



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:** August 16, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Interim Public Health Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
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**SUBJECT:** City of Santa Maria Animal Services Revenue Agreement for FYs 2022-27

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the City of Santa Maria Animal Services Revenue Agreement for the County to provide full animal services to the City of Santa Maria for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 for a total amount of \$4,835,840; and
- b) Determine that the above action is a government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The Public Health Department (PHD) Animal Services program provides animal control and/or sheltering services to seven cities within Santa Barbara County, as well as the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Tribe), including the City of Santa Maria. This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute a Revenue Agreement for Animal Services with the City of Santa Maria (City) for FYs 2022-27 (Attachment A).

**Background:**

PHD Animal Services provides services to the Tribe and to the cities of Buellton, Lompoc, Santa Maria, Solvang, Guadalupe, Santa Barbara, and Goleta through revenue agreements. In accordance with State law, the County contracts with these cities to enforce each city's ordinances related to animal control.

Animal sheltering services include: animal impoundment, sheltering, boarding, quarantine, veterinary services, euthanasia services, animal adoptions, foster program, disposal of dead animals, pet retention services, foster coordination, volunteer management, return-to-field services for cats and related administrative services. Impounded animals are vaccinated and provided necessary care, microchipping, and food and shelter in accordance with the provisions of State law.

Field services may include as needed: responding to calls for service; pick up of dead animals; capture and transportation of animals; emergency humane euthanasia of animal in the field as required to alleviate suffering; permit compliance and other inspections; pre-hearing investigation of nuisance complaints; post-nuisance hearing compliance checks; investigation of potential cases of animal abuse and mistreatment; investigation of potential animal nuisances in violation of Santa Barbara County Ordinance (Chapter 7) or an equivalent municipal code provision; assistance with animal evacuations due to disaster or emergency; and similar or related field services.

As may be required, PHD Animal Services will also provide a rabies control program, conduct vicious and restricted dog hearings in accordance with the applicable City municipal code provisions, provide animal license services for applicable cat or dog licenses, and provide permit services for kennels, catteries, groomers, and mobile groomers.

**Performance Measure:**

Not applicable as this is a revenue agreement.

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

Not applicable as this is a revenue agreement.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Approval and authorization of the Revenue Agreements with the City of Santa Maria will phase out the use of General Fund contribution by Animal Services for a Board approved 5-year period with an annual cost of living increase of 2.5%. The total (5-year) amount of the contract is \$4,835,840, with each annual amount following the schedule below:

	Fiscal Year	Annual Amount	Quarterly Invoices
Year 1	July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023	\$ 860,540	\$ 215,135
Year 2	July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024	\$ 912,540	\$ 228,135
Year 3	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025	\$ 965,836	\$ 241,459
Year 4	July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026	\$ 1,020,464	\$ 255,116
Year 5	July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027	\$ 1,076,460	\$ 269,115

The total Fiscal Year 2022-23 agreement for the City of Santa Maria is \$860,540 and this amount is part of the department’s adopted FY 2022-23 budget.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The agreement may be terminated for cause or convenience by either party. However, in the event of early termination, the City shall reimburse the County's General Fund contribution that would have been recovered in subsequent years had the agreement not been terminated.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with the City of Santa Maria and retain one (1) executed original Agreement and one Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at [MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org](mailto:MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org) when items are available for pick-up.

**Attachments:**

- A. City of Santa Maria Animal Services Revenue Agreement FYs 2022-27

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