



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: April 28, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #8

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:

Community Services

Public art planned for North Fair Oaks

Common utility boxes in unincorporated North Fair Oaks are about to become quite uncommon. As part of its ongoing efforts to create a vibrant, safe and healthy community, the North Fair Oaks Community Council and North Fair Oaks Public Art Workgroup are currently inviting local artists, adults and students, to transform the boxes into works of art. The project emulates similar utility box conversions in other communities and fits into the overall public art strategy of the North Fair Oaks Community Plan.

Health and Human Services

Citizenship workshop sees strong attendance

More than 400 people attended the Northern San Mateo County Citizenship Workshop April 11 in Daly City at which legal permanent residents currently receiving public assistance were given free help filling out their permanent citizenship application and a

final legal review attorneys. The workshop was a joint effort of the Human Services Agency and the New Americans Campaign, which is a national network of funders and nonprofit partners helping aspiring citizens reach naturalization.

The first workshop was held in District Five, in conjunction with the office of Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, to target northern residents but others are planned for different portions of the county to cut down on required travel.

Performance

Controller's Office honored for annual report

For the 15th straight year, the Government Finance Officers Association awarded the Controller's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for San Mateo County with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The 2013-14 edition examines many details of the County's finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 and highlights 10-year trends in economics and demographics.

For those without the stamina to read the weighty report, the Controller's Office also issues a Popular Annual Financial Report that boils down the information into a shortened, more digestible form. That report, too, is on a 12-year winning streak for its own Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

News, Events and Updates

County Manager's Office renovation beginning

The Board of Supervisors, its staff and staff of the County Manager's Office are preparing for a little dust over the next few weeks as renovation of the office begins. The remodel will reorient some of the districts' legislative staff space, move a hallway and shift the location of the Board of Supervisors' conference room entrance. Electrical work began April 18 and the staff of Districts One and Three, Supervisors Dave Pine and Don Horsley respectively, will receive new furniture in early May just ahead of the project's completion.

The remodel will unify and expand the districts' legislative staff workspace to allow more ergonomically correct furniture.

County to 'hack' away at community challenges

The County of San Mateo will apply creativity and tech know-how to community issues like homelessness and childhood literacy at its first-ever hackathon, Hack-SMC, on Saturday, June 6, 2010. At the hackathon, teams or individuals will work all day on open-source problems to create an automated app for solutions like retail discounts for foster youth, streamlining the Children's Fund collections and distributions or helping parents and caregivers find child care.

Winners picked by a panel of judges will receive cash prizes and the County hopes to receive some innovative ideas to address these community needs. Registration begins April 30 at www.hack-smc.org for the event to be held starting 8:30 a.m. at the Human Services Agency in Belmont.

Sharps Park renovations get green light

The 20-member California Coastal Commission voted unanimously April 16 to grant the City and County of San Francisco a coastal development permit for work at Sharps Park Golf Course including pump house infrastructure improvements and dredging a new frog pond south of the course.

The approval comes after the 2012 dismissal of a legal battle over the renovation filed to protect the threatened frogs and endangered snakes on the property. Discussions are currently underway with the City and County of San Francisco for a master lease of the golf course, which is located in Pacifica.