



District 2 Highlights

Martinez Edition

Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, District 2
Phone: (925) 335-1046 Fax: (925) 335-1076 Email: gayle@bos.cccounty.us

Fall 2009

Serving: Alhambra Valley, Briones, Martinez, Mountain View, Pacheco, Vine Hill

Your Help Is Needed in Planning for Future Disasters

While Contra Costa County is not prone to the types of disasters that other parts of the country face, such as tornadoes and hurricanes, we need to be prepared to respond to potentially life-threatening situations that may occur here. To that end, the County has a County Wide Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The purpose of the HMP is to prioritize actions to be taken by the County and the participating cities and special districts (school, fire, flood, water, sewer, etc.) to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to human life, property and the environment from seven types of natural hazards: earthquakes, floods (including levee issues), landslides dam failures, severe weather, drought and wildfires.

Contra Costa County recently received a planning grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be used to update our plan. Having a FEMA approved HMP is a necessary prerequisite to applying for FEMA pre-disaster funding grants. These FEMA grants can be used to fund improvements that will help reduce or eliminate the anticipated effects of a natural disaster on the citizens of Contra Costa County. *You, as a resident of the County, will directly benefit from any FEMA grants that the County receives through the improvements that will be funded.*

Contra Costa County, thirteen cities, and twenty-seven special districts and a planning consultant (Tetra Tech, Inc.) are working together to modify the existing HMP by establishing a uniform set of planning criteria and gathering data on the vulnerability of facilities owned by each planning partner. The data collected will be analyzed with FEMA software to estimate the economic loss and population disruption caused by the anticipated disaster events. For example, based on preliminary information, an earthquake of Richter magnitude 7.1 on the Hayward-Rodgers Creek fault would cause approximately \$3.5 billion in damages to structures and displace almost 1,300 households in Contra Costa County.

The County's plan must be compliant with Federal law in order for the participating agencies to be eligible for the FEMA grants and Federal law requires that the

Continued on Page 2



Supervisor Uilkema, right, chats with David Contreras during his retirement celebration.

David Contreras Honored

Martinez resident, David Contreras, was honored for his 36 years of service to the Mt. View Sanitary District at his retirement celebration. District 2 Supervisor, Gayle B. Uilkema, was on hand to present him with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors for his many accomplishments over the years. David was hired in June of 1973 and named District Manager in April of 1987 for his hard work and loyal service to the citizens of the District.

Under his leadership as District Manager, the Mt. View Sanitary District has acquired and presently maintains, manages, and enhances with treated wastewater, 130 acres of pristine wetlands known as the McNabney Marsh which has achieved local, state and national recognition, being referred to as "the crown jewel of Contra Costa County".

During David's tenure, the District received the first ever Water Quality Excellence Award from the Regional Board in 2006 for being a pioneering leader through its Interpretive Center program.

Continued on Page 3

Disaster – Continued from Page 1

planning team get input from the public – **this means you!** To date, four public meetings have been held in order to present to the public information regarding the plan and the planning process and to receive feed-back from those who attended.

Here are some ways that you can give input into the planning process:

- Information regarding the hazard mitigation planning efforts is available on the County website www.co.contra-costa.ca.us. Follow the links to the “**Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**”. Citizens are encouraged to help improve the plan by completing the Natural Hazards Mitigation Questionnaire available at the bottom of the web page.
- The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. The meetings are open to the public, and are held at the Public Works Department conference room located at 255 Glacier Drive in Martinez.

Once completed, the HMP will go before the board or council of each planning partner agency, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the California Emergency Management Agency (formerly known as the California Office of Emergency Services) and FEMA for approval.

For further information, refer to the County website or contact Susan Roseberry, Emergency Planning Coordinator – Office of Emergency Services at **925 313-9625**, Rich Lierly, Floodplain/Watershed Manager Senior Civil Engineer - Flood Control District at **925 313-2348** or Rob Flaner, Certified Flood Manager-Tetra Tech **208 939-4391**.



From left, Martinez artists Debra Dodson, Ellen Heathcote, Dorrie Langley, Nancy Robinson, Robin Moore (AC5) and Bill Rhodes pose by their artwork.

Martinez Artists Featured

The Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) is dedicated to advancing the arts in a way that promotes communication, education, appreciation and collaboration throughout the County so as to preserve and celebrate our diverse cultural expression. AC5’s exhibition program, Art Passages, highlights the work of artists from each of the five supervisorial districts within the County with examples of their art displayed in the County Administration Building. Through the month July, the work of the Martinez Art Association was featured. This impressive body of art was titled “*We the People*”, and beautified the lobby of the building and the Board of Supervisors chambers.

Supervisor Uilkema had a Board resolution prepared praising the artists’ talents and the work of AC5 which was presented to Robin Moore of the Commission.



**Did you find this newsletter interesting?
Would you like to get a new one every quarter?
To receive newsletters by email, send an email request to jray@bos.cccounty.us and you will be added to the list!**

Safely Dispose of Unwanted Medications

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has partnered with three other agencies to provide a new program for the safe collection and disposal of unwanted medications. Two collection sites have been set up by CCCSD and the County Sheriff in Martinez:

- **CC Regional Medical Center Sheriff’s Substation, 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez**
- **Sheriff’s Field Operations Building, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez**

For more information and hours of operation, call **800-646-1431** or visit www.centrialsan.org.

Please Don’t Flush Your Drugs!



Gayle joins with other supporters of the Land Trust

Fresh Aire Affaire Benefit for Land Trust

Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema joined with many other supporters to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Muir Heritage Land Trust. This one-of-a-kind orchard experience, called the Fresh Aire Affaire, took place at the historic mansion and estate of the John Muir National Historic site in Martinez. Funds raised will be used for the Trust's ongoing *Keep It Wild* campaign, whose goal is to raise \$8.5 million in five years.

In order to ensure a lasting quality of life for future generations, the Muir Heritage Land Trust, with generous support from numerous individuals, private foundations, businesses and government agencies, has permanently preserved over 2000 acres of natural area in Contra Costa County. Among its important acquisitions are:

- **124-acre Pacheco Marsh property** within the Carquinez Strait Heritage Area Corridor
- **80-acre Gustin property** ensuring permanent protection of an important segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, which runs the length of Franklin Ridge from Martinez to Hercules and Crockett
- **242-acre Sky Ranch**, one property down Franklin Ridge from Mt. Wanda
- **180 acres of Stonehurst** open land within a subdivision in Martinez next to Sky Ranch

If you would like to find out how you can get involved with the Trust's activities or just get more information, visit their website at www.muirheritagelandtrust.org or call 925-228-5460.



David Contreras receives his Board resolution from Supervisor Uilkema.

Contreras – Continued from Page 1

The Mt. View Sanitary District has continued to win numerous regional and state-wide awards from professional groups such as the California Water Environment Association and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies based on compliance, innovation, cost-effectiveness and superior operations and management as well as its public education program and public service.

David has served on several other public boards including the Underground Service Alert as president, SWEA Operation group, and has initiated the Peyton Slough Wetlands Advisory Committee, along with partnering with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Under David's guidance, the District constructed its new Administration Building and Learning Center which, in addition to improving the efficiency of the administration of the District, provided a center for environmental stakeholders and regulators to gather, study, observe and promote the use of treated waste water for the reclamation and enhancement of wetlands.

Congratulations, David, on a long and successful career dedicated to public service!

In Memory of

Dorothy Sakazaki

December 31, 1927

August 9, 2009

Board of Supervisors Actions

June '09 - August '09

Award 13 grants from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund to support projects benefiting fish and wildlife resources.

Consider impact of 08/09 & 09/10 budget reductions on DA's Office and criminal justice system; Determine action to be taken.

Approve/Authorize License Agrmt for use of a portion of District's Right of Way along Grayson Creek, 5844 Pacheco Blvd, Pacheco.

Accept resignation from Richard Christian from the Alcohol & Other Drugs Advisory Board of CCC effective immediately, Martinez.

Consider Prop 1A - 1F on the 5/19/09 special election ballot; Consider request of CCC Mental Health Commission to oppose Prop 1E, which would amend the Mental Health Services Act to shift revenue from local programs to benefit the State General Fund.

Declare intent to reduce compensation of BOS and all appointed/elected dept. directors to match negotiated compensation reductions of Labor Coalition.

Approve/Authorize application/acceptance of a grant from the US Dept of HUD a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program grant.

Direct staff to draft an amendment to Secondhand Smoke Protections Ordinance, develop recommendations for protecting residents of multi-unit housing from secondhand smoke exposure, report recommendations to Family & Human Services Committee for consideration within 6 months.

Report on American Recovery and Reinvestment, federal stimulus funds in CCC.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment with the CA Dept of Boating and Waterways for boating safety enforcement and abandoned vessel removal.

Conference with Labor Negotiators; Legal Counsel – existing litigation; Real Property Negotiators; Public Employee Appointment Title: Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District; Public Defender.

Recognize Fire Captain Chris Gonsalves for 30 Years of Service to CCC FPD.

Report from TWIC on the floodplain impacts on unincorporated County areas resulting from FEMA remapping and levee accreditation efforts; Authorize necessary actions to minimize impacts on the County.

Update on State and County fiscal problems as discussed at CSAC Annual Conference, 5/27-5/28/09, and likely impacts on CCC.

Adjourn to the Annual Luncheon with the CCC Superior Court Bench.

Change from a 27-day work period to 24-day work period for qualifying fire protection employees in ConFire.

Authorize County Counsel to initiate legal action against specified parties to recover monies owed for outstanding debts and costs of suit.

Authorize realignment of certain impact fees by allowing for deferral of impact fee payments for residential/non-residential projects; Fix 6/9/09 as date of adoption.

Approve 2-year extension of the MOU btwn ConFire and IAFF, Local 1230.

Approve/Authorize a contract to provide certification review/probable cause/capacity hearing officer services for patients involuntarily confined by CCC.

Approve/Authorize contract for development of CCC Earthquake Response Plan.

Approve/Authorize contract w/CC Child Care Council to provide child care services and/or subsidies for low income families.

Approve/Authorize the Librarian to decrease the pricing threshold from \$50 to \$35 as the minimum for accounts that will be turned over for recovery/collection.

Accept March '09 update on ops. of the EHSD, Community Services Bureau.

Refer to Family and Human Services Committee a review of the program design and a need for additional stakeholder participation in the process for the development of a mental health psychiatric campus at 20 Allen Street in Martinez.

Terminate emergency action taken by BOS 5/12/09 re: the H1N1 Flu in CCC.

Continue emergency action taken by BOS 11/16/99 re: homelessness in CCC.

Accept financial incentive from PG&E for energy efficient design/construction practices promoting the efficient use of energy on the CCC DA Headquarters Office Building Project, 900 Ward Street, Martinez.

Resolution on the spending of federal economic renewal grants to CCC.

Recognize Carol Reynolds for 38 years of service to CCC PWD.

Accept completion of public/private improvements for project by Janin Associates, Inc., Martinez.

Accept FY 09/10 Annual Report for CSA L-100 (Countywide Street Lighting), declaring intent to levy/collect service charges; fix public hearing for 6/23/09 to authorize charges be placed on FY 09/10 property tax rolls.

Continued on Page 5

County Contacts

Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema	(925) 335-1046
Abandoned Vehicles	(925) 313-2500
Adult Protective Services	(925) 313-2659
Agricultural Department	(925) 646-5250
Airport, Buchanan Field, Keith Freitas	(925) 646-5722
Animal Services Dept., Martinez – Glenn Howell	(925) 335-8300
Animal Services Dept., Pinole	(510) 374-3966
Area Agency on Aging, John Cottrell	(925) 313-1700
Auditor-Controller, Stephen Ybarra	(925) 646-2181
Building Inspection Division, Jason Crapo	(925) 646-2300
Building Application & Permits	(925) 646-1609
CCTV, Patricia Burke	(925) 313-1180
Children's Services – Adoptions	(925) 313-7770
Children's Protective Services – Central County	(925) 646-1680
Children's Protective Services – West County	(510) 374-3324
Clerk-Recorder, Stephen Weir	(925) 335-7899
Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea	(925) 335-1147
West County, Tyrone Ridgle	(925) 335-1147
Lamorinda, Greg Wixom	(925) 299-0116
Community Development Division, Aruna Bhat	(925) 335-1221
Community Services, Pat Stroh	(925) 646-5990
Community Substance Abuse Services	(925) 313-6300
County Employment Information	(925) 335-1701
Contra Costa Health Plan, Milt Camhi	(925) 313-6000
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	(925) 370-5000
County Administrator, David Twa	(925) 335-1086
County Assessor, Gus Kramer	(925) 313-7400
County Librarian, Ann Cain	(925) 927-3205
Central Library	(925) 646-6434
Library –Crockett Branch	(510) 787-2345
Library –Hercules Branch	(510) 245-2420
Library –Lafayette Branch	(925) 283-3872
Library –Martinez Branch	(925) 646-2898
Library –Moraga Branch	(925) 376-6852
Library –Orinda Branch	(925) 254-2184
Library –Pinole Branch	(510) 758-2741
Library –Rodeo Branch	(510) 799-2606
Library –Walnut Creek Branch	(925) 646-6773
County Road Maintenance, Joe Yee	(925) 313-7000
District Attorney, Robert J. Kochly	(925) 957-2200
Employment & Human Services, Joe Valentine	(925) 313-1500
Environmental Health, Sherm Quinlan	(925) 646-5225
Fire District of Contra Costa, Interim Chief John Ross	(925) 930-5500
Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 787-2717
Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection Dist.	(925) 258-4599
Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Dist.	(510) 799-4561
First Time Home Buyers	(925) 335-7235
Grand Jury	(925) 646-2345
Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Michael Kent	(925) 313-6587
Head Start Programs	(925) 646-5540
Health Services, William Walker, MD	(925) 370-5003
Homeless Programs	(800) 808-6444
Household Hazardous Waste	(800) 750-4096
Housing Authority, Joseph Villarreal	(925) 957-8011
In-Home Support Services	(925) 313-1770
Juvenile Hall	(925) 646-4800
LAFCO, Lou Ann Texeira	(925) 646-4090
Law Library	(925) 646-2783
Legal Assistant for the Elderly	(510) 374-3712
Martinez Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(925) 646-4495
Medi-Cal Services Eligibility	(925) 646-2941
Mental Health Services, Donna Wigand	(925) 957-5150
Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control	(925) 685-9301
Office of Emergency Services	(925) 646-4461
Private Industry Council	(925) 646-5239
Probation Department, Lionel Chatman	(925) 313-4023
Public Defender, David Coleman	(925) 335-8000
Public Works, Julie Bueren	(925) 313-2201
Retirement Office	(925) 646-5741
Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rupf	(925) 335-1500
Superior Court, Clerk of the Court	(925) 646-2951
Superior Court, Jury Services	(925) 646-2002
Superior Court, Richmond	(510) 374-3800
Superior Court, Richmond, Jury Info	(510) 374-3803
Treasurer-Tax Collector, William Pollacek	(925) 646-4122
Veterans Service Office, Phil Munley	(925) 313-1481
West County Detention Facility, Inmate Info	(510) 262-4200

Additional county departmental information can be found on the county website: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/

Board of Supervisors Actions *(continued)*

Accept filing of the Preliminary Engineer's Report for SD 6 for FY 09/10; Introduce Ordinance; Fix public hearing for 6/23/09 to consider FY 09/10 report and approval of the annual sewer service charges for SD 6, Martinez.

Authorize new revenue from donations and grants, and appropriating it for library materials, equipment, and programs.

Adopt "Support" position on HR 1618: would maintain the current 80,000lb federal limit on size of trucks using Hwy System, extend weight limit to additional highways; Authorize letters to federal legislators.

Resolution regarding economic benefit from providing human services, and the Human Services Funding Deficit.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment with EDD Workforce Services Division, Workforce Investment Act, for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Approve/Authorize agreement with CA Emergency Management Agency's Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division for funding of the Victims of Crime Act Stimulus, Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

Approve/Authorize Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, CA Gang Reduction and Intervention Program for staff training and implementation of an evidence-based model of aggression replacement training for juvenile offenders.

Approve/Authorize contracts w/UC Davis to provide Employment Services Training and Eligibility Training.

Approve/Authorize contract to provide respite services to foster parents and relative caregivers through the Heritage Project.

Recognize the art exhibit "We the People" presented by District II and the Martinez Art Association, by Supervisor Uilkema

Resolution urging the CA Legislature and Governor to reject proposals that would shift billions of dollars of local revenue from counties.

Approve/Authorize funding from Dept of HHS for Children and Families for increased enrollment in County Head Start programs.

Approve/Authorize contract with CCC Office of Education for continued provision of educational services to inmates.

Approve/Authorize contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland to provide transitional housing assistance for emancipated youth.

Introduce the 2009-2010 Contra Costa County Grand Jury.

Report from CAO on the impacts of the State Budget on the County.

Accept/Adopt FY 09/10 Engineer's Report for CCC SD 6/Ordinance, Martinez.

Approve proposed fees for the CCC Certified Unified Program Agency.

Status report on the Light Brown Apple Moth Infestation in CCC.

Report on the advisory body review, consider findings and preliminary recommendations, provide additional direction.

Resolution celebrating 25 years of Tobacco Prevention efforts in CCC.

Hearing on a request to rezone a 0.27-acre parcel from D-1 (Two-Family Residential) to L-I (Light Industrial) at 111 Arthur Road, Martinez.

Report on the advisory body review, consider findings and preliminary recommendations, provide additional direction.

Resolution celebrating 25 years of Tobacco Prevention efforts in CCC.

Honor David R. Contreras for 36 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Mt. View Sanitary District, as recommended by Supervisor Uilkema.

Resolution against State seizure of local gas tax and redevelopment funds.

Approve/Authorize contract with Maddie's Fund to accept grant to support ASD adoption programs for homeless dogs and cats.

Approve/Authorize lease with the General Truck Driver, Warehousemen, Helpers and Automotive Employees of CCC for 65 parking spaces at 2727 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez.

Amend 5/19/09 BOS action approving/authorizing contract amendment for boating safety enforcement/abandoned vessel removal, by narrowing scope of the project to abandoned vessel removal only.

Approve submittal of Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant application to provide supplemental funding to support acquisition/rehabilitation of foreclosed properties, prepurchased housing, counseling, and program administration.

Approve/Authorize contract amendment with CA Dept of Food and Agriculture for increased regulatory work due to expansion of Light Brown Apple Moth infestation in CCC.

Note: this is a partial list of Board activities. A complete record of Board activities can be found at the County's web page: www.co.contra-costa.ca.us

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you been looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in meeting new and interesting people? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then here is your opportunity! Below is a list of available County positions, please take a moment to peruse the list and see if something is of interest to you.

Application forms for **Volunteer Opportunities** are available from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema's office at **925-335-1046**, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office at **925-335-1900** or can be downloaded from the District 2 website at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/

Contra Costa County Library Commission

This Commission serves to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian as to the needs of the public as well as to develop and recommend proposals for the betterment of the County Library including such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County; to provide a link between the community and the Library System; and to establish a forum for the community to express its' views regarding goals and operations of the County Library. The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Womens' Commission

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in CCC as well as to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. Meets in Concord, 3rd Tuesday at 3pm.

CCC FPD's Fire Advisory Commissioners

This Commission serves to review and advise on: annual operations and capital budgets, district expenditures, long-range capital improvement plans, serve as the Appeals Board on weed abatement matters, serve as liaison between the BOS and the community served by each district, as well as other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned and directed by the BOS. Applicants must live within the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's boundaries.

For more volunteer opportunities, you may go to the Board Advisory page of the Contra Costa County website – or type in this link to your web browser:

<http://contra.napanet.net/maddybook/>

If you believe that you, or someone you know, are the victim of elder abuse, Adult Protective Services operates a 24-hour response telephone line.

Call 925-646-2854 or toll free 877-839-4347.