



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: Aug. 9, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #16

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

DA's office issuing subpoenas electronically

The District Attorney's Office has taken a significant step in its ongoing efforts to be near-paperless by now issuing subpoenas to almost all law enforcement agencies electronically. Using its new case management system, the office is the first in California to go electronic in a move that saves tens of thousands of pieces of paper annually. Foster City Police Department piloted the transition which now includes every law enforcement agency in the county except the California Highway Patrol; the crime lab; the Probation Department; and, dispatchers. Civilian subpoenas are still issued on paper using the same form dating back at least four decades.

Aside from paper, the benefits of the system include greater efficiency, immediate confirmation that a subpoena has been received and accessibility on any electronic device.

Health and Human Services

County named third healthiest area in country

A recent Commonwealth Fund report showed that San Mateo County is the third healthiest local area in the country out of a total of 306. The report takes a host of factors into account, including access to care, affordability, preventative care, and smoking and cancer rates. Even more impressive, the County has improved significantly since the 2012 report, when we were ranked 10th nationwide.

Community Services

HUD increases housing voucher limits

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved the County's request to increase up to 35 percent the number of Housing Choice Vouchers that can be dedicated to newly built units rather than the traditional portable subsidies. Non-profit housing developers apply to our Housing Authority for the subsidy as they develop new buildings which proves to be a win-win — the developer secures financing through loans and tax credits while the Housing Authority can better house more low-income households in this competitive rental market. The only downside in removing the portability factor is that it is more challenging for a household to move at a later date.

HUD moved the limit from 30 percent to 35 percent in anticipation of constructing more affordable units in the future.

Flood improvement project breaks ground

After decades of planning, design and coordination, the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) and its member agencies which includes the County are beginning construction on the project to protect East Palo Alto and Palo Alto from flooding along San Francisquito Creek. The agencies held a ribbon-cutting this past Friday to acknowledge the hard work and partnerships that brought this project to fruition.

When complete, the work will improve the downstream segment of the creek between San Francisco Bay and U.S. Highway 101. The improvements constitute the necessary first step in an overall plan to provide more than 5,700 homes and businesses in East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Menlo Park with 100-year creek flood protection.

News, Events and Updates

Two County employees to lead in other agencies

The County of San Mateo is losing two important employees who are leaving our employ to accept significant leadership position in other public agencies. While we are sad to see them go, we acknowledge the important contributions they've made to our organization and wish them well.

San Mateo County Information Services Department Deputy Director Kathleen Boutte Foster is joining the City of Sunnyvale as its new Chief Information Officer in mid-August. She brings with her more than 14 years of experience with the County where her leadership was key to many accomplishments including the development of the ISD

customer service team and the implementation of several critical projects like WorkDay and Office 365 that help all our employees and departments succeed in their work.

Joe La Mariana, former section manager for solid waste and environmental services in the Office of Sustainability, is the new Executive Director of RethinkWaste (also known as the South Bayside Waste Management Authority, or SBWMA). Mariana served 10 years with the County promoting all things solid waste and recycling. In his new role, he will oversee the Joint Powers Authority that consists of 10 cities from East Palo Alto to Burlingame, the County and the West Bay Sanitation District.