

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

June 21, 2018

Members Present:

Ken Irwin, City of Patterson - Chair	Toby Wells, City of Ceres
Raul Mendez, City of Hughson	Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford	
Craig Gundlach, Alt. City of Modesto	
Joe Lopez, City of Modesto - Vice Chair	

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director	Linda Ford, Confidential
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel	Martha Ruano, Manager
Tina Rocha, CEO's Office	

Guests and Dignitaries:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Ken Irwin, Chair.
2. **Roll call:** See above
3. **Public Comment:** Laurie Daily Johnston spoke in support of additional staffing the possibility of getting support for a sales tax measure to boost staffing and the shelter's image. Julia Soddors and Nancy Klein spoke in support of additional staffing to improve service and SASA image. Cal Limbocker talked about respect for volunteers and the euthanasia of dogs. Julie Limbocker also talked about the needs of the animals, the need to be respected as volunteers and believes more staff will assist in these areas.
4. **Approved** the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, March 15, and April 26, 2018. (Ceres/Waterford – 6/0)
5. Correspondence: None
6. **New Business:**

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Elected - City of Waterford, Chair for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (County/Hughson 6/0). Elected - City of Modesto, Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (County/Hughson 6/0)

B. Adoption of the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Augusta Farley appreciates the possible increase of staff which can incorporate a prevention tract.

Adopted the Recommended Final Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 - Hughson made a motion to adopt the recommended final budgets for fiscal year 2018/19 as presented by staff. Modesto moved to amend the motion to create a sub-committee to examine the budget and continue the strategic plan process, Hughson agrees with the amendment, Waterford seconds the amended motion. (Modesto/Waterford 6/0)

C. Discussion and Action on a Partnership with San Joaquin County for delivery of Animal Services to a portion of San Joaquin County

Executive Director Patton provided an overview of the partnership request, from San Joaquin County to have stray dogs and cats, from a portion of San Joaquin County, brought to Stanislaus Animal Services Agency and its impacts on the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency. After considering the impacts, what the Agency already has on its plate, and continued budgetary constraints, the consensus of the Agency Board Members was to take no action in favor of supporting a temporary partnership.

D. Discussion and Action on Creating a Process for Investigating Constituent Complaints

Jody Hayes asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda, and gave a brief background in why this is important. The Agency needs an administrative policy adopted by the Board with procedures to follow. Communication and consistency is key. In the meantime, the Chair will receive complaints or feedback, include Vice Chair and work with Counsel to determine the next steps. Counsel will work with the Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director to get a policy in place.

7. Director's Report

A. New Programs and Opportunities for 2018-2019

1. Web Rescue – allows Rescue organizations to access kennel card behavior, medical and vaccinations, which should reduce phone calls.
2. The Volunteer Coordinator will receive free training and mentoring through the Best Friends Animal Society at no charge to the Agency.
3. We look to expand our social media platform to include Instagram and Twitter.
4. The Finding Rover App is rolling out in the next 30 days. This app allows facial recognition of pets. It is easy to use by taking a photo of your pet, uploading it to the App and if the animal arrives here, you are notified.
5. We are getting quotes for a new auto watering system for the kennels.
6. A low income spay/neuter program continues in fiscal 2018/2019 for pit bull and pit bull mixes.
7. As soon as the Volunteer Coordinator is on board they can administer the FETCH program in conjunction with the REACT Center which is right behind us. The program utilizes inmates close to release date to assist with animal care and in turn we provide job training and leadership skills.
8. We are looking to eliminate breed labels on mixed breed dogs.
9. Agility and play equipment is being donated.
10. The following fees will be updated this year, owner surrender, adoption and rabies vaccinations.
11. Our recent pre-ween program will continue in fiscal 2018-2019. This allows animals to go back under foster care until they are old enough to be spayed or neutered and put up for adoption.
12. We are looking at QLess or a similar App for clients to use so they do not have to stand in line at Animal Services to access counter staff for licensing, adoptions or reclaims.

13. We are looking at a one stop type kiosk to take payments for dog licensing, library fees, child support, etc.
14. Webcams for the kitten room may be something new.
15. We are looking at digital signage, which will reduce the cost of replacement signs in the future.
16. The GIS Project is an App that allows people to see, within a five-mile radius, where the dogs came from that enter our facility.
17. Best Friends Animal Society wants to help fund a Dogs Playing for Life program, which could replace the old-style assessment or evaluation type programs.
18. Santa Paws – Will continue this Christmas at Vintage Faire Mall at no cost to the Agency.
19. Best Friends Animal Society is paying all adoption fees next week.
20. Progress has been great; our live release rate is the best it as ever been. We are committed to put only safe animals back out in the community.
21. With this Board's approval of the Volunteer Coordinator we expect to see a lot of positive change and responses in this next year.
22. A boost in security is forthcoming.

8. Discussion and Action to set a date for the next SASA JPA Board meeting.

All members checked calendars and opted for Thursday, August 16, 2018 as the next Special meeting date.

9. Member Referrals: None

10. Adjournment to Closed Session at 10:28 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54957)

Reconvene from Closed Session at 11:08 a.m. – Nothing to Report

11. Adjourned Regular Meeting at 11:09 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.)