

Monterey County Animal Advisory Board

Monterey County Animal Services Center

Meeting Date: October 28, 2009 Time: 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

District 3	Basil Smith
District 4	Darlene Drain
Member-At-Large	Barbara DeGroot
Member-At-Large	Beth Winters
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey

Members Absent:

District 1	Tom Collier
District 2	Joy Rosales
District 5	Susan O'Brien

Ex-Officio Representatives Present:

Jenny Sherwood, SPCA of Monterey County

Staff:

Allen Stroh, EH/AS Bureau Director
Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services
Valiska Lujan, Animal Control Officer

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2009 and July 22, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Kathy Prew introduced Allen Stroh, the Director of the newly created Bureau of Environmental Health and Animal Services. Allen gave the group a brief history of his professional background and previous experience in Orange County with Animal Services. Allen explained that, with many issues, the County may establish a Task Force to involve various working groups involved to seek input and seek solutions.

Kathy stated that Animal Services will participate in an All-Employee Staff Meeting with Environmental Health in November, at which Animal Services will present an overview of the program. She also distributed a recent newsletter produced by Animal Services, which contained Maddies Fund Statistics, in order to meet conditions of a generous grant of \$20,000 from Maddies Fund, which will be used primarily for spay/neuter subsidies for families facing financial hardship.

Title 8 changes were reviewed. Recommendations from County Counsel were discussed, such as an increased fee for unaltered animals, rather than mandatory neuter. County Counsel also recommended due process; however, Kathy expressed hoped that an administrative hearing would not be required with each 3rd impound, due to the time and work required of staff to conduct such a hearing.