

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

August 17, 2023

Members Present:

Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford-Chair – Present
Allison Van Guilder, City of Modesto – Present
Jewel Warr, Alternate for Stanislaus County – Present
Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson – Absent
Mike Willett, Alternate for City of Patterson – Present
Doug Dunford, City of Ceres – Present

Staff Present:

Jesus Mendoza, Deputy County Counsel
Vaughn Maurice, Executive Director
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant
Dr. Sarah Cadwell, County Veterinarian

Guests and Dignitaries: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chair, Mike Pitcock.

1. **Welcome:** Mike Pitcock-Chair.
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 20, 2023
(County of Stanislaus/City of Ceres; 5-0; City of Hughson abstained)
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. Motion to approve the purchase of a transport/adoption trailer. (City of Patterson/City of Hughson; 6-0)
 - B. Motion to approve the implementation of a public low-cost spay/neuter program. (City of Hughson/City of Modesto; 6-0)

8. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Director report:

Updated org chart is in your packets. July statistics have plateaued. Social Media statistics have leveled off. Yulia has made a big difference in our social media presence and down the road I would like to see if we can expand that into a full-time position as we get a lot of value with what she does. Good news is that adoptions are up 17% year over year. Adoptions nationally are up 3% over the first 6 months of the year per Shelter Animal Counts. Rescues/Transfers are also up 36%. Year to date we are at 3871 animals so far this year which puts us on track for 4316 animals for the year. That is 300 more than last year. We are struggling but we are able to meet the needs of the shelter. However, we are at max capacity, and we are doing what we can to move animals out as quickly as possible. We had some specials from some great, generous donors. Through a donation of \$5000 we were able to do a 50 free dog Back to School special. Assemblymember Juan Alanis sponsored 25 pet adoptions that we did at the Modesto Farmers Market. This event drew in a lot of people and interest. We had a good crowd. It was right by the Library and Juan came out and did a political event which was fine. He paid for the adoptions which was great. Coming up on August 25 and August 26 is National Clear the Shelter event. The graphics for this event will be on the new Stanislaus County/City of Modesto billboard which is located right off the freeway on North Emerald Ave. It is a digital billboard and they invited Department Heads to put up some information on the board. We did our National Clear the Shelter Day. We are glad they did that.

B. Business Manager update: None

9. Informational: None

10. Member Referrals: None

11. Closed Session: None

12. Adjournment: Adjourned meeting at 9:35am. (City of Hughson/City of Ceres; 6-0)

Adjourned: 9:35am

ATTESTED: Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant
of the Governing Board

of the Joint Powers Agency
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency
State of California