



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: April 21, 2016
Board Meeting Date: April 26, 2016
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

Renovated Woodside Library reopens

The extensively renovated Woodside Library on Woodside Road reopened April 16 with improved and expanded spaces, a learning center/meeting room, larger restrooms, improved disability access and seismic retrofitting. The nine months of interior work make the nearly 50-year-old library a safer facility with a more efficient layout for collections. The project was a collaborative effort between the San Mateo County Library and the Town of Woodside to address modern needs and improve the experiences of all users in the community.

Tax Collector publishing annual list of unclaimed funds

The Office of Tax Collector Sandie Arnott is looking to find the rightful owners of unclaimed funds. The office will be publishing its annual list of monies being held and the names to whom the money belongs — a total of \$157,627.01 — in a local news publication as required by law. On June 16, 2016, the funds that have remained unclaimed for more than three years become the property of the County unless the recipient files a valid claim. The list of unclaimed funds is also viewable on the County's online Open Data portal.

News, events and updates

Second annual County Hackathon will foster tech talent

Hack-SMC is back. The County's Hackathon is returning for a second year on May 21 and is currently recruiting sponsors, participants and ideas from our local tech talent pool. The event, to be held at GSV Labs in Redwood City, will bring together developers, engineers, entrepreneurs, students, designers and everybody in between in an all-day competition using open data and technology in the creation of web and mobile apps that improve the community.

The top entries will win cash prizes plus the top five winners will be invited back this fall to participate in an all-new "Apps Challenge" to really fine tune the concept into a full-functioning product. Those interested should visit hack-smc.org for more information like app ideas and to purchase admission tickets.

New agenda administrator joins office

This month Sherry Golestan joined our team as an additional agenda administrator, supporting all areas of the Clerk of the Board services and backing up Sukhmani Purewal when needed. She also supports the deputy county managers. Sherry comes to us from within the County; she previously served as a legal secretary in the Office of the County Counsel. She holds a BA in communications studies and was a Dean's Scholar at San Jose State.

Upcoming

Controller reviewing Private Defender Program as part of overall evaluation

The Controller's Office has begun its financial review of the Private Defender Program (PDP) which should be completed in June. Collection of input and responses to the PDP evaluation report submitted by retired Judge Zerme Haning and former County Counsel Tom Casey is underway. I anticipate that a report with recommendations regarding the management and oversight of the PDP will be submitted to the Board in the August to September timeframe, followed by a transition period toward full implementation in July 2017. The current contract with the San Mateo County Bar Association for indigent legal defense services expires on June 30, 2017.

Revamped County Intranet to debut new name

The chance to name the County's new Intranet site drummed up strong employee engagement as more than 160 individuals submitted at least one suggestion and often multiple ideas. Notably, several people nominated "Skynet" which, while not the final choice, shows our workforce has a sense of humor and a soft spot for the movie "Terminator."

After a small committee winnowed the list down to the top five names, three astute judges — President Warren Slocum, Donna Vaillancourt and Jon Walton — accepted the task of choosing the winner which will make its online debut May 9. The name provides a unique identity to the new site which will give employees easy access to commonly requested forms, County news and calendars and department Intranets.