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Stanislaus Animal Services Agency Board Meeting Agenda



May 21, 2026 – 9:00am

Ceres Community Center
2701 4th Street
Ceres, CA 95307



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Joint Powers Agency Meeting Notice

Thursday May 21, 2026, Ceres Community Center, 2701 4th Street, Ceres, CA

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May 21, 2026

1. **Welcome:**
2. **Roll Call (Silent):**
3. **Presentations:**
4. **Public Comment Period: (Limit of 5 minutes per person):**
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
 - A. Approve the Agency Board Meeting Minutes from 03/19/26 and 04/16/26.
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. Approval to Accept a Donation of Artificial Turf, Turf Installation and Related Funds from Leadership Modesto in an Amount Not to Exceed \$115,000, and Approval Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute the License Agreement with the Modesto Chamber of Commerce
8. **Informational Reports:**
 - A. Executive Director Report – Lily Yap
 - a. Monthly Statistics
 - b. Upcoming adoption specials
 - c. Advisory Committee schedule
 - B. Board Comments and Reports
9. **Adjournment:**



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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

March 19, 2026

Members Present:

Scotty Douglass, Alternate for City of Modesto-Chair
Mike Pitcock, City of Waterford
Dominique Romo, City of Hughson
Mike Willett, Alternate for City of Patterson
Delilah Vasquez, Alternate for City of Ceres
Jewel Warr, Alternate for Stanislaus County

Staff Present:

Jesus Mendoza, Deputy County Counsel
Lily Yap, Executive Director
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant IV
Stephanie Loomis, Business Manager

Guests and Dignitaries: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair, Scotty Douglass.

1. **Welcome:** Scotty Douglass-Chair.
2. **Roll Call:** All members present.
3. **Presentations:**
4. **Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person):**

Claudia Henley:

- Member of the Rescue volunteer team for three years.
- Concerned about being denied extensions for R.E.D. list dogs.
- Need more time to get dogs adopted from the adoption floor.
- Concerned dogs are dying with empty kennel space in the shelter.
- Concerned about having locked kennels.

Tina von Stade:

- Volunteers are so stressed out.
- Every single weekend there are dogs on the R.E.D. list who are at risk of dying.
- Please think about the community and the rescue/volunteers who are working each week to save these animals.
- Rescues tag dog just to give them more time before being euthanized.

- How is the community processing having 40-50 dogs on the R.E.D. list each and every week?
- Capacity of Care model is unacceptable. Need to rethink that.
- Currently it is a SASA kitten bottle babies volunteer. Would rather work for a rescue over the shelter as they pay vet bills and get free marketing. SASA doesn't do this.
- Concerned about how frequently the shelter director travels to conferences. Concerned about her using up the travel budget. She needs to be here to run this struggling department.

Kelly Ceglio:

- Speaking for the animals today. Provided a handout.
- Concerned about the shelter process for dogs with major trauma (hit by a car). Wants to know what the protocols or processes are for this type of situation. Current processes are inhumane. Should have been taken to a Vet immediately.
- The Board needs to acknowledge that the current staff is exhausted.
- She is concerned that the Board is ignoring where the system is failing.
- Rescues are making the most positive outcomes (77%) at the Shelter.
- A foster drove from Santa Cruz to get Rocco spayed. Forgot her paperwork and then when she returned, the dog had not been spayed due to incorrect medical paperwork. This is poor customer service.

Katherine Hall-Boyer:

- Volunteer numbers are very low. Only 16 people volunteered in February. The Shelter needs hundreds of volunteers.
- The shelter needs to improve the volunteer recruitment. This helps with enrichment.
- The shelter needs to neuter all male dogs by the day they are available for adoption.
- Her family has set up a spay/neuter fund through the Stanislaus Community Foundation for community animals.
- Receiving 27 dogs per day. Need to halt the intake numbers through spay/neuter.
- Recruitment of Veterinarian for quite some time at the Shelter.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- A.** Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes from 2/19/26. (Stanislaus County/City of Hughson; 6-0)

6. Correspondence: None

7. New Business:

- A.** Motion to vacate and rescind item 7D from 2/19/26 meeting. (City of Waterford/City of Modesto; 6-0)

Motion to appoint a Strategic Planning Ad Hoc committee with the following members that will seek public input as appropriate:

1. Mike Pitcock-City of Waterford
2. Jewel Warr-Stanislaus County

3. Dominique Romo-City of Hughson
(City of Modesto/Stanislaus County; 6-0)

Public Comment:

Tina von Stade:

- The Board of Supervisors appoint people on their committees, and we should too. Community members are subject matter experts.
- Not having community members on this committee breaks public's trust.
- On the JPA Board survey, two Board members did not know what SASA did well.

Board Comments:

- County Counsel advised that the community members had misheard in the Strategic Planning presentation about the survey results.

Kelly Ceglio

- Wouldn't the Ad Hoc committee have to follow the Brown Act?
- Hear and listen to the citizens you need.

Board comments

- We do have the SASA Advisory committee meeting starting in April. Opportunity for community to come to the Advisory committee meetings. Will be a public meeting that will follow the Brown Act.
- County of Stanislaus advised we are setting up an Ad Hoc committee which is a structured workgroup and not a public meeting. We also have an outside consultant working with this committee who took copious notes from our Strategic Planning meeting. There will be a lot of work in the background. Can choose to report back to the JPA Board but also the Advisory Committee. There are ways we can get the public's input.

B. Item pulled from the meeting.

C. Item pulled from the meeting.

D. Motion to deny the approval to negotiate and execute an agreement with Humane World for Pets for Life programming. Executive Director will bring back more details and clarity on the terms/agreement to the JPA Board to pursue this grant. (City of Patterson/City of Hughson; 6-0)

Public Comment:

Kelly Ceglio:

- \$165,000 in funds requires some serious thoughts.
- We need a dedicated outreach coordinator.
- What is this going to cost us?

Board comments:

- The Board had concerns about the long-term costs of this grant. Including the hiring of an additional staff member.
- What would happen to the part time staff member if funding went away?
- It appears most funds would go to salary costs and very little to spay/neuter.
- Will this program be resource burden to existing staff?
- Need to seek more clarity on this item and bring back the terms/agreement to the Board with a developed plan.

E. Motion to authorize the transfer of the Veterinary positions between agency Legal Budget Units. (City of Waterford/City of Modesto; 6-0)

No public comment.

8. Informational reports:

- A. Received an Executive Director report from Lily Yap.
- a. Monthly statistics
 - b. Ad Hoc Budget committee items
 1. Capital Improvement Plan Development
 2. Fund balance and true-up analysis
 3. Cost of Services Fee study
 - c. Accountability & Continuous Improvement
 - d. Population Management & Proactive Placement
 - e. Meeting Accessibility

9. Adjournment: 10:31am

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

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

April 16, 2026

Members Present:

Scotty Douglass, Alternate for City of Modesto-Chair
Mike Pitcock, City of Waterford
Dominique Romo, City of Hughson
Mike Willett, Alternate for City of Patterson
Delilah Vasquez, Alternate for City of Ceres
Jewel Warr, Alternate for Stanislaus County

Staff Present:

Jesus Mendoza, Deputy County Counsel
Lily Yap, Executive Director
Megan Morriss, Confidential Assistant IV
Stephanie Loomis, Business Manager

Guests and Dignitaries: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Chair, Scotty Douglass.

1. **Welcome:** Scotty Douglass-Chair.
2. **Roll Call:** All members present.
3. **Presentations:** None
4. **Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person):**
 - A. Kelly Ceglio
 - Presented two cases (SASA–Pumpkin and Tubbs) with concern that serious medical issues were not identified or addressed, resulting in additional burden on rescue organizations.
 - Raised concern that life-threatening medical conditions are not being detected.
 - Questioned the purpose of closed or restricted shelter areas and how they may limit access for staff and the public and affect medical care.
 - Inquired about frequent dog movements, given research indicating this practice can negatively impact outcomes, and requested evidence of measurable benefits.

B. Christina Wilson

- Inquired about virtual accessibility for board meetings (coming from Sunnyvale, CA) and spay/neuter options in area.
- Recommended Board members' emails added to SASA website and program for the homeless like City of Stockton has.

C. Tina von Stade

- Inquired about actions being taken in response to staff-morale concerns identified in the survey, noting that three months have passed since the strategic planning meeting and requesting updates on progress.
- Raised concern about lack of observable change regarding issues expressed, emphasizing that advocates care about the shelter and want to see positive improvements.

D. Claudia Henley

- Identified as a rescue/volunteer and expressed concern about the limited time frames to place longer R.E.D. list dogs, noting that a large portion have been at the shelter fewer than 12 days and requesting clarification on the criteria for placement.
- Questioned the urgency of moving these dogs when kennels were available and the shelter was not at capacity.
- Raised concern about locked kennel areas in the 500s, 600s, and 700s, noting this limits accessibility.
- Stated that dogs at risk should be placed on the open adoption floor rather than represented only by photos.
- Emphasized the need for more adopters and fosters and requested a reduction in the R.E.D. list to allow the community additional time to network dogs.

E. Nancy Klein

- Encouraged the creation of a coffee-table book featuring shelter animals, referencing the Pets for Life playbook and emphasizing that it is a long-term initiative the Board should understand will take time, noting prior attendance at Animal Care Expos.
- Raised concern that current statistical focus is on the number of animals in the system rather than the reasons they enter, emphasizing that root causes, particularly spay/neuter access, directly affect euthanasia rates, rescue burden, and shelter funding.
- Stated that diversion rates do not reflect system pressures or underlying causes and expressed concern that, without full intake and outcome data, long-term decision-making is limited; noted that the statistics presented are inaccurate and misleading.
- Requested reinstatement of the annual intake and outcome data previously available on the shelter's website, noting that this has been requested multiple times and that removing data reduces transparency.
- Expressed concern that placing select dogs on the adoption floor disadvantages dogs housed behind locked doors.

- Recommended adding a lobby greeter, improving kennel cards, increasing staff engagement about dogs in restricted areas, unlocking doors, and ensuring staff receive training on appropriate adoption matches.
- Questioned the urgency of moving dogs with current kennel availability and shelter capacity.
- Raised concern about locked kennel areas in the 500s, 600s, and 700s, noting this limits accessibility.
- Stated that at-risk dogs should be placed on the open adoption floor rather than represented only by photos.
- Emphasized the need for more adopters and fosters and requested reducing the R.E.D. list to allow the community additional time to network dogs.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Item pulled from meeting.

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **New Business:**

A. Motion to approve the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan. (City of Hughson/Stanislaus County; 6-0)

Board comments-Noted that the City of Patterson plans to ask, during budget discussions, for details on current maintenance spending for certain items before authorizing replacement.

Public comment:

- Nancy Klein- Expressed support for smart, long-term planning and noted that proactive strategies prevent crisis-driven decisions. Asked why the Strategic Plan is not being prioritized ahead of the CIP and requested clarity on funding for spay/neuter services, including how it appears in the budget and contributions from partner organizations.
- Kelly Ceglio- Inquired why yard improvements are not treated as a capital project, noting the need for a backup plan to fundraising efforts.

B. Motion to accept the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency FY 2023 and FY 2024 Audit Report and Management's Response. (Stanislaus County/City of Hughson; 6-0)

Board comments-City of Waterford inquired about 24/25 audit, noting the difficulty of addressing deficiencies when audits are delayed. Staff reported that the 24/25 audit process has already been initiated, the contract is being finalized, and the goal is to complete it by 6/30/26 and move directly into the next fiscal year

audit. The City of Modesto expressed support and looks forward to the workplan outlining needed corrections.

Public comment-

- Nancy Klein- Expressed appreciation for staff efforts and requested clarification on whether state law requires annual audits or allows audits as needed. Asked about the cost of audits, whether they are included as a budget line item, and raised concern that while the Board has budget authority, it does not have oversight of budget controls.
- Staff responded that annual audits are required by state law and noted that a more detailed audit was initiated upon assuming the role due to concerns about the adequacy of prior audits. Audits are included in the budget as a line item, and internal Auditor-Controller costs are covered through cap charges. Executive Director acknowledged the staff member's work in advancing the audit process, and noted that the Ad Hoc committee will help strengthen oversight.
- Linda Ford-Reiterate that repeated turnover in the Business Manager role made it difficult to complete audits in prior years and expressed appreciation for the significant progress made by current staff. Inquired about funds previously designated as restricted for spay/neuter and noted that the County's decision to consolidate all budgets into a single unit affected audit processes.
- Staff response: Reported that all budget units are now consolidated, which creates some challenges. Explained that some funding sources carry restrictions while others do not, and that staff worked with County Counsel and the Ad Hoc committee to determine which funds remained restricted. Noted that restricted funds now allow a broader range of eligible uses.
- Tina von Stade-Noted that the Auditor-Controller conducts credit-card audits and reviews travel-policy compliance, and that county policy governs out-of-county travel. Emphasized that new or newly promoted staff should receive training on the travel policy.

Board comments- County representative expressed appreciation for staff's work, and City of Hughson additionally thanked staff for efforts related to the CIP, inquiring about next auditor. Confirmed that Brown/Armstrong will be used for the upcoming audit.

8. Informational reports:

A. Received an Executive Director report from Lily Yap.

- **Monthly Statistics**
Highlighted rolling yearly live release rate of 91% for dogs and 78% for cats, comparing to average across California shelters at 84% for dogs and 80% for cats.
- **Adoption Conversion Rate**
Noted that this rate, comparing number of adoptions to average onsite population, is a better measure of effectiveness since it accounts for population fluctuations and helps identify intake spikes and bottlenecks; in February and March adoption rate maintained consistent compared to the last two years, if not illustrated slight improvement.
- **Intake Mitigation-Immediate/Moderate/Long Term**
Shared different strategics ranging from Dynamic Capacity Meter in Austin that limits intake in real time based on population to resource-oriented programs in Williamson County. Additionally noted that Pets for Life model results in 20-30% intake reductions in targeted neighborhoods over time.
- **Conference Takeaway**
SASA represented and participated on a nation level through “From conflict to connection” speaker engagement at Animal care expo as well as attendance to workshops on grant strategies and Return to Home Initiatives. Additionally connected with potential funders for our “Compassion Caravan” pilot, noted to be the first transport of its type in the nation.

9. Closed session: Public Employment: Performance Evaluation – SASA Executive Director. Government Code Section 54957(b).

- A.** 10:47am-11:32am-Closed session
- B.** 11:33am-reopened public meeting

10. Adjournment: 11:34am

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



STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

AGENDA DATE: May 21, 2026

AGENDA #: 7-A

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept a Donation of Artificial Turf, Turf Installation and Related Funds from Leadership Modesto in an Amount Not to Exceed \$115,000, and Approval Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute the License Agreement with the Modesto Chamber of Commerce

DISCUSSION:

Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA) has long identified the need to enhance its outdoor dog play yards by installing artificial turf to improve hygiene, safety, enrichment, and operational efficiency. Natural grass surfaces deteriorate quickly under high-volume use in a shelter environment, resulting in dirt and mud conditions that increase health risks, contribute to disease transmission, and limit the agency's ability to conduct safe and effective dog-to-dog meet-and-greet evaluations.

Artificial turf provides consistent drainage, a sanitary and durable surface, and substantially improved enrichment opportunities for dogs awaiting adoption. Although highly beneficial, the installation cost has historically been prohibitive for the agency. The materials required for this project are valued at approximately \$58,000, and installation services are valued at approximately \$40,822.

The Leadership Modesto (LeMo) Program, operated by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, requires each class cohort to complete a community service project benefiting a local organization. The Leadership Modesto Class of 2026 selected SASA as the beneficiary of its class project, creating a unique opportunity to complete this long-planned improvement at no cost to the agency.

The project includes installation of pet-rated artificial turf across approximately 11,683 square feet within eight outdoor dog yards. The LeMo Class of 2026 is actively fundraising to fully fund the project. All funds will be held and administered by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, which will contract with a qualified vendor for installation. Project completion is anticipated in May or early June 2026, contingent upon fundraising progress.

If fundraising does not fully cover all eight yards, the project scope will be adjusted accordingly based on available funds. Any excess funds raised may be used to purchase additional equipment or supplies for the dog yards or donated directly to SASA.

A License Agreement between SASA and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce has been prepared to outline the terms under which the Chamber and its contractors may access SASA property to complete the project, including required insurance and operational provisions.

This artificial turf project will significantly enhance dog health, safety, and adoptability, while reducing long-term maintenance needs and operating costs. Partnering with the LeMo Class of 2026 allows SASA to complete a high-impact facility enhancement at no cost to the agency. Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to

accept the donation, including any excess funds, and to approve the License Agreement to facilitate project completion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to accept the donation of materials, services, and installation of artificial turf for the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA) outdoor dog yards, including any excess funds raised by the Leadership Modesto Class of 2026 raised for the project in an Amount not to Exceed \$115,000.
2. Approve the License Agreement between SASA and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct cost to SASA for this project, and it will not impact on JPA partner contribution. All materials, labor, and installation expenses will be fully funded through Leadership Modesto fundraising efforts and administered by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the donation is expected to reduce ongoing maintenance costs and improve overall operational efficiency.

AGENCY BOARD ACTION:

On motion of _____; Seconded by _____
and approved by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Excused or Absent: _____

Abstaining: _____

- 1) _____ Approved as recommended.
- 2) _____ Denied.
- 3) _____ Approved as amended.

Motion:

Leadership Modesto Class of 2026
Dog Yard Improvement Project at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA)
Artificial Turf Installation

1. Background:

Leadership Modesto (LeMo), a leadership development program of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, requires each annual class to complete a community legacy project that benefits a local nonprofit organization. The Leadership Modesto Class of 2026 selected the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency (SASA) as the beneficiary of its class project after learning about operational needs at the shelter.

The Class of 2026 identified an opportunity to support SASA by renovating the eight outdoor dog yards located on the east side of the shelter through the installation of a durable, pet-rated artificial turf system designed for high-traffic animal care environments. The project is intended to improve dog well-being by reducing stress and disease risk while eliminating hazards such as foxtails that are commonly present in natural grass environments.

In addition to improving animal welfare, the renovation will enhance the experience for potential adopters by creating cleaner, safer, and more visually appealing outdoor spaces where dogs can interact with visitors. The installation of artificial turf will also enhance safety and hygiene through improved drainage and easy-to-clean surfaces, while increasing staff efficiency through more functional yard layouts that support daily shelter operations. Collectively, these improvements will assist SASA in caring for dogs more effectively and support faster placement of animals into permanent homes.

The Leadership Modesto Class of 2026 has identified a qualified artificial turf supplier capable of providing turf that meets SASA's standards for high-traffic pet environments, as well as a licensed contractor capable of providing the labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary to remove existing yard surfaces and install the artificial turf system within designated dog yard areas.

Leadership Modesto is currently conducting fundraising activities to support the project. All project funds will be held in a dedicated account managed by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Upon completion of fundraising, the Modesto Chamber of Commerce will contract with the identified artificial turf supplier and installation contractor to complete the project.

Because the project is fully dependent upon funds raised through Leadership Modesto's fundraising efforts, the final scope of work will be limited to the amount of funding available. If sufficient funds are not raised to complete renovations in all eight dog yards, the amount of artificial turf installed will be limited to the number of yards that can be completed within the funds raised.

Any unused funds remaining after completion of the artificial turf installation will either be used to purchase additional equipment or supplies that support the functionality of the dog yards or will be donated directly to the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.

Fundraising activities are expected to conclude no later than mid-May 2026. Installation of the artificial turf system is anticipated to occur in May or early June 2026 following completion of fundraising and contract finalization.

This project represents a collaborative community investment led by Leadership Modesto and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce to enhance the health, safety, and adoptability of dogs housed at SASA while improving the operational functionality of the shelter's outdoor dog yard spaces.

2. Contacts/Representation:

- A. Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358
- i. Signing Authority: Lily Yap, Executive Director, 209-342-1740, yapl@stancounty.com
 - ii. Administrative/Contract Manager: Stephanie Loomis, Business Manager, 209-342-1787, loomiss@stancounty.com
 - iii. Facility Contact: Kevin Immediato, Maintenance Engineer III, 209-652-0307, immediatok@stancounty.com
- B. Modesto Chamber of Commerce,
- i. Signing Authority: Trish Christensen, President and Chief Executive Office, 209-577-5757 ext 106, tchristensen@modchamber.org
 - ii. Leadership Modesto Class of 2026 Member Representative: Linda Pinfold, 209-525-4735, lindap@stancounty.com
 - iii. Chamber of Commerce Leadership Modesto Liaison: Kirstie Boyett, 209-968-8787, Kboyett@boyett.net

3. Project Location: Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358

4. Estimated Project Area: Total Estimated Area is approximately 11,683 square feet, comprised of:

- Two (2) Large Dog Yards @ ~3000 sq. ft. each
- Two (2) Clusters of Three (3) Small Dog Yards @ ~2800 sq. ft. per cluster
- **NOTE:** There is a total of eight yards comprised of six small dog yards and two large dog yards as described above. Square footage provided above are estimates only; it is the Contractor's responsibility to verify measurements prior to providing a final quote for the project.

5. Durable Pet Turf Requirements:

The artificial turf system must meet the following minimum standards:

- Designed for **heavy traffic** use
- Specifically rated and marketed for **pet and commercial applications**
- Engineered for **efficient drainage**
- Capable of being **hosed, sprayed, and disinfected** without degradation
- Long-lasting, with an expected service life of **at least fifteen (15) years** under heavy use conditions

6. Contractor Licensing Requirement – All work described herein must be performed by a contractor licensed by the California Department of Consumer Affairs and holding **at least one** of the following classifications:

- C-27 (Landscaping Contractor): Authorized to install turf as part of a landscape
- D-12 (Synthetic Products Contractor): A specialty license specifically for synthetic turf and similar products

7. Contractor Insurance Requirements – Although this project will be contracted through the **Modesto Chamber of Commerce** on behalf of the Leadership Modesto (LeMo) Class of 2026 — and not directly through the County — the contractor is expected to meet County insurance requirements unless otherwise approved. Current standards include (see attached PDF for full details):

- **Commercial General Liability (CGL):**
 - \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence / \$2,000,000 Aggregate.
 - Must cover Premises, Operations, Independent Contractors, Products, Completed Operations, Personal & Advertising Injury.
 - County (State of CA, officers, agents, employees) named as Additional Insured (AI).

- **Automobile Liability:**
 - \$1,000,000 per accident (Bodily Injury & Property Damage).
 - Cover "Any Auto" (Code 1), or Hired & Non-Owned (Codes 8 & 9) if no owned autos.
- **Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability:**
 - Statutory Limits for Workers' Comp (as required by CA).
 - \$1,000,000 Employer's Liability (per accident/disease).
- **Important Conditions**
 - **Primary Coverage:** Contractor's insurance must be primary over any County insurance.
 - **AI Endorsement:** Specific forms like ISO CG 25 03/04 may be needed for aggregate limits.
 - **Proof:** Certificates of Insurance (COIs) and endorsements required 10 days before work starts.

8. Description of Work:

A. Fencing

- i. Contractor will temporarily open or detach chain-link fencing as necessary to complete installation.
- ii. Upon completion, contractor will restretch, secure, and restore fencing to the same or similar condition existing prior to project initiation.

B. Irrigation

- i. Existing irrigation piping and heads must remain in place.
- ii. Contractor will ensure irrigation remains fully functional and operational for cooling purposes following turf installation.

C. Site Preparation

- Excavate up to six (6) inches of soil.
 - Approximately four (4) inches of soil, including vegetation, shall be removed and disposed of off-site.
 - The remaining two (2) inches may be redistributed and graded into the neighboring SASA livestock yard (per SASA direction) or removed and disposed of off-site.
- Install weed fabric to prevent vegetation growth; Install gopher wire as necessary to prevent intrusion and vegetation growth.
- Frame the area with pressure-treated wood planks and/or nailer boards to secure base materials. Boards shall be properly staked and secured.

D. Base Installation

- Place and spread four (4) inches of permeable base rock to promote drainage and structural stability.
 - Water and mechanically compact base material.
- Install decomposed granite and antimicrobial infill layer over base rock.
 - Water and compact decomposed granite as necessary.

E. Installation of Pet-Rated Artificial Turf:

- Cut and lay turf to fit the custom configuration of each yard.
- Secure turf edges and seams using appropriate fasteners and installation methods.
- Stretch turf properly to eliminate wrinkles and movement.
- Secure turf to base materials using non-galvanized nails or equivalent approved fasteners.
- If bender board is used, secure turf edges with pneumatic staples.

- Mechanically brush turf fibers upright using appropriate equipment (e.g., power broom).
- Apply maximum recommended amount of antimicrobial infill (e.g., silica, zeolite, or equivalent) sufficient to withstand medium to heavy use conditions.

F. Cleanup

- Remove excess materials and debris.
- Leave all work areas clean, safe, and ready for immediate use.



Total Animals Admitted to SASA*

 **890**

About 30 Per Day

Incoming Animals



309 Dogs and 140 Puppies



184 Cats and 239 Kittens



18 Other

Outgoing Animals



196  169  27  0
 Adoptions



316  255  58  3
 Transferred To A Partner
 Agency (501c3)



210  197  13
 Foster



64  63  1  0
 Return to owner



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 Trap/Neuter/Return*
 & Working Whiskers



81%  86%  71%
 Live Release Rate*

Additional Shelter Statistics

783 Calls For Field Service

Assist Law Enforcement: 28

Deceased Animal Pick Up: 106

Investigation: 70

Trap: 0

Information: 18

Rescue: 1

Wild: 0

Other: 226

Stray: 206

Transport: 45

Extra Service: 4

Patrol: 78

Owned: 1



540.53

Volunteer Hours Donated
 By 27 Citizens



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Animals Diverted From Shelter-
 animals who we were able to
 keep out of shelter by returning
 them home in the field.

*Total animal intake excludes disposal request and animal dropped of for medical services

*Live Release Rate reflect a rolling 12-month measure, calculated by live outcomes (adoptions, return to owner, transferred out, returned to home) divided by total outcomes (live outcomes + died & lost in care, shelter euthanasia, does not include owner requested euthanasia) For more detailed stats, download this PDF in Adobe and click here.

*TNR (Trap Neuter Return)-This program allows community and feral cats to continue to live their lives outdoors. These cats are vaccinated, ear-tipped, altered and released.



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ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH

**WAIVED ADOPTION FEES
FOR ALL CATS AND KITTENS
THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE!**

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**Animal Services Advisory Committee
3647 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95358
6:00pm**

Dates of meetings for 2026

April 02, 2026 (Held)

May 7, 2026 (Held)

July 2, 2026

August 6, 2026

October 1, 2026

November 5, 2026