



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 4/10/2018

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #6 of 2018

**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:**

**Health and Human Services**

**Human Services Agency celebrates STEM teachers, partners**

The Human Services Agency (HSA) honored 17 teachers and four partnerships at its 10th annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Innovation Reception. At the event, HSA awarded a Math & Science Teacher Innovation (MSTI) grant, STEM Out-of-School (OFS) grant and Stanford Ignited teacher fellowships for the 2017-18 academic year. This year's programs currently serve 825 students in third through eighth grades throughout San Mateo County.

**Veterans Office to host annual open house**

The San Mateo County Veterans Office, a division of the Human Services Agency (HSA), will host its annual Open House and Resource Event at the American Legion Post 105 in Redwood City. The event is the third annual open house where the County connects veterans and their families to services and resources. Attendees will learn about education, employment, VA benefit and other support opportunities available to those who served. Last year's open house drew a crowd of approximately 200 and HSA hopes for an even bigger turnout this year so that the County can serve even more of its estimated 28,739 veterans.

**Community Services**

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## **County hosts state treasurers, tax collectors**

The County of San Mateo earlier this month played host to the California Association of Treasurers and Tax Collectors 2018 Bay Area Conference. Representatives from Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma counties gathered to discuss topics including tax system implementation and disaster procurement. The agenda also included a presentation on how the County promotes its use of Measure K sales tax revenue as an example of how other jurisdictions can similarly convey the value the public receives for its tax dollars. The annual meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Sonoma County but the County of San Mateo stepped in due to the devastating fires.

## **Boards and Commissions**

### **Upcoming Veterans Summit to focus on women military members**

The San Mateo County Veterans Commission in collaboration with Supervisor Warren Slocum and the Human Services Agency will focus on women at this year's Veterans Summit. The event, "San Mateo County Veterans Summit: Women of the Military" will spotlight gender-specific issues women may face during their service, educate the community on gender-specific programs for women who served and share information on the challenges women may face after discharge. County Human Resources Director Donna Vaillancourt, who served in the U.S. Army, will serve as master of ceremonies at the May 16 summit and preside over a day of speakers and panels from all branches. Registration to attend will open in the near future.

## **News, Events & Updates**

### **Earth Day a chance to reflect on Sustainability achievements**

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, I'd like to congratulate the Office of Sustainability and its partners on numerous successes aimed at persuading our employees and our community members to reduce their impact on the environment and save money. Since 2014, more than 700 people have attended a workshop or course through the office's Sustainability Academy and 2,654 dwelling units - both apartments and houses - underwent energy efficiency projects through BayREN single family and multi-family programs. The upgrades resulted in more than \$2.1 million rebates paid out in increments of up to \$3,150 per single family home and \$750 per multi-family unit.

The Office of Sustainability will continue the momentum this Earth Day by offering its inaugural Sustainability Film Series showcasing free action-provoking environmental films and participating in a San Mateo County Library Community Conversation focused on climate solutions and energy efficiency. These events and more are posted on the Office of Sustainability website. The office will also celebrate Earth Day with County employees April 17 at the San Mateo Medical Center and April 23 at County Center. Both events include resource tables for the Commute Alternatives Program, composting workshops and more. The icing on the cake for attendees? A complimentary dessert provided by a San Mateo County Certified Green Business.