



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: May 6, 2014
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:

Legislative Update

The California State Legislature reconvened from Spring Recess on Monday, April 21. They face a number of important legislative deadlines in the month of May in order to move newly introduced bills through their houses of origin, and before the release of the Governor's May Revision. Statewide revenue receipts bode well for the May Revision as they appear to be adding up to almost \$1 billion more than the Governor anticipated in his January budget proposal, bringing the projected surplus to about \$8 billion total.

In light of the improved economic picture, the Governor has called a special session of the Legislature, which began on April 24, to replace the Rainy Day Fund on the November ballot with a dedicated reserve that would allow the state to pay down its debts and unfunded liabilities. Under the Governor's proposal, the state would divert capital gains revenue into a rainy-day reserve when it exceeds 6.5 percent revenue; would allow the money to be spent to pay down debt; and set aside money to fulfill the state's constitutional school-funding guarantee. Although Democrats and Republicans have voiced support for the broad outlines of the Governor's plan, he faces challenges on both sides of the aisle and the measure requires a two-thirds vote. If approved by

the Legislature, the Governor's measure would still need to be approved by the voters in November.

On April 28, Supervisor Dave Pine testified before the Assembly Natural Resources Committee in support of AB 2516 by Assembly Rich Gordon. This legislation would establish the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database to be a centrally located source of information on how the state is preparing for, and adapting to, sea level rise. Given the acceleration of sea level rise due to climate change and the planning work that has already taken place, this legislation is an important next step in inventorying the information in a central location.

Public Safety

Service Connect Moving to San Carlos

As Service Connect closes its third year under Criminal Justice Realignment, staffing and supervisee volume warrant a move to a space more able to accommodate program expansion.

On May 12, Service Connect will open its doors at a new location on the second floor of 550 Quarry Road in San Carlos, moving from its current location in the Hall of Justice in Redwood City across from your Board Chambers. The new location, already home to Vocational Rehabilitation Services, will allow staff and supervisees to be close to employment support, as well as the Work Center, out of which the 550 Jobs! employment program operates.

Health and Human Services

Digital Mammography at San Mateo Medical Center

On March 27 the San Mateo County Health Foundation celebrated the opening of digital mammography service with a ribbon cutting and reception. Two new machines were installed and in view, as well as the completely renovated reading room.

The foundation honored and presented gifts of appreciation to Lilli Rey, Lia Turk and Sibylle Whittam. These three organized and led a phenomenal fundraising effort, which resulted in \$750,000 raised from 445 individuals, corporations and foundations, including \$80,000 from your Board of Supervisors, to complete the foundation's \$750,000 matching challenge. Congresswoman Jackie Speier attended and presented each of these women with a special proclamation.

The machines will serve the 5,500 women currently receiving mammograms each year at San Mateo Medical Center. Implementation of digital mammography will reduce waiting periods for a screening mammogram and enhance patient experience.

Poetry Collection from Patients in Acute Psychiatry

"I'm thankful to be where I'm at
Through tough times
I'm still here.
A roof that doesn't leak,
Heating, food.
Thankful for being safe...."

So begins a poem in "Out From Within," the latest poetry book composed by the patients of Unit 3AB Acute Psychiatry at San Mateo Medical Center. The patients, as part of their recovery and rehabilitation, are encouraged to attend therapeutic group activities provided on the unit. Poems were written during Creative Expressions and Poetry Corner groups.

The book is on sale now at the Volunteer Gift Shop for \$5. Proceeds from the sale will go directly back to the patients.

In addition, Café 39 now has beautiful patient art work on permanent display. The pieces were created by SMMC's Long Term Care patients through the Art Therapy program.

Community Services

Drought Update

California's outlook for water resources remains dire. Recent rains, however, provided a bit more moisture that is sufficient to make local growers cautiously optimistic about planting full acreages this year. Water resources on our coast have always been in short supply, a fact and challenge that local growers must accept to succeed.

For livestock producers and ranchers, the hills are finally green and there is some volume to the grass. Though this is the current situation, the earlier lack of rain and forage cost ranchers significant and unanticipated feed costs. To address the impacts on livestock producers, the "Livestock Forage Relief" program was implemented through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide direct relief dollars to reimburse livestock producers for a percentage of their feed costs. The County Agriculture Department sent a letter to local livestock producers concerning the availability of these funds, and on April 15, USDA began accepting applications.

North Fair Oaks Update

We are pleased to report that approximately 150 people at two community meetings provided their ideas and input for the redesign of Middlefield Road in North Fair Oaks. Other issues discussed at the April 26 and April 29 meetings were parking, zoning, community wellness and public art.

In addition, the North Fair Oaks outreach team has collected more than 1,200 surveys and has met with numerous stakeholders in the weeks leading up to the community meetings.

The efforts are an important component of the outreach underway that will help to implement the North Fair Oaks Community Plan, which was adopted by your Board in 2011.

At the meetings, community members were asked to vote on several redesign options for Middlefield Road. They were also asked whether they would like to see parking meters installed and whether the County should create a permit parking system in residential neighborhoods. They were also asked what types of public art they would like to see installed.

The goal is to align the Middlefield Road redesign and other planned changes with the community's desires.

The North Fair Oaks Forward team is reviewing all the community comments and is compiling a summary for presentation to the North Fair Oaks Community Council at their May meeting. After the data is compiled, Public Works staff will prepare traffic analyses on the preferred options for presentation to the community and the Council. We expect to come to your Board with a recommended street design in the fall.

Performance

Open Data Community Liaison

We launched our Open Government initiative in January 2013 to increase transparency and accountability, encourage civic engagement, create economic opportunity and improve the performance of County programs and services. Initial focus was on the launch of the Open Data Portal, which was closely followed by the Open Checkbook and the SMC Performance Dashboards.

I am pleased to report that we are close to making an employment offer to fill a newly created role, the Open Data Community Liaison. The Open San Mateo group manages the overall coordination of the Open Data portal and the Open Data Committee. The successful candidate will assist with project planning for the Committee.

The successful candidate will:

- promote open data to external stakeholders and audiences
- ensure that the open data initiative continues to expand and generate excitement among users – for example, by suggesting areas for expansion of coverage
- ensure datasets are accessible using leading methods and techniques
- organize hackathons and other community problem-solving events

- ensure the data website (data.smcgov.org) continues to provide an appealing experience for users.

We had many qualified applicants. That alone tells us that we are providing an exciting opportunity for a talented individual who can help promote open data and engage both internal and external audiences in its use.

The position will be filled by a two-year term employee.

Measure A Oversight Committee to Meet May 8

The Measure A Oversight Committee will meet Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m. at the College of San Mateo, College Heights Conference Room, Building 10, Room 468, 1700 West Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo. We encourage the public to attend.

As you know your Board appointed 10 members of the community – two from each supervisorial district – to the Committee following approval by voters of a half-cent sales and use tax officially titled Measure A. The Committee's mission is to ensure the completion of, and review the results of, an annual audit performed under the auspices of the Controller's Office of the Measure A sales and use tax revenues received by the County.

In addition, the Committee will develop recommendations for the County Manager's consideration regarding appropriate metrics by which the County can assess the impact of Measure A funds on programs and services funded in whole or in part by Measure A proceeds. County staff will provide the Committee with updates on performance goals that have been established for all Measure A-funded initiatives. At the May 8 meeting, County staff will provide an update to the Committee on the expenditure of Measure A funds and progress on performance goals for funded initiatives, which are being tracked using the County's SMC Performance dashboards.

This measure passed 65.4 percent (169,661 votes) to 34.6 percent (89,788 votes). The tax took effect on April 1, 2013.

News, Events and Updates

Youth Commission Recruiting Commissioners for 2014-15

Applications to become a Youth Commissioner for 2014-15 are now available on the Commission's website, www.smcyc.org. Applications are due by June 4.

The Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on a variety of issues and serves an important role in our community. Applicants must live or attend school in San Mateo County, be between 13 and 20 years old and commit to attending and participating in a number of events throughout the year.

The Commission created a short video to recruit new members that can be viewed at this link: <http://bit.ly/1lcPsIB>

If you see the video, I think you may agree that we should bring in some of the commissioners for a few dance tips!

Airport Day 2014

The public is invited to the San Carlos Airport on Saturday, May 31st, for Airport Day 2014. The fun activities include viewing aircraft and touring the airport. Kids can enjoy an aviation-themed scavenger hunt and a barbecue lunch and ice cream. There will be helicopter rides and free airplane rides for kids and plenty of exhibits. It all happens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Carlos Airport. Call 650-573-3700 or visit www.sancarlosairportday.com for more information.

Leadership Program San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame and Hillsborough

Applications for the Class of 2015 Leadership Program will be accepted until May 30, 2014.

The Leadership Program is open to persons living or working in the Central County area including San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame, and Hillsborough. A maximum of 35 individuals are selected to participate in the program each year.

Leadership is a ten month program of monthly day-long seminars where participants engage in face-to-face discussions with experts and key decision makers. The Leadership Program identifies and nurtures existing and potential community leaders, increasing their knowledge of the community and community issues while enhancing their individual effectiveness through exposure to leadership characteristics.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, they should contact the program at 650-401-2444 or info@leadershipprogram.net.

Inaugural Stanford in Redwood City Speaker Series

Stanford University is launching a free speaker series in downtown Redwood City starting on Thursday, May 8, at the Fox Theater. The themes of the event are leadership, education and innovation. The inaugural event speakers are:

- Tara VanDerveer, Setsuko Ishiyama Director of Women's Basketball for Stanford University
- James Tynan of the Community and Partnerships team of the Khan Academy - a non-profit with the mission of providing a free, world-class education to all youth throughout the world
- JB Straubel, Co-Founder and Chief Technical Officer of Tesla Motors

For more information or RSVP, visit StanfordRedwoodCity.com. The doors open at 5 p.m. This event will be followed by a reception featuring the Stanford University Marching Band in Courthouse Square.

This event is the first in a multi-year speaker series that is part of a continuing relationship between the City of Redwood City and Stanford Graduate School of Business Executive Education.

Bike to Work Day is May 8; For Health System, it's Way2Go Week

Bike to Work Day celebrates its 20th anniversary on Thursday, May 8. On the day of the event, Energizer Stations will be set up in over 30 locations throughout San Mateo County that will provide free food and beverages to cyclists.

The Health System is going a pedal farther with Way2Go Week, from May 5 to May 9. One of the highlights will be this afternoon (May 6) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. with the System's first bicycle fashion show. Other events include a fair on Wednesday that will provide employees with information on how to get to work without being stuck in traffic and a seminar on Thursday on how to travel with children by bicycle and help get kids pedaling on their own.