

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #15

**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**

**HSA welcomes new director of Children and Family Services**

The Human Services Agency recently welcomed Kerry Ahearn-Brown as the new director of Children and Family Services. She has more than 25 years of experience in human services, beginning with work in therapeutic foster care settings and moving up the ranks to become the county social services director for the state of Maryland. She relocated to California and served as the regional director of Victor Community Support Services in Chico before coming here to our County. She is well-poised to lead us in the Continuum of Care Reform and we are fortunate to have her joining our team.

**Performance**

**County wins prestigious Beacon Award for reducing greenhouse gas**

Once again, the County has been honored for its diligent work reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Institute for Local Government (ILG) awarded the County's Office of Sustainability with a 2017 Platinum Spotlight Beacon Award for Community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions this year. ILG's Beacon Program honors voluntary efforts by local governments to promote sustainability. The Beacon Spotlight recognizes individual cities and counties as they work toward completion of the five elements necessary to achieve a Beacon Award: greenhouse gas reductions, electricity savings, gas savings and best practices.

The County is joined in the honors by several of its cities which also earned Beacon Awards in the five element categories. All will be honored at an awards ceremony Sept. 14 in Sacramento.

## **Measure K**

### **San Pedro Valley Park Visitor Center renovations completed**

Thanks to Measure K funds, private donations and other sources, renovations are now complete at the San Pedro Valley Park Visitor Center. The center now features new display cases, restroom upgrades, improved access for individuals with limited mobility, new flooring, new paint, new lighting and more. We are proud to report that most of the work was performed in-house by our expert staff of rangers and maintenance personnel. We invite you to stop by the Visitor Center on your next trip to Pacifica and also to enjoy the park's three year-round creeks, rare plants, abundant wildlife and sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. We have posted a photos of the renovations on our County Facebook page.

### **Inspiring Summers: Summer closes on 1,300 young learners**

A total of 1,300 young learners from seven school districts across San Mateo County enjoyed five weeks of full-day summer camp while improving their literacy skills during The Big Lift's Inspiring Summers 2017 program. Children entering kindergarten, first or second grade saw their days filled with reading, team projects, field trips, creative chemistry and such activities as fairy tale engineering: learning STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) with creative challenges such as designing a castle. Inspiring Summers is a key component of The Big Lift's goal of improving literacy among the county's third graders.

## **News, Events and Updates**

### **Advanced sign-up now available for Board meeting speakers**

For the past few months, the County Manager's Office/Clerk of the Board has been successfully using the new Granicus system for the Board of Supervisors' meetings and agendas. I'm excited to announce that a new feature, *Register to Speak*, is now available on our Board agenda website to make participating in meetings even easier.

Once a meeting agenda is published, this new feature allows members of the public to sign up online to speak on an item being presented in that Board of Supervisors' meeting. *Register to Speak* will be available from the time when the agenda is posted online until 8:30 a.m. the day of the Board meeting. Speakers who have registered to speak will need to be present at the meeting in order to be called by the Board president. While speakers will be listed in the order in which they sign up, whether online or in person, the Board president may change the order of the speakers at his or her discretion.

### **Sustainability makes its plug at annual EV expo**

The County's Office of Sustainability joined the City of San Mateo and Plug in America at its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Electric Vehicle Expo this past weekend. The Sept. 9 event gave our county team the opportunity to share with visitors to its booth information about its exciting community programs and promote the fact that the County has recently installed public charging stations in various locations throughout the county. The expo, which gave those thinking of going electric the chance to test drive electric vehicles and

speak with vendors, was held during National Drive Electric Week which is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in and hybrid options.