



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 10/2/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #17 of 2018

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:

Health and Human Services

Coastal Clean Up Day picks up record number of volunteers

San Mateo County hit a new record of 4,920 volunteers picking up trash and recyclables at the 2018 Coastal Clean Up Day on Sept. 15 - that's 473 more volunteers than last year and 430 more than the previous record high. The crews picked up 27,813 pounds of trash and 4,534 pounds of recyclables over 84 miles of waterways, parks and land in San Mateo County during the annual statewide event. The Pacifica Beach Coalition alone picked up 21,000 cigarette butts. And the most unusual items found? A marijuana chocolate bar, a Jimmy Buffet book, an Apple laptop, a bag full of knee and leg braces and a casino chip.

HSA to host citizenship workshop

The Human Services Agency, with coordination from the office of Supervisor Warren Slocum, will host its latest Citizenship Workshop on Oct. 13 in Redwood City. The free event will serve active HSA clients and follows other successful citizenship workshops previously held throughout the county to help residents complete and submit the correct forms. The workshop is a great collaboration between the County and the International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA).

Community Services

Libraries named Top 10 Innovator

San Mateo Libraries was named one of 10 Top Innovators of 2018 by the Urban Libraries Council for its new performance management system. The judge panel chose the Libraries' pilot program from a pool of 220 submissions in 10 categories including "Organizational Change and Strategic Management." The award recognized how the Libraries' forward-thinking approach to weekly staff check-ins and surveys resulted in a significant shift in engagement and performance. The new method replaced annual performance reviews with year-round feedback. Thanks to the program and the commitment of employees, Libraries routinely exceed an 80 percent threshold of weekly survey participation, 84 percent of staff meet weekly with managers, 92 percent of staff say they feel comfortable asking for check-ins and 93 percent report feeling valued at work.

Courts

New Superior Court presiding judge, assistant presiding judge named

The San Mateo County Superior Court judges have named the Honorable Jonathan E. Karesh as president judge and the Honorable Leland Davis III as assistant presiding judge for the years 2019 and 2020. Karesh, who was appointed to the bench in January 2011, is also assigned as the Bridges program review judge and also supervises the commissioners and pro tem judges. Davis, appointed to the bench in December 2010, presently serves as the supervising criminal judge, trial judge and presiding appellate judge.

Measure K

New farmworker housing opens at Blue House Farms

Four new modular buildings that will provide affordable housing for our vital farmworkers have been installed at Blue House Farm in San Gregorio and will soon be occupied. Thanks to \$300,000 in Measure K funds, the three-bedroom homes with kitchens are the latest new housing developed through our Pilot Farm Labor Housing Program, which provides financing for the creation of new farmworker housing, the rehabilitation or repair of existing farm labor housing and the replacement of dilapidated housing. The latest homes installed at Blue House Farms, which organically grows about 50 varieties of fruits and vegetables is the result of a successful partnership with Peninsula Open Space Trust and Blue House operator Ryan Casey. Thriving local farms help ensure we have a local supply of fresh fruit and vegetables and reduces the pressure to develop open spaces.

Skylonda Fire Station nearing second construction phase

Construction of the new Skylonda Fire Station 58 has reached a significant milestone, marking the move from the first phase of construction into the second which will include demolition of the existing 1939-era facility. The new station, with living quarters for 13 firefighters and a garage area for emergency vehicles, is nearly complete along with new driveway access to Skyline Boulevard. To celebrate, numerous County officials, firefighters and members of the community celebrated with a ribbon cutting and unveiling of a plaque at the station on Sept 19. Construction is expected to be completed in March 2019. Your Board committed \$4.074 million in Measure K funds toward the \$10 million project. The rest is being financed with bonds.