

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

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday

December 19, 2013

Members Present:

Stan Risen, Stanislaus County
Mathew Erickson, City of Waterford
Dominique Spinale, City of Hughson

Mike Borges, City of Ceres
Jolene Gonzalez, City of Modesto

Members Absent:

Rod Butler, City of Patterson

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Doris Foster, CEO's Office
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel

Francine Gutierrez, Manager II
Linda Ford, Confidential Assistant

Guests:

Dave Cerutti
Jim DeMartini, County Supervisor

Payton Potter
Kristine Potter

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Dominique Spinale, Alternate Vice Chair.

Roll call: See above

Public Comment: None

Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2013
(5/0 - Risen/Borges)

Correspondence: None

New Business:

One item from the Director's Report was taken out of order to fit time constraints for Payton Potter:

Payton Potter, a ten year old girl was recognized for her support to Stanislaus Animal Services Agency. Since Payton was eight years old she has asked those celebrating her birthday to provide gifts for the animals, rather than supply her with gifts. Payton is a remarkable young lady, and we offer her this certificate of appreciation in front of all of our JPA Board members to show our gratitude.

- A. Approved the revised Bylaws, to change the December meeting to November. (Borges/Risen – 5/0)
- B. Approved the Dog License Amnesty Program for April 2014 with one modification as requested by Stan Risen. Modify to allow the program, if successful, to run an additional thirty days. (Risen/Erickson – 5/0)
- C. Appointed David Cerutti from the City of Modesto, Enrique Perez from the City of Ceres and Timothy McDaniel from the City of Waterford, to the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency Advisory Committee. (Risen/Erickson – 5/0)

Director Report:

- A. Executive Director Patton shared that Administrative Citations are approved for all cities. The first were issued November 20th so tomorrow will be one month of activity. Over 2000 Administrative Citations have been issued to date with a 15% compliance rate. 10% more is database updates for those animals that are now deceased. We are currently finished in the City of Ceres and we are working on Stanislaus County. Modesto is highest in non-compliance. Stan asks if there can be an on-line affidavit for people with deceased pets, so they do not have to call or come in.
- B. We are updating our website to make it clean, simple and user friendly.
- C. October was Adopt A Shelter Dog Month. October dog adoptions were up by 100.
- D. Animal Services received a \$15,000 grant for the Spay and Neuter of owned dogs. We will promote “Big and Small We’ll Fix Them All” in January. In February we intend to spay or neuter 250 Pit Bulls and Chihuahuas at no cost to the customer.
- E. Animal Services also received a \$5000 National grant, from Alley Cat Allies, to be used in conjunction with the Humane Society of Stanislaus County. We will use that grant money to spay or neuter cats during cat season. We are not required, by law, to intake cats, so as strays enter the shelter they are, spayed or neutered and then the HSSC returns the cats to the community.

- F. Executive Director Patton has a meeting with the City of Riverbank soon.
- G. OSHA visited last week. David Becker, from Risk Management, was on site to assist in the walk through with OSHA. At the end of four hours, we were found in total compliance.
- H. We would like to recognize Mike Borges, who is retiring in March. Mike has been with the Ceres Police Department for nearly 34 years. He has been with us since the planning stages of this new facility and has been a member of the JPA Board for the past three years. This will be Mike's last meeting with us and we wish him well.
- I. Future Agenda Item – Sale of the Neuter Scooter. The Neuter Scooter served us well. There were thousands of surgeries done in the Neuter Scooter. The idea is to sell the Neuter Scooter and purchase an Adoption Trailer to assist us in offsite adoptions, utilizing volunteers.

Member Referrals: None

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 9:40 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.)