



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 2/25/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #4 of 2020

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

County shares in \$5.2M CAL FIRE funds for forest health

California's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) awarded more than \$5 million to two projects in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit aimed at restoring and maintaining healthy forests, conserve working forests and enhance carbon storage. The grants are part of a \$67 million statewide allocation for forest treatment and conservation activities. In our county, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District will receive \$2.56 million for four project sites covering 459 acres. The funds will improve forest health and watershed processes, reduce catastrophic wildfire risk and increase carbon sequestration.

Homeowners in county may qualify for earthquake retrofits

Some homeowners in San Mateo County may qualify for earthquake retrofits under the state's Earthquake Brace & Bolt 2020 (EBB) program. The EBB program provides \$3,000 grants for a specific seismic retrofit that strengthens older homes to keep them from sliding off the foundation during an earthquake. Eligibility is based solely on zip code, not city or neighborhood, and homeowners can check availability and register through March 19 at <http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com>. Houses that qualify are typically built before 1980, have a

raised continuous perimeter concrete foundation and sit on level ground or a low slope. Per the California Office of Emergency Services, San Mateo County cities on the eligibility list include Atherton, Burlingame, Colman, Daly City, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco and Woodside.

Health and Human Services

County first in state to have zero-findings audit

The County of San Mateo is the first California county ever to have zero findings in an audit review of its Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS). The county, through its Human Services Agency, is required to complete the audit review every three years and earned the zero-findings distinction for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The audit ensures accuracy for both the agency and its clients. HSA credits many employees for the success, particularly in the Overpayments Unit and Special Projects Unit.

Performance

Human Resources honored with talent award and grant

Congratulations to our Human Resources Department for its recent recognition at the 2020 City Managers/League of Cities Conference where staff received the Cal-ICMA Talent Action Award. The Cal-ICMA Talent Action program recognizes agencies for their comprehensive work in three talent management categories including attraction and recruitment, retention and development and improving workplace culture. The County of San Mateo was one of 10 agencies in California that demonstrated overall excellence as a champion in all three categories and the only county to receive the designation.

Separately, the County also won a \$20,000 Talent Management Grant from CPS HR Consulting for its internal coaching program. We are so proud of our hardworking HR department which helps make the County an employer of choice.