

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday**

**August 18, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson, Chair – Present  
Jewel Warr, Alternate for Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County – Present  
Scotty Douglass, Alternate for Joe Lopez, City of Modesto – Present  
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford – Present  
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson – Absent  
Alex Terrazas, City of Ceres – Present

**Staff Present:**

Sweena Pannu, Deputy County Counsel  
Vaughn Maurice, Executive Director  
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant

**Guests and Dignitaries:** None

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Chair, Merry Mayhew.

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Roll Call (Silent):** See Above
3. **Presentations:** None
4. **Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person):** None
5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**
  - A. Motion to approve the Agency Board Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2022 (City of Waterford/County of Stanislaus; 5-0, City of Patterson absent)
  - B. Motion to approve the Agency Board Special Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2022 (County of Stanislaus/City of Waterford; 5-0, City of Patterson absent)
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **New Business:**
  - A. Motion to authorize the hiring of Lisa Coble at the fifth step of the Animal Care Specialist III classification (currently \$25.36 per hour). A position which requires current certification as registered veterinary technician. (City of Waterford/City of Modesto; 5-0, City of Patterson absent)

- B. Motion to approve the addition of two new positions, a full-time Account Clerk III, and a full-time Accounting Technician. These positions are required to meet the most basic needs of SASA's operations on a day-to-day basis with clerical, financial, and budgetary matters. (Stanislaus County/City of Waterford; 5-0, City of Patterson absent)

## **8. Committee Reports:**

### **A. Executive Director Report:**

- i. City of Waterford is applying for a grant of \$20,000 to have SASA hold 5 events over a 2-year period for free licensing and microchips to City of Waterford residents.
- ii. Our Strep Zoo infection numbers are coming down. We can report no new deaths of animals from the Strep Zoo. Dr. Sarah Cadwell-Veterinarian has advised that our 21-day suspension of animal intake will be sufficient to keep the Strep Zoo under control. The Executive Director will be doing another press release to update the public on the Shelters suspension of animal intake.
- iii. SASA's social media presence has greatly improved with the hiring of our part time, personal service contractor who is serving as the social media coordinator. Instagram experienced 9687 followers which is a 1617% increase. 524 people actually viewed our posts which is an 803% increase. On Facebook we had a 127, 986 people engage our posts. This is a 63.99% increase. We also have had the auxiliary raise \$1005 in online fundraising.
- iv. Our Petco grant reporting was 6 months behind. That has now been completely caught up. Future grants would have been unavailable had we not got this caught up.
- v. This Saturday, 8/20/22, is "Clear the Shelter" day. Free adoptions for everyone. Vaughn will email the flyer to the Board members.
- vi. The Car Donation program became a reality on 8/15/22. The Auxiliary will benefit from any cars donated on their behalf. The company we are using is local and the money will then stay local. One thing that is nice about this company is that the cars do not go to a wholesale dealer. They actually have a local car lot where the vehicles are sold.
- vii. The Director advised that we will be making some changes to our "At-Risk" euthanasia list. Currently we have a list of 5 dogs at a time that are placed on the list. This list is sent out to the Rescue's to tag or remove the dogs by the following Friday. The shelter will now be going back to the color-coding system that previously worked really well. We currently have 75 dogs that have been at our shelter for 30-102 days. We will be notifying the Rescue's of this change and advise that over a 5-week period we will now have 15 dogs each week on the "At-Risk" euthanasia list. The Shelter will be restarting each dog's stay

numbers except for medical dogs. This will allow a better flow of dogs through the shelter by week 6. City of Modesto advised that the Board members should give their Council and Boards a heads up that this change is coming in case of increased complaints. SASA currently has 212 dogs in the facility as of 8/18/22. We have had 2 emergency situations where police had to seize a large number of dogs, so our numbers remained high even though we were not accepting strays.

**9. Informational:** None

**10. Member Referrals:** None

**11. Closed Session:** None

**12. Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:43am (City of Hughson/City of Ceres; 5-0, City of Patterson absent)

**Adjourned:** 9:43am

ATTESTED: Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant  
of the Governing Board  
of the Joint Powers Agency  
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency  
State of California