

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

May 21, 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
Steve Williams, 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:** None
4. **Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person):** None
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
 - A. Approval of the SASA JPA Board meeting 3/19/26 minutes. (Stanislaus County/City of Patterson; 6-0)
 - B. Approval of the SASA JPA Board meeting 4/16/26 minutes. (Stanislaus County/City of Patterson; 6-0)
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **New Business:**

- A.** Motion 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. (City of Waterford/Stanislaus County; 5-0; City of Modesto abstained)

Public comment:

Kelly Ceglio-Gave a handout. Provided recommendations regarding the plan for turf, proposing a partial approach and avoiding interference with playtime/exercise of dogs.

Tina von Stade-Expressed concern about the number of cat fosters and strategic plan process.

Board comments:

Jewel Warr expressed her and the Boards appreciation to Leadership Modesto and the Chamber of Commerce for selecting SASA as this year's recipient of the class project.

Scotty Douglass advised that the students of this class saw the need at SASA and selected it on their own. Scotty advised he is a part of this year's class but didn't push them to select SASA. Scotty wanted to be transparent on this issue. Scotty is very proud of this class.

8. Informational reports:

- A.** Received an Executive Director report from Lily Yap.

1. Monthly Statistics-went over April statistics available on SASA's website.
2. Upcoming adoption specials-June is Adopt-a-Cat month. \$0 adoption fees for cats.
3. Advisory Committee schedule-2 meetings held so far with the next Advisory Committee meeting is July 2, 2026.

Public Comment:

Tina von Stade-Spoke provided feedback about the day's agenda, the live release rate from April statistics, and challenges with feline support, particularly during kitten season.

Claudia Henley-Spoke about her concerns with euthanasia rate and impact on rescue/volunteers. Noted the housing changes and puppies on the urgent list.

Kelly Ceglio-Noted concerns regarding a recent transport error, the need for process improvement, and housing changes.

- B.** Board comments and reports: None

Public comments: None

9. Adjournment: 9:23am

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