

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday**

**September 21, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Raul Mendez, City of Hughson  
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County  
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson  
Toby Wells, City of Ceres

**Members Absent:**

Capt. Brian Findlen, Alternate City of Modesto  
Miranda Lutzow, City of Waterford

**Staff Present:**

Annette Patton, Executive Director  
Martha Ruano, Manager II  
Linda Ford, Confidential Assistant  
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel  
Nancy Lazar, Chief Executive Office

**Guests and Dignitaries:**

Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Supervisor  
Kashmir Gill, Assistant Auditor Controller

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Ken Irwin, Chair.

**Roll call:** See above

**Public Comment:** None

Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2017 and August 16, 2017. (Ceres/Hughson –4/0)

**Correspondence:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Kashmir Gill, Assistant Auditor-Controller provided information regarding GASB No. 68's impact on Stanislaus Animal Services Agency's Financial Statements and its effect to each of the partners. The initial impact caused the 2014/2015 True up to include too large a refund to the partners with the solution included in the 2016/2017 True up.

## Director Report:

### A. Update on Operations:

The City of Modesto residents who have been utilizing our programs and services are number 1 in adoptions, visits to our vaccination clinics, and phone calls.

Voice mail messages are down to 500 vs 1100 prior to closing on Wednesday mornings.

Clear the Shelter – Was our biggest event in history. There was a fund raising car show that took up most of the parking in the compound, and we still processed 180 adoptions that day. The City of Oakdale and educational booths were also here for Clear the Shelter.

In 2016/2017 there were 1600 Low income spay/neuter coupons provided to any breed, living in our service area.

Chihuahua and Pit Bull Program – 803 issued last year in the 4 zip code areas with the highest intake. In 2017/2018 the program is being expanded to our entire service area.

Community members are sponsoring adoptions. Adoptions can be sponsored at a percentage off and up to 100% of the adoption fee.

15,000 Administrative Citations were issued last year, with Modesto and Patterson the highest. The citations are like fix it tickets, if in compliance within 30 days, there is no fine. If ignored, fines are structured by the State. First offense is \$100, second offense \$200 third offense \$500.

1100 new dog licenses were issued for City of Modesto residents in the last month.

Animal Court continues with most cases being for animal bites or animal noise.

The chicken cruelty case has settled. A Judgement for \$25,000 was awarded.

The Modesto cock fighting case is still pending.

SASA is still in the running for the Best Friends Animal League grant for an enhanced TNR program. The letter of intent was approved, the application was approved, and Best Friends is coming out for a two day site visit. SASA will rely on local veterinarians to assist with the spay/neuter surgeries, if the grant is awarded to SASA. The grant includes a vehicle, and cat

trapper and a coordinator. Our current TNR program has reduced cat euthanasia significantly. The enhanced program will continue the trend.

Dog is my Co-Pilot, a non-profit, continues with 80-110 animals per month flying out to Idaho, Oregon and Washington to find new homes. Facebook posts and Facebook live assists in marketing on both ends.

AB485 – Recently passed. This Bill will not allow the sale of puppy mill puppies in pet stores.

October will be a big month for SASA. We will be everywhere. We are at the Wellness Fair, Community Hospice, Boot Barn, Save Mart. We are at PetCo every weekend, we have two Patterson events and Cultural Diversity is coming up, just to name a few. Annette recently spoke at Kiwana's and Lion's and Rotary. SASA was named Reader's Choice from Ceres Courier, best adoption center from 209 Magazine; we assisted and received recognition for assisting with the Mariposa fires, while breaking our own records. These records and 2016/2017 statistics will be shared in our Annual Report which will be out to all of you in October.

**Member Referrals:** Jody Hayes would like to schedule a closed session, off cycle from normal meetings, to discuss Establishing of Goals for the Executive Director.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 9:50 a.m. to go into closed session.

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.)