



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

December 16, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-01096

RE: Consider recommendations regarding Animal Shelter Pet Food Agreements with Mars and Central Pet Distribution, as follows:

a) Authorize the County Health Director, or designee, to enter into an Agreement with Mars Petcare US, Inc., for exclusive purchasing of Mars and/or its Affiliates' pet food products to feed pets in shelter, and to provide certain data to Mars and its Affiliates in compliance with all applicable laws;

b) Authorize the County Health Director, or designee, to (1) submit a wholesale account application to Central Pet Distribution (Vendor Number 227694) in the form of the Central Pet Distribution Mars Shelter Program New Account Application, (2) enter in a purchasing contract with Central Pet Distribution in accordance with County purchasing guidelines, and (3) to submit orders under the Central Pet Agreement, in the form of the Central Pet Mars Shelter Food Order Form, an aggregate amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 annually; and

c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), because the recommended actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Lee Heller addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Capps, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) and b) Authorized; and

c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino