



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 29, 2017

DEPARTMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

FROM: CYNTHIA BURNHAM, POLICE SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

THROUGH: ADELE FRESÉ, CHIEF OF POLICE

TITLE: ANIMAL SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

It is recommended that City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement for mutual aid with Santa Cruz County Animal Services and the SPCA for Monterey County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of this report and approval of a Resolution granting authorization for the City Manager to sign the agreement for mutual aid with Santa Cruz County Animal Services and the SPCA for Monterey County.

BACKGROUND:

The storms in early 2017 caused concern in many communities including within Animal Services agencies regarding access to quick assistance should it be needed. As roads closed and rivers rose in several communities on the Central Coast, local shelters including the Salinas Animal Shelter had to consider alternative strategies for the staff and animals in their care. As the weather improved, discussions began between neighboring animal shelter facilities to establish a formal mutual aid agreement in the event assistance is needed related to an emergency and/or natural disaster.

While the agencies included in this agreement already maintain good working relationships on a day-to-day basis, this agreement serves as a formal agreement for the specific purpose of mutual aid during an emergency and/or natural disaster. This agreement does not require assistance be provided if requested; only that the assistance be considered and provided if it's available. And should it be provided, this agreement allows for the reimbursement for such assistance. It also allows additional agencies to sign the agreement as well as allows for any changes to the agreement should another entity be formed.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

1. Economic Diversity and Prosperity: This item does not specifically relate to one of the Council's Strategic Plan or Goal.
2. Safe, Livable Community: This item relates to this initiative by continuing to embody the attitude of partnership and shared responsibility to look out for one another to reduce crime and improve overall safety of all residents, including the animals in our care.
3. Effective, Sustainable Government: This item does not specifically relate to one of the Council's Strategic Plan or Goal.
4. Well Planned City and Excellent Infrastructure: This item does not specifically relate to one of the Council's Strategic Plan or Goal.
5. Quality of Life: This item does not specifically relate to one of the Council's Strategic Plan or Goal.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no fiscal and sustainability impact related to this report to Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

ASA-SCC-Salinas MAA-Final
Resolution