



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 5/8/2018

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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 #8 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:**

**Public Safety**

**ROC nears topping out milestone**

The steel is going in and the Regional Operations Center (ROC) is nearing a major milestone in its journey to completion. The Project Development Unit will host a symbolic "topping out" ceremony this month to celebrate the construction that has happened so far and thank the workers bringing the job to fruition. The topping out ceremony is held when a structure's last beam is secured into place. The crews and other stakeholders will sign the beam and attach a small evergreen tree and an American flag before it is hoisted into place. Completion of the 37,000-square-foot, two-story ROC is anticipated for Spring 2019 and is the largest project funded to date by Measure K. The structure, which will house the dispatch center and the Office of Emergency Services, includes 354 columns sunk 40 feet into the ground for support against earthquakes and in the event of a catastrophe will continue operating round the clock with the help of two large generators.

**Community Services**

**County becomes first public sector agency to use new data solution**

Always one to push the envelope, the County recently became the first public sector agency globally to deploy a new data management appliance. The modern hardware will decrease deployment time and complexity, increase scalability and agility and free up County engineers to spend more time on smart city initiatives like public Wi-Fi and Open San Mateo County. The Information Services

Department contracted with Commvault Hyperscale Technology to replace its previous data management hardware. What that means for those who don't speak "tech" is that the County will be able to expand seamlessly as needed through a scale-out system that offers multiple functionalities on a single platform. The result for everybody is a local government that runs as efficiently and securely as possible.

## **Measure K**

### **Boys and Girls Club gets everything and the kitchen sink**

The Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula expects to complete a major kitchen renovation and upgrade at its East Palo Alto Clubhouse in time to prepare healthy meals for hundreds of children and teenagers who participate in summer activities. Your Board in November 2016 granted the club \$50,000 in Measure K funds that contributed to a project to install commercial-grade appliances and make other capital improvements in its heavily used kitchen. The renovations will also allow the club to increase the number of participants in its popular culinary arts programs, which teach healthy cooking and eating habits. A recent visit to the club found trenches dug in the kitchen for new piping and other major work underway. The Boys and Girls Club provides vital services such as academic support, mentorship and enrichment classes to our young residents.

### **New fire engine arrives in the Highlands**

We are pleased to report that San Mateo County Fire has taken delivery of a new fire engine that is now in service at Fire Station 17, located in the Highlands. This engine replaces an engine that has logged 220,000 miles that will go into reserve status. The new engine was purchased with Measure K funds designated by your Board to improve public safety and reduce maintenance costs by replacing aging fire engines and other apparatus based in La Honda, Pescadero, Skyllonda, Cordilleras and elsewhere. All vehicles are also available for mutual aid throughout the county.

## **News, Updates & Events**

### **Archived agendas offer glimpse into County's past**

What hot topics did County leaders have before them in 1901? Horses, apparently. More specifically, the Board of Supervisors signed off on Ordinance #168 which limited the hours of horse racing because "unlimited horse racing merely engenders the love of gambling, which results in crimes and evils of many kinds." Two years later in 1903 the Board regulated boxing matches.

History buffs can find more interesting nuggets like this on the Board agenda website now allows searches back to 1901. Viewers can see agendas and copies of entire agenda packets using the "search agendas" feature on <https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>. On the same site, the "calendar" option offers meeting details, agendas, minutes and videos for meetings dating back to 2012. The team of ISD and Clerk of the Board division working on the project are currently adding more content for meetings dating back to 1999.

### **County employees prove to be true innovators**

Some of our best ideas come from within the County ranks and this year was to be no exception. Twenty cross-departmental teams gathered April 26 at the Hiller Aviation Museum for the bi-annual Employee Innovation Summit at which they competed to create innovation programs to increase the impact of County services and the health and well-being of employees and residents. Ideas implemented from past summits include the employee commuter shuttle and SMC Serves which converts outside volunteer hours into training credit.

Teams developed their ideas in the morning-consulting with subject matter experts as needed-and presented to a three-judge panel in the afternoon, which strongly considered the connection to

Shared Vision 2025 principles.

Top ideas included a one-stop shop for employees to access discounted events, activities and County parks as a way to connect with the community they serve; a fleet of solar powered bikes so employees can travel short distances for County business; and outdoor gyms at parks free to all County employees and residents to promote a healthy community.

Judges awarded first place and a giant check to the *Housing Hunters* team, which proposed a housing portal exclusively to connect County employees and retirees who are homeowners or renters.