

County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

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Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: None

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael Callagy, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #5 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

CalFIRE, other firefighter response contains San Bruno Mountain fire

Thanks to the swift response of at least 60 firefighters, a 6-acre brush fire on San Bruno Mountain in late February was quickly contained. CalFIRE worked in unified command with the North County Fire Authority and remained on scene through the night to maintain public safety. That type of fire at this time of year was considered very unusual and CalFIRE said it was a stark reminder for the public to be careful with sparks and embers. The fire is also an important reminder for individuals to prepare evacuation plans and emergency go-bags.

Community Services

New CEO named for new district

The Board of Directors of the new San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District confirmed Len Materman as its new chief executive officer. Materman most recently served as executive director of the San Francisquito Creek joint powers authority which itself completed a significant flood and sea level rise mitigation project along the creek from the bay to U.S. Highway 101. Materman has held positions at Stanford University and U.C. Berkeley, founded the nonprofit American's River Communities, Inc., and served as a consultant to the U.S. State Department.

Measure K

Interpretive panels installed along planned Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail

The first two panels that will tell the history of the native Ohlone people who lived in the area and their first encounter with European explorers have been installed along Pillar Point Bluff. One panel describes how the Ramaytush Ohlone provided the 1769 expedition led by Gaspar de Portolá with pies made from the seeds of flowers. These were welcomed - the second panel tells of how the Spanish were lost and hungry. The anticipated 90-mile Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail will follow much of the route the Spanish took through San Mateo County, much of it on trails that linked Ohlone villages. The project, which received Measure K funds, is guided by a committee of County, state, federal and tribal representatives.