



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Animal Services
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: May 1, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD
Director(s) Public Health Department
Contact Info: Jan E. Glick, MS, Director of Animal Services (934-6953)
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donations from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation
and the Ellen DeGeneres GoFundMe for Montecito Disaster Relief

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve and ratify the acceptance of a \$11,148.05 donation from the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation (SBCACF) designated to be used for disaster response for animals in Santa Barbara County.
- b) Approve and accept a \$30,000 donation from the Ellen DeGeneres Montecito Disaster Relief Fundraiser for disaster relief from the Thomas Fire and Montecito Debris Flow.
- c) Approve and ratify the acceptance of a \$7,000 donation from SBCACF designated to be used for a capital renovation at the Santa Maria Animal Care Center.
- d) Approve budget revision request No. 0005539 (Attachment A) to increase appropriations in the Public Health Department's (PHD) Animal Services General Fund Services and Supplies, and Salary and Benefits, for costs related to Thomas fire and mudslide disasters funded by \$41,148.05 in unanticipated revenue from SBCACF and the Ellen DeGeneres Montecito Disaster Relief Fundraiser. Budgeted Restricted Fund Balance would be decreased by \$7,000 in PHD's Animal Services General Fund, and would be replaced by an increase of \$7,000 in Miscellaneous Revenue. This budget revision requires a 4/5 vote.

- e) Determine that these activities are not the approval of a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is not a project as it is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

This item is on the Agenda for approval to receive donations from SBCACF and Ellen DeGeneres' Montecito Disaster Relief Fundraiser, designated for County Animal Services use in disaster response efforts in Santa Barbara County. Approval is also requested for an additional donation from SBCACF toward a capital improvement project at the Santa Maria Animal Center.

Background:

Santa Barbara County Animal Services has received generous support from SBCACF to assist with costs related to the Thomas Fire and Montecito January 9th Debris Flow responses. Specifically, SBCACF designated funding for the building of "Chicken City" for housing of evacuated backyard chicken flocks, food for some of the unusual species evacuated including reptiles and birds, and lodging for the mutual aid responders. There was also funding provided to cover intake vaccinations for evacuated animals and any necessary veterinary care.

Additionally, Santa Barbara County Animal Services was named as a recipient of the Ellen DeGeneres' Montecito Disaster Relief Fundraiser along with a variety of other organizations. The funds are to support Santa Barbara County Animal Services disaster costs due to the devastating fires and mudslide in Montecito. Other recipients included SB Wildlife Care Network, Animal Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP), Santa Barbara Equine Evacuation Assistance, and the National Disaster Search Dog Rescue Foundation.

Monetary support has been very generous from the public. Following the emergency responses to the Thomas Fire and the January 9th Montecito Debris Flow, online and shelter cash donations to the program from SBCACF and the Ellen DeGeneres Montecito Disaster Relief Fundraiser totaled \$41,148.05. In addition, the total cumulative individual donations received from the community at large, for the Thomas Fire and January 9th Montecito debris flow combined, is estimated to be more than \$22,200 through the end of February 2018. These individual donations are not part of the recommended actions of this board letter as each individual donation was under the donation threshold of \$10,000.

SBCACF made a donation in the amount of \$7,000 to assist with a capital project to renovate an area of the Santa Maria Animal Center to be used for socialization of animals in a home like setting.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Summary by donor:					
			SBC Animal Care Foundation	DeGeneres Fundraiser	Total
	Disaster Donations		\$ 11,148.05	\$ 30,000.00	\$41,148.05
	Capital Donation		7,000.00		7,000.00
	Total		\$ 18,148.05	\$ 30,000.00	\$48,148.05

Fiscal Analysis:

If accepted, the \$11,148.05 from SBCACF and the \$30,000 from the Ellen DeGeneres Montecito Disaster Relief Fundraiser will increase appropriations of \$41,148.05 in the PHD General Fund for Services and Supplies (\$29,348.50) and Salary and Benefits (\$11,800). The budget revision is necessary to increase appropriations to mitigate unanticipated Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslide disaster costs.

If accepted, the \$7,000 from SBCACF will be used for the capital renovation project at the Santa Maria Animal Care Center. This capital improvement project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2017, via BJE 0005437. This recent \$7,000 donation will partially supplant budgeted Animal Control Programs Restricted Fund Balance revenue and is included in BJE 0005539 (Attachment A).

The SBCACF donation of \$18,148.05 was received and deposited in the PHD Animal Services General Fund in February 2018. The DeGeneres donation of \$30,000 will be deposited upon receipt.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at: PHDCU@sbcpd.org

Attachments:

- A. Budget Journal Entry Number: BJE-0005539
- B. CEQA Notice of Exemption

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