



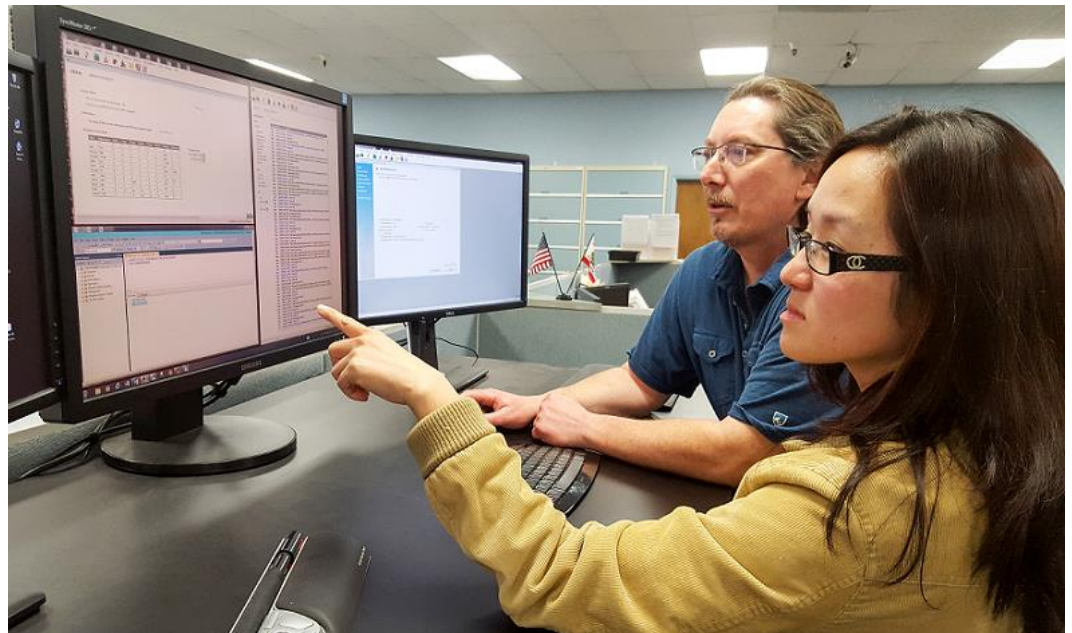
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Election Department staff members Mary Kikuchi and Chuck Cassinelli were instrumental in moving Monterey County's voter information into the statewide database.

County Notes

- > The Assessor's website has a [useful list of important dates and deadlines](#) for filing claims and paying property taxes.

Elections Joins Statewide Database

What a difference a day makes. On Tuesday, March 1st, Monterey County Elections went 'live' in California's statewide database.

What that means is Monterey County has joined the 17.2 million registered voters representing all 58 counties which are now in one single database.

The database project came into being after the 2000 Presidential Election, when a federal mandate required all states to develop a statewide system of record. After more than a decade of planning and work, election officials across California can now have real time access to voter's addresses as

they move throughout the state. This type of timely information facilitates cleaner voter rolls and allows voter records to carry the voter history with them.

Even more exciting are the tools the database will offer to voters including look-up features to check their individual voting record and current registration status. It's important to note these services have been offered to voters in Monterey County for many years; however, the statewide database will provide these services uniformly across all counties. If you haven't used these tools, you can find them on the Election Department's homepage www.montereycountyelections.us

Kudos to Election Department staff members Mary Kikuchi, Elections Program Manager and Chuck Cassinelli, Senior Departmental Information Systems Coordinator, who devoted countless hours to make this transition a reality.

The move to a statewide database also paves the way for Election Day voter registration and automated registration for those who conduct business with the DMV and are eligible to register. If you'd like to know more about the database project and services it provides, check the [Secretary of State's Office website](#).



Two Named Outstanding Women of Monterey County

The Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women knows something county staff has known all along - that Monterey County has outstanding employees. The commission has selected two employees as Outstanding Women of Monterey County for 2016.

Each year the commission selects 10 women who have made outstanding contributions to our community. This year's honorees range from women making a difference in the arts, agriculture, justice and charitable works. All will be honored at an event March 20th in Monterey.

The commission selected Probation Chief Marcia Parsons and Deputy District Attorney Elaine McCleaf as two of their honorees this year. Read more about these two fascinating women and find out what makes them outstanding!



Marcia Parsons.

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Marcia Parsons is Monterey County's Chief Probation Officer. She oversees 285 employees, more than 3500 offenders and she is the first woman to hold this position.

She is the Chair for the Monterey County Children's Council and Chair of the Community Corrections Partnership for Monterey County.

Parsons works tirelessly for her community through her professional commitment to rehabilitate offenders and reintegrate them into society but also loves to rally her staff and others to participate in local fundraising races, one of her passions.

Having risen through the ranks of a male-dominated profession, Parsons encourages all her employees, especially women, to continue their education and better themselves professionally and personally.

"My thoughts on receiving this award include a huge dose of humbleness," says Parsons. "To receive this award at my age is very, very special, particularly when I am receiving the award for doing things I love. I am honored to be among this prestigious lineup of wonderful women, including my County partner, Elaine McCleaf."

Elaine McCleaf

Elaine McCleaf is a Prosecutor for the District Attorney's Office who balances the demands of her job with being a single mother and volunteering.

She has been a member of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council since its inception in 1998, she wrote the Monterey County Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Protocol and trains law enforcement officers, dispatchers, probation officers, nurses, police citizen academy members and various church high schools and college groups on the dynamics of domestic violence.

In her spare time (outside of court), McCleaf has volunteered for the last 18 years as the attorney coach for the Pacific Grove High School Mock Trial Team and has led the team to the County Championship Round 15 times and to the State Competition eight times. She also volunteers at San Carlos School teaching 5th grader students about the criminal justice system.



Elaine McCleaf.

"Looking back at the history of this award, I feel honored to be in

the company of such dedicated women and am grateful to my peers in the District Attorney's Office for this nomination," says McCleaf. "We all work hard to make this community safe, one person doesn't do it alone."

You can find out about all the honorees and the upcoming event on the [commission website](#).

Child Support Services Honored for Collections, Collaboration

Monterey County's Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is frequently acknowledged for its high rate of obtaining child support for local children and families. This year it received new kudos, for collaborations that lead to increased support.

During the past year, DCSS exceeded its annual goal for increasing support for California's children. By focusing on early intervention techniques and outreach to non-English speaking customers, including partnering with Centro Binacional Para El Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueno, Monterey County increased total collections by \$1,140,662, a 2.8% improvement over last year. The Department's total collection for the year was \$42,240,072!



Director of the California Department of Child Support Services Alisha Griffin (l) presents a certificate to Acting Director Jody Holtzworth (r).

During a meeting of Child Support Directors from throughout the state last month, the increased collection rate and collaborative efforts were singled out by the California Department of Child Support Services.

"These efforts result in families receiving reliable support and have a meaningful impact to the families in our community," says Acting Director Jody Holtzworth, who reminds us that child support helps children reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. "This acknowledgement goes to each and every staff member. Without their dedication and teamwork, this goal could not have been achieved."

Did you know that Child Support Services has extended office hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the regular work week to allow more convenience for parents to contact them to make payment arrangements?