

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

June 17, 2021

Members Present:

Tom Westbrook, City of Ceres, Chair
Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County
Joe Lopez, City of Modesto - Absent
Merry Mayhew, City of Hughson
Michael Pitcock, City of Waterford
Ken Irwin, City of Patterson, Co-Chair

Staff Present:

Annette Bedsworth, Executive Director	Jewel Warr, Stanislaus Co. Alt
Dennis Cordova, Operations Manager	Scotty Douglas, Modesto Alt
Monica Aleman, Business Mgr.	Adrienne Rios, Confidential
Rob Taro, Assistant County Counsel	

Guests and Dignitaries: Ryan Kegley from Stanislaus County Aging and Veterans Services.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman, Tom Westbrook.
2. **Roll call:** See above
3. **Public Comment:**

Jennifer inquired about members of the Rescue email distribution list. Expressed concerns with the euthanasia of four pre-ween kittens tagged by rescue.

Michael Christian expressed his support of SNIP Bus. Shared concerns with two board meetings canceled in February and March of 2021 and communicated concerns with the euthanasia of four pre-ween kittens that occurred on Friday, May 21st.

Annette Bedsworth shared the outcome of an internal investigation into the euthanasia of four pre-ween kittens was determined unfounded.

Melanie Scherer shared that SNIP Bus spay/neutered 153 pets from May 28-30. Requested funding for two spay/neuter clinics per month in the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Samantha Lopez expressed concern of the euthanasia of four pre-ween kittens. Ms. Lopez shared her support of funding for SNIP Bus. Requested for the

Rescue Support Team meetings to resume. Stated rescue organizations work hard at achieving positive outcomes for large breed dogs housed at SASA.

Nancy Hudspeth Rescue organizations significantly contribute to the live release rates for large breed dogs. Expressed concerns with access to dogs housed in the 700 block. Stated kennels are especially dirty on Mondays.

Angela Garcia shared her concerns with four pre-ween kittens that were euthanized. Shared her experience involving a dog named Damian and a city of Berkeley resident and another experience involving a chihuahua with an amputated leg.

Nadia Borisova shared concerns with four pre-ween kittens that were euthanized. Requested SASA expand appointment times for rescue transportation to Friday and Saturday mornings.

Nancy Klein questioned why the free micro-chip events held in July 2021, were offered on Wednesday rather than a day more accessible to the public. Stated SASA is reaching capacity limits. Requested more marketing of large breed dogs. Requested JPA Boarding meetings occur in the evenings for better public accessibility.

4. **Presentation:** Recognition for Stanislaus County Department of Aging and Veterans Services. Annette celebrated Aging and Veterans Services staff for the assistance they provided Animal Services in providing dog food to elder pet owners in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021. (Patterson/Waterford; 5/1) (*Stanislaus County abstained*)

6. New Business

- A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Chair, Tom Westbrook, re-elected (Waterford/Hughson; 6/0). Merry Mayhew elected Vice Chair (Patterson/Waterford; 6/0).
- B. Adoption of the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Hughson/Waterford; 6/0)
- C. Approval of an Agreement with Pride Industries One, Inc. of Roseville, CA for Agency Janitorial Services (Waterford/Hughson; 6/0)
- D. Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with Dr. Sarah Cadwell and Authorization for the Executive Director to Sign the Agreement (Patterson/Ceres; 6/0)

7. Informational:

- A. Financial Update, May 2021
- B. Operation Update, May 2021

8. Member Referrals: None

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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