



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 5/22/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #9 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:

Community Services

2020 Census preparations underway

The Office of Community Affairs (OCA) held its first working group meeting for cities participating in the Local Updating Census Address (LUCA) review process in preparation for the U.S. Census Survey 2020. This meeting educated the 18 participating cities about the importance of the LUCA process, identified the areas within the county considered hard to count or containing low response scores, explained the County's canvassing strategy and solicited information regarding each city's planned canvassing process. OCA, in collaboration with the cities, is coordinating community canvassing efforts from late May through mid-June to identify non-transitional housing units such as converted garages, trailers parked on properties or in-law units to ensure that every resident in San Mateo County receives a Census survey in April 2020.

On June 1, the Census Bureau, in partnership with San Mateo County, Santa Clara County and City of San Jose, will host the Census 2020 - California Complete Count regional convening meeting. This meeting will bring together local leaders in hard to count areas to learn about state and federal efforts, available mapping and demographic data, and hear from experts about anticipated complete count challenges. Attendees will have the opportunity to form partnerships, identify necessary resources, and begin strategizing an effective outreach strategy.

Med fruit fly treatments to end this fall

Coastside treatments to eradicate the pesky Mediterranean fruit fly are on track to end in early September 2018 if no other insects are found. Last November, the medfly was confirmed in Half Moon Bay, a finding which led to the quarantines and plant treatments conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture. The medfly is very destructive and causes billions of dollars in losses to the agriculture industry. Both the USDA and our County Department of Agriculture are incredibly appreciative of the cooperation they've received from the Half Moon Bay community as staff visited their properties to place insect detection traps on fruit trees. As County Pest Detection Supervisor Gerardo Ibarra put it, the people of Half Moon Bay have been "awesome."

Performance

County launches borderless "Smart County" initiative

Parking garages that preemptively tell drivers if there is availability? Park waste cans that remotely signal to facilities if they need tending? As the world becomes more and more connected and technology helps make daily acts more efficient, the County of San Mateo is on the cutting edge by launching the first-of-its-kind "Smart County" initiative which will use innovation to tackle regional problems. Similar to the realization that transportation and housing are not problems contained by borders, interconnectivity also supersedes boundaries. The County's public Wi-Fi is a prime example. To bridge the County and its cities together in the quest for better connectivity, the County created SMC Labs at the County Center campus. The labs are a place for regional innovation to solve complex regional problems. While the County launched the effort, the goal is to invite all 20 cities onboard with their political and financial support, and ideas for projects and solutions. The County unveiled the initiative this month at the Innovation of Things World conference and will follow with SMC Labs open houses and a dedicated online presence.

Measure K

Building trades offering introduction program

Do you know anyone interested in a rewarding career in the building and construction trades? Now is the time to apply to the Trades Introduction Program, a series of classes that provide participants with hands-on experience in a number of trades and can lead to apprenticeship programs. A mandatory orientation meeting for those interested in the fall series of classes will be held Saturday, June 2, in San Mateo. The Trades Introduction Program is a partnership among a number of community and labor organizations with funding contributed by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

News, Updates & Events

County to recognize its board and commission members

The County is privileged to have so many volunteers willing to serve on dozens of advisory boards and commissions which help guide our efforts and outreach to specific populations. Thanks to them, the programs and services the County provides receive an extra level of review and benefit from the thoughtful ideas and expertise the members bring to the table. Their primary compensation is knowing that they are a key ingredient in our government process. Now, it's the County's turn to thank them for their dedication at a May 22 recognition ceremony to be held at 555 Marshall Street. On behalf of my office and the entire County, I'd also like to say that their involvement is invaluable and I hope other members of our community consider serving. Listings of upcoming vacancies as well as more information about each board and commission is available online at the recently redesigned site <https://bnc.smcgov.org>