



# TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023  
MEETING

<b>Meeting Called to Order:</b>	1:11 pm by Patrick Hamblin
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ATTENDANCE
<b>PRESENT:</b> BJ Motko, Carrie Morales, Damaris Menchaca, Donna Grigsby, Donna Sims, Lena Cooper, Oma Mansfield, Patrick Hamblin, Tracy Everett, Tricia Stever Blattler
<b>ALTERNATES PRESENT:</b>
<b>EXCUSED ABSENCE:</b> Amy Shuklian, Bridgette Davis, Denise Simmons, Mary Dieterle, Michelle Hart
<b>UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:</b> Michael Cortez
<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b> Mary Jungwirth, Ameet Nagra, Candace Harrington, Mayda Lutap, Mary Jane Galviso, Kelli Kincad

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mary Jane Galviso introduced herself. She is the Director of the Rural Community Resource Center in Oroquieta which is a non-profit organization. She wants to work with TCAS on multiple problems to address issues facing rural communities. Candace is the new Animal Services Manager in Visalia. Kelli is their City Director. Tricia is with Lab Rescue, and she talked about a dog they pulled from TCAS that was nominated for Farm Dog of the Year.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION: Review and Approval of minutes from Meeting on June 8, 2023</b>			
None			
<b>Motion:</b>	<i>Approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting on June 8, 2023</i>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	BJ Motko	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Tracy Everett
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Unanimous	<b>No:</b>	

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION: Comments from Advisory Committee Members</b>	
Discussion on the proposed updated rooster ordinance which is going to the Board on August 22 <sup>nd</sup> . BJ is dedicating her cattery on Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> . Will have a memorial that Saturday. Lena mentioned starting TNR with TCAS. Donna talked about the Porterville Spay/Neuter dinner next month on August 19 <sup>th</sup> which will be a tribute to Augie.	

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION: Update from Animal Services on Activities of Tulare County Animal Services</b>	
Discussion on A/C, Facilities, and vehicles. Will email totals on intakes and surgeries. Talked about the agenda item with the Board of Supervisors to discuss direction on the rooster ordinance that will be on August 22 <sup>nd</sup> Board Agenda. Three alternatives will be given to the Board of Supervisors to address possible restrictions on the number of roosters kept by a private citizen. RMA staff is asking the Board for direction. Option (A) Modify zoning ordinances to limit numbers. (B) Add an ordinance similar to Ventura County on roosters like kennel permits. (C) Not to take any action at this time. If abatement, TCAS would have to handle them, establish a permit program and manage it. Live Release Rate 85-92 % has opened doors to a number of things, such as grant funding and support. Having to hold and euthanize seized roosters will destroy these numbers. Could be a noise issue. Limiting the number of roosters. If option A or B, there would be an initial upfront cost for a new facility for roosters. Approximately 2.4 million dollars. Would be an 18-24 month process. Estimated cost about \$500,000/year.	
The Advisory Committee recommended that Option A and B would not be preferred and did not support those alternatives due to the significant cost and impact to staffing resources at TCAS.	



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AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Update from Ag Advisory Committee

There was no meeting in July.

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Update from Ad-Hoc Committees

**Membership:** No activity

**By-Laws:** Looking at modifying a couple of positions. Might have a red-line version in the next 2 weeks.

**Community Outreach:** No updates. Mary will make group emails specific to each committee.

**Budgetary Challenges:** Getting \$500,000 after the budget passes. One-time funds to update an aging fleet and enclose the washpad area for intake and quarantine. Replacing 3-4 trucks. Recently bought a Ford Edge for the Supervising Animal Control Officer. Talked about the electric vehicle mandate. Patrick will check on how many people can be on a committee.

**New Committees:** None

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Suggestions of Committee Alternates

Lena Cooper proposed a name for her alternate, Candace Harrington. Add to the next agenda.

**Motion:** *Appoint Rosemary Shelton as an alternate for Denise Simmons*

<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Tricia Stever Blattler	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Donna Grigsby
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<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	Unanimous	<b>No:</b>
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AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Additional Comments

None

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Adjourn meeting @ 2:27 pm

**Motion:** *Adjourn Meeting @ 2:27 pm by Patrick Hamblin*

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<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	No vote	<b>No:</b>
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