

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

Regular Meeting

Thursday

August 19, 2021

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Annette Bedsworth, Executive Director	Jewel Warr, Stanislaus Co. Alt
Scotty Douglas, City of Modesto Alt	Adrienne Rios, Confidential
Rob Taro, Assistant County Counsel	Monica Aleman, Business Mgr.
Mavis Williamson, Supervisor	Jennifer Smith, Supervisor

Guests and Dignitaries: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Tom Westbrook.
2. **Roll call:** See above
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Presentation:** Recognition for Lost/Found Administrators. Annette Bedsworth recognized Genie Martinez and the Lost and Found administrators on their effort and support for keeping pets out of shelters and reunifying pets with their owners.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
 - A. Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2021. (Patterson/Ceres; 4/2) (*Hughson and Waterford absent*)
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Vice-Chair, City of Hughson, shall assume the role of Chair for the remainder of August 2021 through June 2022, as outlined in the JPA Board Bylaws. City of Modesto was elected as the new Vice-Chair for the remainder of August 2021 through June 2022. (Patterson/Stanislaus County; 4/2) (*Hughson and Waterford absent*)
 - B. Approved Retired Contract Employee Employment Agreement with Dennis Cordova and Authorization for the Executive Director to Sign the

Agreement. (Stanislaus County/Patterson; 4/2) (*Hughson and Waterford absent*)

- C. Authorized the Auditor-Controller, on Behalf of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, to Pay a Prior Year Invoice for Services Provided in a Prior Year. (Patterson/Ceres; 4/2) (*Hughson and Waterford absent*)

7. Informational:

- A. Operation Update, July 2021. Jennifer Smith provided statistics for completed calls for service, average response time, daily kennel census, volunteer hours, animals fostered, animals rescued, trapped, altered and released cats, pets returned to home, and outcome of Adopt-A-Palooza event.
- B. Petco Love Lost Program. Mavis Williamson shared information regarding Petco Love Lost, which is a new national program of reuniting families with their lost pet(s). Ms. Williamson presented Stanislaus Animal Services Agency's plan on implementing the program for Stanislaus County.
- C. Grant Award from California Animal Welfare Funders Collaborative. Stanislaus Animal Services Agency received a grant in the amount of \$7,500 to increase reunification of pets. The grant will support microchip clinics scheduled for the Fall of 2021. The events will take place on weekends throughout Stanislaus County. The City of Modesto's event will take place in October at the Modesto Center Plaza. Specific event dates will be announced once confirmed.
- D. Annette Bedsworth announced that Stanislaus Animal Services Agency is participating in Clear the Shelters event. The event is taking place on August 28, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All adoption fees are waived on during this one-day event.

8. Member Referrals: None

Adjourned to closed session at 10:04 a.m.

- 9. Closed Session:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, closed session held for the performance evaluation of public employee – Executive Director of Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.

Adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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