

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE February 14, 2012

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Recognize the Accomplishments of the Stanislaus County Animal Advisory Board for Fulfillment of its Advisory Purpose and to Formally Discontinue the Board

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recognize the accomplishments of the Stanislaus County Animal Advisory Board for fulfillment of its advisory purpose and to formally discontinue the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with recommended action of discontinuing the Animal Advisory Board.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2012-060

On motion of Supervisor Withdraw, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withdraw, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A King, Deputy
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

On July 1, 1986, the Board of Supervisors established the Commission on Animal Welfare to advise the Board generally on animal welfare issues and specifically on low-cost spay-neuter services and the County's ability to provide effective animal control services with limited financial services. Having completed its primary task to oversee and implement a spay-neuter program, the Commission was dissolved on June 30, 1990.

On September 24, 1991, the Board of Supervisors established the Animal Advisory Committee to advise the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and the public on issues related to the provision and delivery of animal care, welfare and control. On March 20, 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Bylaws of the Animal Advisory Committee that, among other things, changed the name to the Stanislaus County Animal Advisory Board. The purpose of the Animal Advisory Board remained the same. For over 20 years, the Animal Advisory Board regularly met to consider issues related to animal welfare and to provide valuable input to the Board of Supervisors regarding animal services. Most recently, the Animal Advisory Board was an integral partner to promote and facilitate construction of a new animal shelter, the Thomas W. Mayfield Animal Services Facility, which opened in January 2011.

On October 27, 2009, the Board of Supervisors entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) establishing the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency with the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Patterson and Waterford to operate the new animal shelter and to provide animal services within each member agency's jurisdiction. Establishing the Joint Powers Agency effectively transferred the County's mission related to animal welfare to the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, and the County no longer had a direct role in providing animal services. Consequently, the important function of the Animal Advisory Board as an advisor to the Board of Supervisors functionally ended.

On September 15, 2011, the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency JPA approved the formation of an Animal Advisory Committee, under their umbrella, and the draft bylaws that provides the parameters for their responsibility and focus. The new Committee consists of 7 members initially comprised of the former Stanislaus County Animal Advisory Board members who will continue to serve until their terms expire. Thereafter, positions on the Animal Advisory Committee will fill seats representing the various member agency's jurisdiction. The new Animal Advisory Committee held its first meeting on January 27, 2012.

The Stanislaus County Animal Services Advisory Board is to be commended for its due diligence and resiliency, and for providing an invaluable advisory perspective to the County in providing animal services over the past 20 years.

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POLICY ISSUE:

The work of the Stanislaus County Animal Advisory Board historically falls within the Board priorities of providing A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, and the Efficient Delivery of Public Services. It is appropriate for the Board to recognize the work contribution of the membership in the community for over 20 years.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with the recommended action.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Stanislaus County Animal Advisory Board
1991 to Present
Appointed Members

Andrea Lotz
Arlene Anderson
Augusta Farley
Babette Schimanski
Barbara Whitske
Bill Combs
Bonnie Arnold
Catalina Elsasser
Christina Hansen
Christine Pinnick
Cleta Triplett
Cynthia Ewing
David Cerutti
Debbie Greer, DVM
Doug Basmajian
Elizabeth McKernan
Frankie Bonifacio, DVM
Gerry Kilgore
Jan Ennenga
Jeff Kahler, DVM
Jeff Swain
Joann Morgan
Kelly Hayes
Kimberly Wymond
Kristina Zanker
Lydell Wall
Marlene Katsufakis
Marlene Wilson
Mary Whetstone
Mike Kline, DVM
Nancy Smith
Pat Kelly
Patricia Hitch
Ramana Boulter
Rosaria Fontana
Sarah Gottschalk, DVM
Sheila Kuesthardt
Steven Carr
Sue Henderson
Susan Mc Quade
Ted Rupert
Virginia Jordan
Warren M. Soelling, MD