

## MEETING MINUTES

### ANIMAL SERVICES AD HOC COMMITTEE

1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA  
3rd Floor, Multi-Purpose Room  
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

6:00 PM

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Perez at 6:03 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call  
Present: Supervisors Couch and Perez
- 3) Presentation by Animal Services about Animal Overpopulation in Kern County - heard presentation by Shyane Schull, Interim Director of Animal Services.  
  
Supervisor Perez spoke on the pet population problem in the 93307 zip code.
- 4) Stakeholders Discussion Regarding the Allocation of County Funding to Combat Animal Overpopulation in Kern County

Heard from Animal Control Commission member Susan Madigan in regards to the numbers that Ms. Schull reported on and heard Ms. Schull's response.

Heard from Dr. Sandu from 4 Paws Pet Hospital, Valerie, Jacqueline Cameron from Fixing Kern, Stan Dodson, Sharon Cornellison with Tehachapi Humane Society, Carol Newkirk from Unity Thrift and Outreach, Natalie Mills and Julie Nunez from Spay Neuter Foundation, Donna Reese a 93307 resident, Nick Riddick, Animal Control Manager for Shafter Police Department, Shelley Kitzmiller from Have A Heart Humane, Judi Daunell from Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation, Cassandra Lopez part time Animal Control Officer with the City of Wasco, Larry Keller with Critters Without Litters, Carol Lair with The Cat People, Sue Bennett with Kern Humane Society, Peggy Soltis from Friends of the Kern County Animal Shelters Foundation, and Liz Keogh Bakersfield resident. All presented their ideas on how best to spend the allotted funds for spay/neutering.

Supervisor Couch directed Interim Director of Animal Services Shyane Schull to contact Unity Thrift and Outreach. Supervisor Couch spoke to Ms. Schull about the Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program.

- 5) Public Comment – NONE

6) Board Member Announcements or Reports

Supervisor Couch discusses monetary amounts in which the spay/neuter funds could be spent and what should be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The numbers are as follows:

\$30,000 for TNR  
\$100,000 for targeted voucher  
\$50,000 for mobile clinics  
\$5,000 for educational materials  
50,000 for outlying and district specific (\$10,000 per district)  
\$15,000 director's discretion (flex)

Supervisor Perez confirms that they will take this framework to the Board of Supervisors on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and that another ad hoc committee meeting will be set for a future date to discuss more details. The matter will be brought back to further hearing by Ad Hoc Committee at meeting on February 3, 2014.

Motion to forward to the Board of Supervisors this spending plan and return to this group at a later date to hear details of the spending plan and forward the plan to the Board of Supervisors. (*Couch/Perez*)

7) Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.