



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #20

**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:**

**Public Safety**

**Sandbags available to public for upcoming storm season**

The Department of Public Works is ready for winter and ready to help the public brave the storm season, too. DPW has pre-assembled approximately 26,000 sandbags in preparation of the upcoming season which is substantially more than in past years. County residents in the unincorporated area can retrieve up to 15 premade bags for free. Sand and empty bags will also be on hand for individuals to make their own, too.

The stockpile is available at the Grand Corporation Yard in Redwood City, Princeton Corporation Yard in Half Moon Bay, La Honda Corporation Yard in La Honda and Pescadero High School. A list of all sandbag sites countywide is available on the DPW website. More information on the proper use of sandbags and other storm readiness tips is also available on the DPW site which I encourage everyone to visit as part of their personal preparation.

**Community Services**

**New voting system had smooth debut**

The Elections Office reports that the new Accessible Vote by Mail (AVBM) which launched in time for this past Election Day had a smooth debut thanks to the hard work of staff who tested the system

vigorously before implementation. As your Board likely remembers, the County is the first in the state to deploy the system for disabled and visually impaired voters. According to the AVBM System Traffic Report, the system saw 59 users navigating through the site with 15 individuals actually accessing the ballot. Of those 15, five ballots were cast.

### **Controller's Office hosted state conference**

Controller Juan Raigoza and his office hosted the 2017 California State Controller's Conference with County Auditors in Millbrae. The annual statewide conference is a chance for the State Controller's Office to carry out its mandated meeting with the California State Association of County Auditors which includes county auditors, controllers and finance officers from all 58 counties. This year, the group tackled topics including banking services for cannabis businesses, comprehensive tax reform, short-term housing rental platforms and transportation funding.

### **Jobs for Youth program now more accessible**

The County's Jobs for Youth program is more accessible to the public than ever thanks to an updated website and free mobile app providing employment support while on the go. All of these updates help the County better serve the participating youth. Jobs for Youth began in 1982 serving all youth 14-21 years of age who reside in San Mateo County with employment services. The program, administered under the San Mateo County Human Resources Department, is designed to help youth increase their self-esteem and gain important job seeking skills. Applications are currently being accepted for scholarship. More information is available at <http://jobsforyouth.org/>.

### **Measure K**

#### **County's affordable housing commitments now mapped**

Since 2013, the County has committed \$64,631,995 from the Measure K half-cent sales tax to create and preserve affordable housing. Millions of dollars from additional sources have also been invested. We are now pleased to report that our office has created a map with a photograph of each investment in affordable housing, a brief description and the funding source. More than two dozen projects that aim to diversify the mix of housing are shown on the map. We invite you and the public to explore the map now featured on our Measure K website: <http://cmo.smcgov.org/measurek>.

### **New, Events & Updates**

#### **ISD Chief honored at annual conference**

Jon Walton, the County's chief information officer and director of the Information Services Department, was recognized last week as the Connect 17 Honoree at the Connect17 Conference, the annual technology in government event created by elected representatives in Silicon Valley, state Assemblyman Kevin Mullin and Supervisor Warren Slocum to explore how local government leaders can embrace technology, big data and social media to improve public service and engage residents in civic life. Under Walton's leadership, the County better connects with residents through a variety of services and programs including a countywide shared digital public safety radio system, Data Center & Infrastructure, countywide Enterprise Cloud Applications, Strategic Planning and Open Data strategies. Walton was also recognized for connecting the County's first multi-jurisdictional fiber network and overseeing the launch of SMC Public WiFi to help bridge the digital divide.