

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

March 17, 2016

Members Present:

Toby Wells, City of Ceres
Raul Mendez, City of Hughson
Capt. Brian Findlen, Alternate - City of Modesto
Tim Ogden, City of Waterford
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Martha Ruano, Manager II
Linda Ford, Confidential Assistant
Jewel Warr, Chief Executive Office
Kashmir Gill, Auditor's Office
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel

Guests and Dignitaries:

Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Supervisor
Celia Angel
Laurie Daily-Johnston
Rebecca Medcalf

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Toby Wells, Chair.

Roll call: See above

Public Comment: None

Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2015
(Mendez/Irwin-6/0)

Correspondence: None

Before new business, the Chair noted a reorganization of the Agenda, item E will be heard after item B.

New Business:

- A. Recognized the Humane Society of Stanislaus County for their Partnership with Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.
- B. Kashmir Gill provided a presentation on GASB 68 and explained the unfunded pension obligation on Financial Statements.
- C. Annette Patton provided a presentation on the decline in the rate of euthanasia, over the last ten years. . The decrease in euthanasia is thanks to a combination of efforts including partnerships like Humane Society of Stanislaus County, rescue organizations, fosters, and newer programs like TNR and extended vaccination clinics. Statistics will be posted on SASA's website.
- D. Discussed the Recommended Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, which includes the GASB 68 liability, IT upgrades, and the addition of staff, replacement of a vehicle, and a new targeted Spay/Neuter program for Pit Bull and Chihuahua dog owners.

Laura Daily-Johnston and Celia Angel spoke in support of adding a Staff Services/Rescue Coordinator.

The Humane Society of Stanislaus County volunteers to assist with the Pit Bull and Chihuahua program by spreading the word of the new program, making lists of those willing to participate and transporting animals.

At the June meeting, Agency Members would like to see a cost analysis provided for the new Pit Bull and Chihuahua program vs. hold and euthanize.

At final budget, a decision which position and is more critical, an Extra Help/Part Time Staff Services Coordinator or an Extra Help/Part Time Administrative Clerk.

- E. Accepted the Brown Armstrong 2014/2015 Financial Statements and audit report which held no audit findings for Stanislaus Animal Services Agency. (Mendez/Ogden - 6/0)
- F. Appointed the following to the Animal Services Advisory Committee:
 - a. Kathryn Burns – to represent the City of Modesto
 - b. Renee Rhoy – to represent the City of Ceres
 - c. Ann Taylor – to represent the City of Patterson (Ogden/Mendez – 6/0)
- G. Approved June 16, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. as the date and time of the next JPA Board meeting. (Wells/Findlen - 6/0.)

Director Report:

- a. The Cruelty Chicken case, from 4 years ago, will be culminating soon.
- b. Animal Services Officer vs. threatening citizen, court ruled in favor of the County.
- c. Starting Super bowl Sunday, Animal Services Officers received calls to three different cock fighting cases.
- d. Dr. Kate Hurley visited in December. She is respected and is supportive of our programs; she has been getting our name out to the animal community which in turn has increased grant opportunities for SASA.
- e. Upcoming or recent events – Love Modesto and Earth Day. Recently Channel 31 had Good Day Sacramento come out and showcase Cat City. A video was taped and shown a few times on channel 13 and 31. SASA will share the link with the partners.
- f. Contentment Magazine has recently written an article and First Tactical came out and did a video with some of our cats in Cat City.
- g. The Affordable Vet Clinic wants out of their lease contract for 3643 Cornucopia Way. Interest has been shown by other veterinarians wishing to lease the space.

Member Referrals: Public Facility Fees status provided at the June meeting.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 11:12 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.)