

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

March 21, 2013

Members Present:

Stan Risen, Stanislaus County
Michael Harris, Modesto
Dominique Spinale, Hughson

Mike Borges, Ceres
Matthew Erickson, Waterford
Minerva Moreno, Patterson

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Deirdre McGrath, County Counsel

Francine Gutierrez, Manager II
Linda Ford, Confidential Assistant

Guests:

Dave Cerutti, Emerson Drake, Hallie Robinson, Paul Robinson, Susan Robinson and Jim DeMartini, County Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Stan Risen, Chair.

Roll call: See above

Public Comment: None

Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2012
(6/0 - Borges/Spinale)

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- A. Approved Cash Handling of Agency Funds by Volunteers at Off Site Adoptions. (5/0 – Borges/Erickson – Moreno Abstained)
- B. Approved Adopt a Shelter Cat Month Program from June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. (6/0 –Moreno/Harris)
- C. Referred the Ordinance for Disposition of Stray Animals back to staff for modification.
- D. Accepted the Dog License Amnesty Report for January and February 2013. (6/0 – Moreno/Spinale)

- E. Approved the Proposed Model Ordinances that will include the incorporation of the previously recommended Administrative Citations. (6/0 – Borges/Erickson)
- F. Accepted the Recommended Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. (6/0 – Moreno/Harris)

Director Report:

Executive Director Patton said Dr. Stewart will be moving out of the area soon, and leaving Animal Services. Annette will acknowledge Dr. Stewart at Tuesday's Board of Supervisor's meeting being held at 9:00 a. m. and again at our next JPA meeting. There are two veterinarians interested in contract work, each providing three days per week coverage. This will allow Animal Services to have a veterinarian on site six days a week.

Executive Director Patton acknowledged our Volunteers, AWP's and Alliance Worknet workforce. Mentioned is the fact that there is more unpaid staff on site on any given day than there is paid staff. This is imperative since we are a 7 day a week operation with 30 staff members. Feeding/Cleaning/Sanitizing etc. is not something we could accomplish on a daily basis by ourselves. The Modesto Bee showcased volunteers that came in to groom a number of dogs, just this week. The dogs came to us in bad shape and Terese Davis spearheaded this operation rallying additional groomers to assist in getting every one of these dogs groomed. In addition, there is Sarah, our volunteer that does nothing but work on getting our shelter animals adopted. She is here six days a week with adoption as her focus. At our next meeting, we need to discuss a Volunteer Appreciation program.

Member Referrals: None

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:45 a.m. to Open Closed Session

Opened closed session at 10:47 a.m. – Public Employee Evaluation
–Executive Director Government Code: 54957 (b)

Re-Opened regular meeting 10:59 a.m. Nothing to report.

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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

(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Joint Powers Agency. Complete minutes are available from the clerk at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way in Modesto, CA.)