

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

May 20, 2021

Members Present:

Tom Westbrook, City of Ceres, Chair
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County - Absent
Joe Lopez, City of Modesto - Absent
Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson, Co-Chair

Staff Present:

Annette Bedsworth, Executive Director	Jewel Warr, Stanislaus Co. Alt.
Dennis Cordova, Operations Manager	Adrienne Rios, Confidential
Sweena Pannu, Deputy County Counsel	Monica Aleman, Business Mgr.
Scotty Douglass, Modesto Alt.	

Guests and Dignitaries: None.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman, Tom Westbrook.
2. **Roll call:** See above
3. Presentations:
 - A. Community Cat Program
 - B. First Year with DocuPet
 - C. Updated of Services – COVID-10 a year later

4. Public Comment:

Nancy Hudspeth requested assistance from SASA staff when Rescues conduct evaluations and/or posting animal videos on social media.

Melanie Scherer, from SNIP, circulated flyers in low income areas of Ceres and Modesto for May 28th, 29th, 30th for 6 free spay/neuter clinics. Requested the use of SASA's facility parking area to park a large spay/neuter vehicle.

Michael Christian voiced his support of the mobile spay/neuter clinics.

Nancy Klein shared her support of the color code system as it provides a visual indication of animal behavior. Requested more support from SASA to evaluate and network large breed dogs. Voiced concerns of availability of City of Modesto Animal Control

Samantha Lopez inquired if a grant or contractor has been sought for a professional animal behaviorist. Shared concerns regarding information for the rescue dog program.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021, with omitting Jewel Warr as an attendee of the meeting. (Hughson/Patterson; 4/2) (Stanislaus County and City of Modesto *abstained*)

6. Correspondence: None.

7. New Business

- A. Recognition for Stanislaus County Information Technology Central (ITC). Annette recognized and thanked ITC staff for their continued support of the agency. The work and responsiveness of ITC staff allows Animal Services to operate and provide efficient service to the community.
- B. Approval to Accept a Donation of \$20,000 from DocuPet and to Appropriate \$5,000 of the Donation for Drive-Thru Microchip Clinics to be held in June 2021 for the Community. (Waterford/Patterson; 6/0)

8. Committee Reports: None.

9. Informational: None.

10. Member Referrals: None.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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