



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: May 19, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #9

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:

Sustainability

Permanent director named for Office of Sustainability

Congratulation to Jim Eggemeyer who was recently named permanent director of the Office of Sustainability. He has served as acting director since the office was created in July 2014 as part of the County Manager's Office to focus on renewable energy, resource conservation, alternative transportation and greenhouse gas emission reductions. He was previously the community development director of the Planning and Building Department for five years and his background includes a degree in landscape architecture. During his interview process, Jim said he has a "CCC" plan — communicate, collaborate and coordinate with other departments.

Friendly competition underway to 'green' County businesses

Elected officials in several of our cities are using a little friendly competition to see who can encourage the most local small and medium businesses to sign up for a no-cost energy survey from SMC Energy Watch during May and June 2015. The collective County goal is 250 sign ups and the first-of-its-kind challenge began with a May 2 kick

off followed with canvassing by volunteers. Participating businesses receive a customized energy assessment and formal proposal for energy savings that also calculates potential rebates and cost savings. If a business goes forward with the recommendations, SMC Energy Watch handles the installation of new equipment and processing the rebate. The effort not only saves businesses money but also helps cities reach climate action goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Feel free to direct any interested businesses to www.smcenergywatch.com for more information and to watch short testimonials from those who've already benefitted.

Community Services

County offers food for thought

The North Fair Oaks Forward team is launching a new way for the County to feed its desire to speak with that community's residents while they literally eat. The casual mealtime chat, entitled "Dine and Dialogue/Cenar y Conversar," launches Wednesday, June 10 with a dialogue on "Complete Streets Are Streets For Everyone" at the Fair Oaks Health Center and follows through the summer with a Wednesday, July 8 meeting on parks, gardens and green spaces and a Wednesday, Aug. 12 session on healthy choices.

The events are an opportunity for residents and other interested parties to share their thoughts with each other and observing decision makers about pertinent issues in North Fair Oaks.

Performance

County constructs unleaded aviation fuel system

Construction began earlier this year on a new fuel facility at the San Carlos Airport. As part of the work, fuel provider Rabbit Aviation purchase an unleaded fuel system, making the San Carlos Airport the only California airport to sell the option. In November 2014, the Board approved an amendment to Rabbit Aviation's concession agreement permitting the sale of unleaded fuel. As part of this amendment, the County has waived the 10-cent-per gallon fuel flowage fee in an effort to encourage sale of the new fuel. Completion of the fuel storage facility's ground improvements is expected later this year.

News, Events and Updates

County's wastewater flow amount confirmed

A recently concluded study confirmed the County's belief that erroneous meter readings of wastewater flow in the Crystal Springs County Sanitary District led to overbilling by approximately 30 percent between 2005 and 2011. The County began withholding 30 percent of its billings beginning in 2008 and the recent study by consultant RMC verified that the earlier meter readings were too high.

SFO hotel project proposed

Efforts are ongoing to develop a 350-room hotel at the San Francisco International Airport, which would also include 18,000 net square feet of flexible meeting space, a 100-seat restaurant, health club and direct access via a new AirTrain Station. Ten proposals were submitted and a preferred operator is currently being selected. If all goes as scheduled, the Airport Commission will award the contract later this summer and the item will come before the Board of Supervisors for a vote in the fall.

Construction is tentatively estimated to begin in March 2017 with the hotel doors opening in July 2019.