



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



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Board Meeting Date: Jan. 5, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #1

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:

Health and Human Services

San Mateo Medical Center receives clean audit

For the second year in a row, the San Mateo Medical Center received a clean audit of its financials. The SMMC's external auditors found the hospital did not have any negative audit findings and there were no audit adjustments to the financial statements. Also, all prior year audit findings have been resolved. Credit goes to the SMMC accounting team which worked very hard over the past two years to address previous audit findings, implement month-end financial reviews and conduct detailed monthly account reconciliations. The result of these improved processes is more reliable and timely financial information used in the SMMC's operations.

Community Services

Parks Department certified as a green business

The County of San Mateo Parks Department is now certified as a green business by the California Green Business Program. The Parks Department's practices and Sustainability Plan led to the accolade, demonstrating its commitment to environmental protection through minimizing impacts and resource consumption.

The green certification program is resurging after waning during the economic recession and public agencies are jumping forward to become certified. The state program will promote the Parks Department at events, through advertising, on Bay Area environmental web sites and in the printed regional Green Business Program Directory.

Recycling academy launches second year

Beginning this month, the Office of Sustainability's RecycleWorks Volunteer Academy (RVA) will offer a free set of eight-week courses and webinars focused on resource conservation, energy, water, composting and solid waste. The RVA is designed to fill the gap between the good intentions of our residents and their knowledge of how to turn those into sustainable action.

The upcoming series is the second such academy in which participants gain hands-on experience and concrete skills to promote sustainability. Supported by RecycleWorks staff and course instructors, students complete 40 volunteer hours in addition to the courses and — organizers hope — make new friends. RVA hopes to expand the program in the future to include other topics like transportation. Register for the January courses by emailing RecycleWorks@smcgov.org.

Performance

County of San Mateo earns AAA rating

Moody's Investors Service has reaffirmed the County's Aaa issuer rating as part of the process to refinance its Youth Services Center, 2008 Series A Lease Revenue Bonds which the Board approved at its last meeting. Key to the County retaining the high rating is its sizeable tax base and strong socioeconomic profile supported by a vibrant local economy that includes an array of technology, biotech and venture capital businesses. The rating is also supported by robust reserve and liquidity levels, solidified by a detailed reserve policy, moderate debt burden and proactive fiscal management supported by sound budgeting practices and policies.