



TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023
MEETING**

Meeting Called to Order:	1:07 pm by Patrick Hamblin
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ATTENDANCE
PRESENT: BJ Motko, Carrie Morales, Damaris Menchaca, Donna Sims, Lena Cooper, Mary Dieterle, Oma Mansfield, Patrick Hamblin, Tracy Everett, Tricia Stever Blattler
ALTERNATES PRESENT: Rosemary Shelton
EXCUSED ABSENCE: Amy Shuklian, Bridgette Davis, Denise Simmons
UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Michael Cortez
GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Jungwirth, Cassie Heffington, Diana Mendez, David Yanez, Candace Harrington

PUBLIC COMMENT
The new County Counsel representatives, Diana and David, introduced themselves.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Review and Approval of minutes from Meeting on August 10, 2023			
None			
Motion:	<i>Approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting on August 10, 2023</i>		
1st:	BJ Motko	2nd:	Tricia Stever Blattler
Vote	Yes: Unanimous	No:	

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Comments from Advisory Committee Members
Did a round robin so each member could make a comment if they wanted to.

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Update from Animal Services on Activities of Tulare County Animal Services
<p>Cassie gave some shelter updates. 19 cats, 6 dogs last week. Every year around this time they get large hoarding cases. Shelter stats: 6,233 of which 5,000 were dogs. Will have 6,500 by the end of the year. 1,000 more dogs than last year and 1,600 more dogs than 2021. Live outcomes stayed the same. Getting about 10-30 dogs per day. The shelter recently hired some new staff. The outreach position opened last week and is open until Dec 22nd. Will open soon for the Animal Services Technician and the Animal Care Technician.</p> <p>For the Clinic: around 3,000 spay/neuter surgeries (3,189) this year. Saw 1,005 dogs and the rest were cats. We have been fixing some owned dogs whom the ACOs identified as needing assistance. 3,406 vaccines for animals. Did several vaccination clinics. Saw 144 animals at a drive-through clinic.</p> <p>We are also getting a grant from Cal for All Animals for \$100,000 for adoptions, reclaims and public spay/neuter.</p> <p>Patrick mentioned that the drafted BAI would be moving forward in January for the \$500,000. We are looking at purchasing 3 ACO trucks with climate control and 1 SUV to replace the old car, along with security, safety, and electrical upgrades.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Update from Ag Advisory Committee
Tricia said it was quiet through the summer. Had meetings in May and November. Their next meeting is in January. The rooster ordinance went to the Board for a public hearing. The Board chose action C – no action. Discussion on landfills and roadside dumping.



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Membership: Patrick went over the names to put forward. Talked about the City Representative position and possibly rotating between Porterville and Tulare.	
By-Laws: County Counsel has returned them. Now Patrick needs to review them and will get them out to the committee members.	
Community Outreach: None	
Budgetary Challenges: Will meet after Jan 1 st . The state is in a budget deficit.	
New Committees: None	

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Suggestions of Committee Alternates	
None	
Motion:	<i>Appoint Candace Harrington as an alternate for Lena Cooper</i>
1st:	Tricia Stever Blattler
2nd:	BJ Motko
Vote	Yes: Unanimous No:

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: 2024 Schedule of Meetings	
None	
Motion:	<i>Accept the 2024 Schedule of Meetings</i>
1st:	Oma Mansfield
2nd:	Damaris Menchaca
Vote	Yes: Unanimous No:

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Additional Comments	
Mary asked about how to get public spay/neuter appointments. Cassie talked about the increase in housing and jobs along with staffing limitations and recovery space for animals after surgery. Discussion on a possible workshop with a speaker from SF SPCA.	
Rosemary, Denise’s alternate, was told the meeting started at 2 pm. She mentioned there are too many animals and they are maxed out on animals.	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Adjourn meeting @ 2:22 pm	
Motion:	<i>Adjourn Meeting @ 2:22 pm by Patrick Hamblin</i>
1st:	Tricia Stever Blattler
2nd:	Oma Mansfield
Vote	Yes: No vote No: