



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 11/13/2018

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** County Manager's Report #20 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**

**County begins prepping for winter storms**

Winter is not quite upon us but preparations are underway for the upcoming storm season. Several departments will meet in coming weeks to establish preventative and response plans and the Department of Public Works (DPW) is already busy to help keep our community safe. DPW crews have premade an estimated 25,400 sandbags and distributed some to coastside yards where residents can take up to 15 readymade bags and make their own with the sand and bags provided onsite. In response to request for non-plastic bags, DPW is keeping its eye out for alternatives to plastic sand bags. However, DEP did use roughly 1,000 biodegradable bags on the coast two years ago and found many did not hold up for the entire season. Other planned work includes prepping ditches and clearing drainage inlets. Residents seeking more storm preparedness information should visit the designated link on the DPW webpage .

**Voter registration hits record numbers**

The Nov. 6, 2018 election drew a record number of registered voters in San Mateo County with an all-time high surpassing 400,000. Voting prior to Election Day was also vigorous with 5,571 cast at Vote

Centers and 141,324 total ballots received as of the previous night. Chief Elections Officer Mark Church called the robust turnout a testament to the hard work of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, Language Accessibility Advisory Committee, Voter Education and Outreach Advisory Committee and numerous community partners who helped with registration. The Elections Office also heard positive feedback from the public on the curbside voting service which helped ease the pressure on Vote Centers. With the election now behind us, ballots will continue to be counted and the final voter turnout is anticipated to be much higher than the 2014 gubernatorial election.

## **Measure K**

### **San Mateo County Fire unveils new water tender**

San Mateo County Fire recently took possession of a new 2,000-gallon “Type 1 Tactical Water Tender” designed to deliver water to engines on the front lines of firefighting. County Fire (CalFire) is outfitting it with equipment and training employees on its use. It will soon go into service at Skylonda Fire Station 58, at Skyline Boulevard and Woodside Road. The \$378,732 tender is one of four new firefighting vehicles purchased with Measure K funds during the 2017-18 Fiscal Year.