

**Monterey County of Monterey Animal Control Program Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 12, 2014-3:30-5:00 PM

**Location:**

Monterey County Animal Services Center  
160 Hitchcock Rd, Salinas CA 93906

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm

Minutes approved by the Board for the December 12, 2013 meeting.

A minimum of 5 members are present and a quorum is established.

**Members present:**

Mark Lasnik, Representing District 4- Supervisor Parker

Mary Arnold, Appointee of the Director of Health

Nancy Treffry, Appointee of the Director of Health

Tom Collier, Representing District 1- Supervisor Armenta

Tom Bailey, Appointee of the Director of Health

Nannette Newbury, Representing District 2- Supervisor Calcagno

**Members Absent:**

Kelly Dobel, Appointee of the Director of Health

Gary Tiscornia, SPCA of Monterey County, Ex-Officio Member

Basil Smith, Representing District 3- Supervisor Salinas

Dr. Al Chan, Representing District 5- Supervisor Potter

**Ex Officio Members Present:**

N/A

**County of Members:**

Kate Davis-Hill, Operations Manager, Animal Services

John Ramirez, Director, Environmental Health Bureau

Alma Rubio, Administrative Assistant I

**Public Attendees:**

N/A

**II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There are no comments from members of the public.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence reviewed at the meeting.

**IV. REPORTS**

- A. Kate Davis-Hill, Operations Manager provided program updates. Currently, Animal Services is installing an energy efficient washer and dryer that will facilitate and improve operations in the shelter, as well as a key access system for site and employee safety. Monterey County Animal Services was granted \$5,000 by FoCAS and requested an additional \$5,000. Currently the adoption fee for cats is 50% off due to FoCAS donation which offsets the actual cost. MCAS will evaluate areas where the grant could be utilized to help out the public. Moreover, MCAS will be working in conjunction with the SPCA for Monterey County, Animal Welfare Information and Assistance, and City of Salinas Animal Services to host an event at the Cesar Chavez Library on August 9, 2014 to provide resources to the public so

that they can provide proper care for their animals. It was also noted that there has been a decrease on intake and euthanasia rate for dogs and cats and a 10% increase in life release. Finally, MCAS will be working with City of Salinas to re-release healthy feral cats back to the community from where they were brought once they been sterilized and vaccinated, funded by the grant received from the ASPCA for \$10,000.

- B. John Ramirez discussed the status of the rooster ordinance which is currently under review by Rebecca Cenicerros if approved by her then it will follow to the release of the Final Draft. There would be a notification of the First Reading to the Advisory Board which will be taking place on mid-August and early September.
- C. Nancy Treffry presented important dates for The Humane Society of the United States, Animal Sheltering and recommended to establish something similar.
- D. Mark Lasnik presented on meeting with the Director of Health, Ray Bullick and the Director of Environmental Health, John Ramirez. He provided information that the board should work to develop a recommendation for a spay/neuter ordinance along with other area organizations who are developing similar ordinances. Kate Davis-Hill, Operations Manager for Monterey County Animal Services provided research information from other jurisdictions. Mark also reviewed the board should continue to work on the Title 8, but work towards creating a single finalized document to take to Ray Bullick, the Director of Health, to be approved for development.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board Members reviewed topics chose from Title 8 and gave a brief discussion on their recommendations.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. County Council will be present at the Advisory Board meetings starting on September 11, 2014 to provide clarification as needed on procedural issues of the Advisory Board and provide information regarding the function of members within the Advisory Board.
- B. Board member Kelly Dobel has failed to attend three consecutive meetings therefore allowing her position to be declared vacant. Tom Bailey moved to send the Director of Health the communication proposed by Mark Lasnik to open Kelly Dobel's position on the board. The motion was seconded by Tom Collier, and passed unanimously. In addition the Advisory Board requests that the seat's term ending date be changed to July 1, 2015 so that one-third of the Advisory Board term out every year. Director of Health will be appointing a new member as soon as possible; hopefully vacancy is filled before the next Advisory board meeting by September 11, 2014.

## **VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ADJOURMENT**

### Meeting Schedule

Thursday September 11, 2014 at 3:30 to 5:00 pm

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- A. Meeting venue- Monterey County Animal Shelter  
160 Hitchcock Road, Salinas CA 93906  
Phone: (831) 769-8850-Fax :( 831) 443-953
- B. Meeting Adjourned at 5 pm

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