

Monterey County Animal Advisory Board

Monterey County Animal Services Center

Meeting Date: July Time: 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

District 1	Tom Collier
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 3	Basil Smith
District 4	Darlene Drain
District 5	Susan O'Brien
Member-At-Large	Shirely Jorgenson
Member-At-Large	Barbara DeGroot
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey

Members Absent:

District 2	Joy Rosales
District 4	Darlene Drain
District 5	Susan O'Brien
Member-At-Large	Beth Winters

Ex-Officio Representatives Present:

Gary Tiscornia, SPCA of Monterey County

Staff:

Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services
Nancy Ratto, Animal Services Supervisor

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2009 were reviewed with suggestions for a change, then approved.

Kathy reported that there is a County-wide hiring freeze. The final budget restraints have not yet been determined. The County developed a new Internship program to help with vacant positions, and Animal Services has a new intern in the Volunteer Coordinator position. Also, animal control and administration has been very involved in a time-consuming vicious dog abatement, which has required many hours with County Counsel and generated considerable attorney expense.

Kathy informed the Board that a new member, Beth Winters, has been appointed from the Bryson-Hesperia area in south Monterey County near Lake San Antonio. She is an active advocate for spay/neuter programs, and has spayed and neutered feral cats, which she has accepted ownership of.

An article from the Monterey County Herald was passed around which highlighted Tom Bailey's efforts and Misty Blue in dog therapy in local hospitals and convalescent centers.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.