



May/June 2015

CAO's Corner

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Alameda County continues to flex its leadership muscle in sustainability and environmental stewardship – and we are getting kudos across California and the rest of the country for doing it. On May 13, we hosted the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, **Gina McCarthy**, who hailed a regional renewable energy collaboration led by Alameda County as a model the rest of the nation should follow. A week earlier, officials from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) presented the County with a **CSAC Challenge Award** for our efforts to engage employees and executives from all agencies in developing environmentally friendly practices. The award came on the heels of **“Climate Action Summit 2015: Halfway to 2020,”** a special event that allowed 75 employees from 17 County departments to strategize about expanding the sustainability message and reaching the goals outlined in our *Climate Action Plan for Government Services and Operations*. We celebrated our successes – including significant reductions in paper use through the use of electronic records; and dug deep into our ongoing initiatives, such as promoting virtual meetings and the use of Clipper Cards for business travel. Expanding these and other programs will be vital in allowing us to achieve the *Climate Action Plan* goals we set for 2020. Another exciting initiative, our County **“Clean Commute Champions”** program, held trainings in April for employees committed to assisting colleagues to realize the benefits of carpooling, public transit and other Clean Commute options. In all, these activities added to the excitement we all feel about the advancements Alameda County is making in bringing earth-friendly practices to our daily business.

U.S. EPA Administrator Lauds Alameda County Renewable Energy Leadership

Gina McCarthy, Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, joined local leaders in Hayward on May 13th to celebrate an innovative collaboration of government agencies led by Alameda County that is bringing renewable energy projects to nearly 200 public facilities



Gina McCarthy, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (second from left), was greeted by (left to right): Caroline Judy, Acting Director of Alameda County GSA; Bill Harrison, Mayor of Fremont; County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi; and County Supervisor Richard Valle

across the region. McCarthy, the federal government's point person in the battle against global warming and climate change, was joined by County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, County Supervisor Richard Valle

and other leaders at a news conference announcing plans to transform the County's West Winton Landfill site into what will be one of California's largest solar energy projects. McCarthy said she especially likes the project's role as the centerpiece of the Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project (R-REP), a venture spread across four Bay Area counties that is the largest collaborative procurement of renewable energy projects by government agencies in the U.S. For more information, go to <http://www.acgov.org/rrep/>.

County wins State Award for “Excellence in Technology”

The California Exposition and State Fair named Alameda County the winner of its 2015 Excellence in Technology Award for numerous initiatives the County has launched that embrace the use of technology in building new avenues for citizen engagement. The award honors individuals and organizations committed to advancing technological innovation and creating a better way of life for California residents. Alameda County was named the top entry in the 2015 competition's Project/Organization category. The Award will be presented to Alameda County at the Annual State Fair Gala in Sacramento on June 25.

County Honored for Innovation



Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern (third from right) accepts the California Counties Innovation Award on May 5 for the “Dig Deep Farms and Produce” initiative led by his office. The award was presented by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC, whose Executive Director, Matt Cate, is pictured at far left). CSAC provided three additional awards to the County for other innovative programs. The awards went to the General Services Agency’s Sustainability Team for leading the implementation of the County’s Climate Action Plan; the Assessor and Information Technology Department for a new “Canvassing App” used in the annual canvassing of business properties; and to the District Attorney’s Office for its leadership in the fight against human trafficking.

Disaster Relief Fund Activated to Help Nepal

Alameda County has reactivated its Disaster Relief Fund to enable employees and people in the community to voluntarily donate funds to benefit the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday, April 25. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors activated the fund on May 5 as the numbers of deaths and injuries related to the quake continued to grow. Scores of people across Nepal – including more than 1 million children – are said to be in urgent need of help, with deaths and significant damage reported in neighboring China and India. Activation of the Disaster Relief Fund enables Alameda County employees and people in the community to contribute cash donations to help with the earthquake recovery effort. County employees may also have the option to donate up to 5 days of their accrued vacation time, compensatory time and/or holiday in-lieu time. Alameda County intends for all contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund to go directly to victims of the earthquake, and the significant aftershocks that have been felt across Nepal. Cash donations may be contributed by sending a personal check payable to the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund, c/o the Auditor-Controller Agency, 1221 Oak Street, Room 238, Oakland CA 94612. Donation instructions and additional information are available at www.acgov.org.

Check out the newest *WE ARE AC!*, which features videos created by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) about the County’s Dig Deep Farms and Produce initiative to provide fresh produce and employment opportunities; and our Climate Action program to reduce the environmental impacts of County operations.



<http://www.acgov.org/about/weareac/>

Behavioral Health Career Pathways Conference

High School Career Pathways is a workforce pipeline strategy for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) Workforce Education and Training Unit. On March 18, 2015, BHCS co-hosted the “Bright Young Minds Conference” at Merritt College in collaboration with Alameda County Health Pipeline Partnership, California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions, and Oakland Unified School District. More than 140 high school students from diverse and under-represented communities were deeply engaged in exploring behavioral health care career options. These students are already engaged in some form of behavioral health programming at their high schools and interested in learning more about careers in this growing field.



During the daylong event, students participated in activities such as “Labels,” a mental health “stigma busting” game; and “Sound off on Drugs,” a discussion about dispelling myths and learning facts about substance use, abuse, and treatment. Students met with mental health providers and educational institutions from throughout the Bay Area to learn about career options and other aspects of the mental health field.

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Warriors Light it Up!



Alameda County lit up Oakland's iconic Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in blue and gold to celebrate the Golden State Warriors' record-breaking season and magnificent run through the National Basketball Association playoffs. The team is squaring off against Cleveland in its quest for its first NBA Championship in 40 years.

**Youth Play Big Role in Apps
Challenge 2015.1**

A talented and energetic field of participants - many of them teenagers - ensured that Alameda County's fourth community hackathon was a runaway success. An estimated 140 people turned out for Alameda County Apps Challenge 2015.1 on April 25 at James Logan High School in Union City. Winning entries this year were:

- First Place: **AC Smart Eco-Drive**, a mobile app that reduces fuel consumption and protects the environment.
- Second Place: **Disaster Preparedness**, an app that provides shelter locations, alert subscriptions, a safety kit and other information.
- Third Place: **Let's Play**, an app that connects Alameda residents who want to play sports at local parks.

This was the fourth Apps Challenge Alameda County has hosted since 2012. Each event has resulted in several imaginative and user-friendly apps that are helping to make local government services more accessible and understandable to the general public.

County Links

- Alameda County Government <http://www.acgov.org/government/>
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For a calendar of Alameda County events, visit the County website at <http://www.acgov.org/government/calendar.htm> Also check the websites of the members of the Board of Supervisors (listed under Board contacts on the left side of this page).