

Monterey County Animal Advisory Board

Monterey County Animal Services Center

Meeting Date: August 25, 2010 Time: 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

District 1	Tom Collier
District 3	Basil Smith
District 5	Susan O'Brien
Member-At-Large	Beth Winters

Members Absent:

District 2	Joy Rosales
District 4	Darlene Drain
Member-At-Large	Barbara De Groodt
Member-At-Large	Shirely Jorgensen
Member-At-Large	Tom Bailey

Ex-Officio Representatives Present:

Jenny Sherwood, SPCA of Monterey County

Guest: Stacy Saetta, County Counsel

Staff: Kathy Prew, Director of Animal Services

In the absence of Barbara De Groodt, Beth Winters chaired the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

Kathy Prew reported on the impact of the budget cuts for fiscal year 2010-11. Several representatives of the Advisory Board and FoCAS Board spoke at the budget hearings before the Board of Supervisors. The original proposal was to eliminate 9 of 21 staff positions at Animal Services. Ultimately, 3 positions were cut, which included both supervisor positions and a part-time office assistant. Those cuts have left Animal Services at a very tight level to meet job expectations, particularly in Animal Care. Cal-Works and the Sheriff's Work Release Program are being sought out for assistance in the shelter. Animal Control officers are now working routine duties seven days/week, and emergency on-call at night and on holidays.

Stacy Saetta, County Counsel, reviewed many aspects of our proposal with the Advisory Board. Kathy Prew was asked to check on permit fees, permit application fees, and ordinances in So. California regarding sale of puppies and kittens, to provide comparable information from other counties.

The next meeting was set for October 27, 2010. The meeting was adjourned.