

**THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE JOINT POWERS AGENCY OF THE  
STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY (SASA)**  
Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday**

**September 17, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Stan Risen, Stanislaus County

Tim Ogden, City of Waterford

Raul Mendez, City of Hughson

Capt. Andy Schlenker, Alternate City of Modesto

Toby Wells, City of Ceres

Ken Irwin, City of Patterson

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Annette Patton, Executive Director

Martha Ruano, Manager II

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel

Linda Ford, Confidential Assistant

Jim De Martini, Supervisor

Jewel Warr, Chief Executive Office

Patrice Dietrich, Chief Executive Office

**Guests:**

None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Toby Wells, Chair.

**Roll call:** See above

**Presentation:** Executive Director Patton presented the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

**Public Comment:** Laurie Daily Johnston – President of the Humane Society of Stanislaus County spoke about the partnership with Stanislaus Animal Services Agency with the Trap Neuter Release program and is proud of the forward thinking approach taken. Laurie added public perception of Animal Services is improving due to recent programs.

Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2015  
(Ogden/Mendez–6/0)

**Correspondence:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Recognized Eagle Scout Brennan Ogden.
- B. Appointed Nina Ellison, representing Stanislaus County, to the Stanislaus Animal Services Advisory Committee.  
(Risen/Ogden – 5/1 – Opposed Schlenker)
- C. Approved the Closure of Stanislaus Animal Services Agency on Various Days in 2016. (Schlenker/Irwin – 6/0)
- D. Approved the Dog License Amnesty Program from October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015. (Schlenker/Mendez– 6/0)

**Director Report:**

- a. Stanislaus Animal Services Agency works with a number of Rescues. Due to Rescue transport issues, Animal Services is trying something new and will travel up to 1.5 hours away to deliver dogs to Rescues.
- b. Stanislaus Animal Services Agency budgets up to \$30,000 for 2,000 cats to go through the Trap Neuter Release program. The cost is offset by grant money received. Humane Society challenges have been the recruitment and retention of volunteers working the TNR program.
- c. January 2016 marks the 5 year Anniversary at the Thomas W. Mayfield Regional Animal Services Center. Executive Director Patton will have promotional ideas to bring to the November meeting to honor the Anniversary month.

**Member Referrals:** Tim notes there is a large grant on the agenda for the Waterford City Council meeting tonight, with a recommendation to approve. This grant will be used for TNR programs in the City of Waterford, City of Hughson and surrounding unincorporated areas. 1400 cats must be Trapped Neutered and Released under this grant. The grant covers the cost of the surgeries and an administrator to coordinate the TNR efforts.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:08 a.m. to go into closed session.

Opened Closed Session: Public Employee Evaluation – Executive Director  
Government Code: 54957 (b)

Re-Opened regular meeting. Nothing to Report.

Adjourned regular meeting at 10:41 a.m.

ATTESTED: Linda Ford, Clerk  
of the Governing Board  
of the Joint Powers Agency  
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency  
State of California

(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Joint Powers Agency. Complete minutes are available from the Clerk at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way in Modesto, CA.)