



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 11-06-07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director Public Health Department
Contact Info: Jan E. Glick, Director of Animal Services (681-5284)
SUBJECT: Acceptance of two Donations to Santa Barbara County Animal Services and the Public Health Department for \$146,500 and \$50,000

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept a gift of \$146,500 from K-9 Pals, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, to Santa Barbara County Animal Services and the Public Health Department designated for the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter Dog Kennel Remodel Project #8671 (General Services).
- b) Accept a gift of \$50,000 from the ABT 1989 Trust to Santa Barbara County Animal Services and the Public Health Department without restrictions.

Summary Text:

The County is mandated “to maintain or provide for the maintenance of a pound system and a rabies control program...” (Food and Agricultural Code Section 31105, Health & Safety Code Section 121690). The donation from K-9 Pals will provide partnership funding designated for the remodel of the Santa Barbara dog kennel building. The donation from the ABT 1989 Trust was made anonymously to Animal Services and is without restrictions. Approval to accept these donations by the Board of Supervisors is necessary because the amounts exceed the threshold designated by Resolution #99-485 which requires that donations greater than \$10,000 have Board of Supervisors approval.

The \$146,500 donation from K-9 Pals and the \$50,000 ABT 1989 Trust donation will be used to partially cover the costs of a \$307,000 project to remodel the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter Dog Kennel

to upgrade housing and facilities for the dogs impounded at that shelter and replace the roof and upgrade the sewer.

Background:

Animal Services operates three shelters, which are located in Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara. In the past five years, the two North County facilities have upgraded their kennels. The kennels in Santa Barbara were constructed in the 1980s. They are worn down and in disrepair. Some kennel doors and walls have jagged metal edges which pose safety hazards to the dogs, volunteers, and staff. In addition, the roof requires replacement and the sewer system is failing. Accepting these donations will provide partial funding for the project to upgrade the deficiencies in the Santa Barbara Animal Shelter.

The Animal Services subdivision of the Public Health Department has a long history of partnerships with community organizations. These partnerships benefit the community, as well as the animals within the shelters. Animal Services is pleased to partner with K-9 Pals, a non-profit 501(c) 3 volunteer organization that provides services, in-kind donations, medical treatment and financial assistance for the dogs at the Santa Barbara Shelter. A project charter has been developed between General Services, Public Health Department, and K-9 Pals. In this agreement, K-9 Pals agrees to donate \$146,500 to the total cost of the project which is estimated at \$307,000.

Performance Measure:

Effective July 1, 1999, the state of California adopted the definition of an adoptable animal and established a statewide policy that adoptable animals should not be killed. The definition of an adoptable animal is as follows, “*Adoptable* animals are friendly, healthy dogs and cats that are eight weeks of age and older and do not require medical treatment, foster care or behavioral modification.” Acceptance of the donation will assist the County in achieving the performance measure that by 2010 Santa Barbara County will achieve a one hundred percent adoption rate for an estimated 5,200 adoptable dogs and cats per year. The donation will increase the adoptability of the County’s animals because the facility will be safer (for animals and people), easier to clean, and less likely to spread disease. It will also enhance community involvement as a result of a better environment for volunteers.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The project is a one-time project cost. The remodel project will replace the existing roof on the main kennel building, replace the existing kennels, replace an existing counter and sink in the laundry room, add four cabinets in the exam room and laundry room, replace the sewer system in the kennels, modify the flush system, clean and paint the interior, protect the electrical and telephone lines, and prevent the intrusion of rats and mice in the building.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Accepting these gifts will enhance and partially fund an Animal Services Capital project currently included in the 5-Year Capital Plan as a roof and kennel replacement project. Since the approval of the Plan, the project has increased in scope and our partnering volunteer group has pledged a \$146,500 donation toward the project. The current Project Charter, through General Services, estimates the cost at \$307,000. Funding has been identified as follows:

- \$110,500 from SB90 funds designated for this use
- 146,500 pledged donation from K-9 Pals
- 50,000 ABT 1989 Trust

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The \$110,500 SB90 funding is currently in a Public Health Department designated account. The \$146,500, if accepted and when received, will go directly to General Services who will hold it in an escrow account. The \$50,000 ABT 1989 Trust donation is currently in the Animal Services cost center in a donation account pending acceptance.

Because there is no increased square footage to buildings, there are no estimated increased on-going costs. Pending acceptance of these donations, a budget revision for both General Services and Public Health Department Animal Services will follow.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the Minute Order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8; ATTN: Margaret Granger.

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