

January 31, 2006

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Presentation of *County of Marin 2005 Report to the Community*

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation of final report

SUMMARY: At your meeting of June 28, 2005, your Board authorized the County Administrator to begin development of a Marin County Community Report. The purpose of this first-ever report was to:

- Inform the public about the Board of Supervisors' program priorities
- Report progress in achieving Countywide Goals
- Highlight accomplishments of County services and programs
- Inform community about the structure, services, programs, and funding of County government
- Communicate key results of the recent community survey

Staff is pleased to present to your Board the final version of this report, entitled *County of Marin 2005 Report to the Community*. The overall goal of this report is to further connect Marin County government and the community we serve. The community survey conducted in 2005 indicated that many residents were unaware of the services provided by County government. This report is designed to provide this information and help improve knowledge and accessibility of County services. In addition, the report also shares your Board's vision and priorities for the future of Marin County and highlights recent accomplishments. The report is primarily based around your Board's five community-oriented goals:

- Healthy Communities
- Safe Communities
- Sustainable Communities
- Environmental Preservation
- Community Participation

The report lists key objectives that identify our commitment to each community goal and examples of our results in achieving each goal. Other sections in the report include overview information on your Board, an introduction to County government, and a description of the County's budget and organizational goals. Key contact information is also provided to help access County departments and services. A separate executive summary is included at the end of this report that highlights the full report.

Staff will begin distribution of the reports and executive summaries in February. Each member of your Board and County departments will receive copies of the reports and summaries for your use and distribution to the public. The report will also be distributed to cities, towns, and special districts within the county, community-based organizations, and other counties throughout the state. In addition, the report will be available at local library branches and can be downloaded from the County's website at www.co.marin.ca.us/commreport.

In closing, staff would like to recognize the significant work of County departments in developing this report, particularly the assistance of the community report working group. In addition, staff would like to recognize Robin Brandes for her high-quality design work and the photography and printing contractors for their services.

Copies of the final report will be provided to your Board at the meeting. I am available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have concerning the report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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County Administrator