



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 3/26/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #5 of 2019

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

Multi-department collaboration cleans up Colma litter

An unincorporated area of Colma is looking brighter thanks to multiple County departments that collaborated on the clean-up. The effort began with a report of an illegally dumped mattress and expanded as responders discovered that a portion of the public right of way beyond the existing pedestrian walkway was being used to store garbage and as living quarters for two homeless individuals. Code enforcement first required the adjacent property owner to clean up the garbage spillover over into the right of way and the Human Services Agency came in to help the two homeless individuals. The Department of Public Works followed with grading and clearing the area of overgrown brush and remnant garbage. Other County departments pitching in included the Office of Sustainability which fielded the initial call of the discarded mattress and the Office of Community Affairs which surveyed the site for the clean-up.

Measure K

Inspiring Summers enrollment now open

Enrollment is now open for qualified families for a summer program that will boost the academic skills of young learners. The four-week, full-day program for children entering kindergarten, first and

second grades includes reading, science and art projects, field trips, yoga and fun and games. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. The program, called Inspiring Summers, is being offered at no cost to qualified families by the County of San Mateo through the local Measure K sales tax. These summer programs will be held at schools from Daly City to East Palo Alto to Pescadero.

The program is a partnership between local school districts, the San Mateo County Libraries and Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL). Enrollment information can be found on our Measure K website on the Youth and Education tab, on our Facebook page.

Video offers public a sneak peek at the Regional Operations Center

As construction on the new Regional Operations Center (ROC) nears completion, the County Manager's Office recently took advantage of the opportunity to tour the facility taking shape on the County Center campus. When complete, the ROC, as it is called, will become the County's hub for disaster response and information. Our Public Safety Communications 9-1-1 dispatchers will move into the new site later this year along with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. We wanted the public to share in our excitement at the progress so posted a short video of the tour on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Board and Commissions

Arts Commission kicks off 2019 grants cycle

The San Mateo County Arts Commission is now accepting applications for its 2019 grants to support organizations and specific projects/programs for the community and children in kindergarten through 12th grade. The funds help arts organizations in San Mateo County and educators at Title 1 schools build a strong presence, grow their audience and widen exposure to a variety of creative expression. The annual grants are available to present free or low-cost performances, literary readings, workshops and exhibitions. Unrestricted funds to organizations help support and maintain day-to-day operations while it pursues its mission. The applications are due April 1. The County is very proud of the arts in our community and hope to secure a large and worthwhile applicant pool.

News, Updates & Events

County wins statewide honor for Crystal Springs Dam Bridge Replacement

We in the County already knew that the Crystal Springs Dam Bridge replacement was an amazing feat. Now, the entire state knows it, too. The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) named the project the winner of an Outstanding Local Streets and Road Project Award in the category of "Bridge: Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects." The Department of Public Works will accept the honor at an awards luncheon in April.

As your Board remembers, the bridge at Crystal Springs Road and Skyline Boulevard opened in January after years of collaboration and effort by several County departments, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and other agencies. The County owns and operates the bridge which it demolished from the top of the gravity arch dam in 2011 to make way for the new, seismically improved structure which sits approximately 7 feet higher than its predecessor and spans 626 feet.