

The CAO Weekly Report

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Holm Takes the Helm at Resource Management Agency

For the last 15 years, Carl Holm has been working his way through and up the ranks in Planning Department and then the Resource Management Agency when it was created.



Carl Holm.

He has finally reached the top. It was announced this week that Holm has been appointed to Director of the County's Resource Management Agency. He will assume his duties immediately since he has been acting Director for nearly a year. He also remains interim Building Director until that position is filled.

Holm brings that 'homegrown' experience as well as a total of 30 years in public service in California land use, planning, building, transportation planning, housing, community development and redevelopment to the position.

Even though he is a familiar face around the county, there is more to him than meets the eye. Here are a few interesting facts about the RMA's new director:

- He earned a B.S. in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.
- He is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners
- He has a Mediation Certificate from the Pepperdine School of Law.
- He worked for seven years in construction before beginning his public service career.
- He is a California native, born and raised in Long Beach.
- He lives on an historic property in the Salinas Valley which was a family-run cattle ranch from late 1890's until late-1970s.
- He believes the most fulfilling aspect of his job is helping to find solutions to difficult problems/issues

What has been his most interesting experience as a manager? Would you believe, the Olympics?

“I was part of a team setting up the UCLA Housing Village for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles,” explains Holm. “I led the team that set up the UCLA Housing Village (dormitory rooms) for half the athletic teams.”

Holm’s duties included meeting with team envoys and representatives, supervising movers setting up furniture, assisting with special needs, meeting teams as they arrived and showing them to their rooms.



The Olympic Village at UCLA in 1984.



He says the busiest time was the 36 hour time period as the athletes arrived. He also checked out the teams as they left. It was a once in a lifetime job.

“I met all sorts of people, including the King and Queen of Sweden (having a last name like Holm helped) and had Turkish coffee and baklava with Turkish team leaders as thank you for managing their special security needs,” says Holm, who also now has some special mementos. “I received over 30 team pins as a thank you for my services.”



Child Support Services Takes Its Message to Community Events During Child Support Awareness Month

Child Support Services (CSS) staff marked August as Child Support Awareness Month, with lots of community outreach focusing on the importance of child support and applauding parents who provide financial and medical support for their children. This is especially important when a family's structure changes while the needs of their children remain the same.



Jesse Rodriguez, Child Support Assistant (left), Tony Sanchez, Child Support Officer (right) at The Day of the Worker event.

CSS staff were in a variety of community events to get that message out. Outreach included:

- National Night Out in Marina
- The 9th Annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk and Health Fair in Salinas
- “El Dia Del Trabajador” (The Day of the Worker) in Greenfield

For the past fiscal year, Child Support Services has collected a record breaking total of more than \$41 million dollars in child support.



Maria Cuellar, Public Information Officer (left) and Irene Ramirez, Child Support Officer (right) at National Night Out event.

“I am proud of each and every one of our child support professionals,” says CSS Acting Director Jody Holtzworth. “Their dedication to improving the lives of children and families in Monterey County shows in these results.”

Child Support Services provides these crucial services by establishing paternity, establishing and enforcing court orders for support and health insurance and locating parents and assets.

The Department has a caseload of 16,952 children and paternity was established for 2,764 children during that period.



Combined Giving Events Wrap Up a Successful Campaign

This last week of the Employee Giving Campaign wrapped up in a big way - with events that raised more than \$2,000 for county charities.

These charities will win twice: once with staff fundraisers and again when you add your favorite organization to your payroll deduction. Be sure to see the [Employee Giving webpage](#) one more time for fillable forms and information.

Here are the events that put the 'fun' in fundraising this week:

Clerk of the Board hit it out of the park with its chance to win a Kindle Fire. Tickets for the opportunity drawing earned \$1,067.00.

The lucky winner? Randall Bosio, IT Software Programmer working in the CAO Division, pictured at right center with Clerk of the Board staff.



The Information Technology Department staff decided there's nothing like bacon to bring out donations, and they were right. The Department held a bacon wrapped hot dog barbeque this week - and this event really did bring home the bacon!

Between the tantalizing dogs and the baked good silent auction, ITD raised \$735.00!

The CAO's Office opted for healthy and fun with its fundraising salad bar this week.

The line queued out of the breakroom door at times as folks lined up for a salad with a wide variety of options.

This event raised \$434.00.





You could pick your prize at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office Silent Auction event held August 27th through 28th.

Prizes included tickets to the Monterey County Fair, food and drink gift baskets, jewelry, even a lunch with the Agricultural Commissioner himself!

This fun event raised \$260.00.

