



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** Oct. 29 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** Nov. 3, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager

**Subject:** County Manager's Report #20

**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**

**Courts launch new case management system**

The San Mateo County Superior Court this week launched its first phase of a new criminal case management system, Odyssey. The implementation follows similar case management system transitions by the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. The second phase schedule for May 2016 will include all other types of cases.

The Court and County justice departments are moving away from the previous system due to high maintenance costs and limited functionality. The new system better meeting the Court's business needs by giving its smaller workforce a more efficient tool. When finished, the conversion will include nearly 550,000 criminal cases and about 40 million case event records.

**County employees make earthquake drill success**

More than 3,100 County workers participated in the Oct. 15 Great ShakeOut Drill. All departments evacuated County Center and remote County campuses beginning at 11 a.m. and within 35 minutes every department reported employee counts. The drill also

included the Youth Services Center and the Maguire Correctional Center, which added to its experience by simulating smoke in the facility.

The annual earthquake drill was part of a statewide drill commemorating the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and an ongoing effort by the County to ensure both staff and the public are prepared.

## **Health and Human Services**

### **Enrollment window opens for Affordable Care Act**

The 2016 enrollment period for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and Covered California began Nov. 1 and more than 29,000 uninsured San Mateo County residents ages 18 to 64 may qualify. This year, Covered California chose the San Mateo County Health System and two community partners — Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto and Healthways in Redwood City — for a \$250,000 outreach grant. The fund will support a “no wrong door” approach in which a single application is used to enroll an individual in the most appropriate coverage. Outreach will also focus on uninsured “hot spots” throughout the county including East Menlo Park, Redwood City, East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks.

During the 2015 enrollment period, more than 20,000 people in San Mateo County renewed their coverage and more than 8,400 residents newly enrolled.

### **HSA’s STEM program featured at AT&T Park science day**

The STEM program within the County’s Human Services Agency is participating in the Bay Area Science Festival’s free Discovery Day at AT&T Park on Nov. 7. HSA and its three featured STEM grantees will have three hands-on booths on the San Francisco Giants’ stadium Club Level including a robot zoo. Those exhibiting near the World Series trophy are three Boys and Girls Clubs (North, Mid-Peninsula and Peninsula) and Learningtech.org where participants can program and build five different types of robots.

## **Community Services**

### **County has sufficient bank note paper**

The unexpected closure of Northern Bank Note/Secuworks, the company that provides security bank note paper for certified birth, death and marriage certificates, left some California counties like Solano struggling to fulfill requests but the County of San Mateo is currently in a solid position.

As of mid-October, the Recorder’s Office reported having approximately 2,200 sheets of certificate paper remaining and estimated it to last through the delivery by new vendor Canadian Bank Note of approximately 30,000 certificates in November. The Health System’s Office of Vital Statistics estimates having sufficient paper to maintain normal operations through March and is working to secure a new delivery in January.

## **News, Events and updates**

### **Consultant evaluating possible purchase of Sharps Park**

The County has hired an outside consultant to assess the financial feasibility of the County purchasing Sharps Park Golf Course. The course, which is located in Pacifica but owned by the City and County of San Francisco, has been plagued by a legal battle over improvements and pond dredging because of threatened frogs and endangered snakes on the property.

The consultant is expected to provide information by year's end as to whether it makes financial sense for the County of San Mateo to enter into such an arrangement.