illegal incident. They are asking city managers to bring the idea back to their respective councils for consideration.

Health and Human Services

Employment services compliance highest in county history

San Mateo County's compliance with a state requirement that at least 30 percent of federal assistance recipients participate in a qualified work-related activity is the highest in county history. The work participation rate in SMCWorks has surpassed the state mandate every month except one since April 2014. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the Human Services Agency reported the average compliance rate at only 1.8 percent but preliminary data for November 2014 shows a dramatic shift to 41 percent. HSA credits improvement to a change in the SMCWorks staffing mode, using a sales-model approach with recipients and expanding activities available to them.

New Director of Child Support Services named

A warm welcome to Kim Cagno who has been named San Mateo County's new Director of Child Support Services. Cagno has nearly 20 years experience with the department, previously serving as deputy director.

News, Events and Updates

Workshop planned on how-tos of evidence-based practices

On March 9, individuals and organizations interested in applying for a Community Corrections Partnership Grant can learn "The ABCs of Evidence-Based Practices & How to Apply Them for Funding" at a workshop sponsored by supervisors Warren Slocum and Adrienne Tissier, the Probation Department and the County Manager's Office. Participants will undergo evidence-based practice training conducted by Dr. Natalie Pearl followed by a workshop on the grant application. Dr. Pearl is the National Director of Research for the Geo Group, a rehabilitative services provider in private prisons, halfway houses and day reporting centers, where her responsibilities include developing and implementing performance indicators.

The event will be held at the Sobrato Center for Nonprofits Redwood Shores. RSVPs are due by Feb. 27 at <https://eventbrite.com/event/15527966566/>