

Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 28, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Governing Board Members
(*Indicates Voting Member)
Dan Carson, City of Davis*
Josh Chapman, City of Davis
Wade Cowan, City of Winters*
Mayra Vega, City of Woodland*
Rich Lansburgh, City of Woodland
Gary Sandy, County of Yolo*
Jim Provenza, County of Yolo

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1. Call to Order (Sandy)
2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of the agenda. (Sandy)
3. **Action Item:** Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 by finding that (a) the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency is ongoing, and (b) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. (Sandy) (Attachment A)
4. **Action Item:** Receive and file June 30, 2022, meeting minutes (Sandy) (Attachment B)
5. **Action Item:** Receive and file Correspondence (Attachment C) received by the YASPA JPA between 6/28/2022 and 6/30/2022. These items were forwarded to the JPA members via

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2. Email from Laura Reyes discussing the need for increased support for Community Cats and in support of a new animal shelter.
3. Update from Stephanie Amato, Director of Yolo County Animal Services (YCAS), on current YCAS projects and staffing.
6. **Public Comment:** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency on subjects relating to YASPA business and not otherwise on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to 2 minutes (subject to change).
7. Welcome and introduce new County Administrator Gerardo Pinedo. (Van Hoosear)
8. Receive staff update on follow-up items from the June 30, 2022, JPA meeting; and provide staff direction as needed. (Van Hoosear)
9. Adjournment (Sandy)

Next Meeting: August 25, 2022

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Yolo County Administrator's Office
625 Court Street,
Room 202
Woodland, CA 95695

Meeting Date: 07/28/2022

SUBJECT

Action Item: Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 by finding that (a) the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency is ongoing, and (b) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. (Sandy) (Attachment A)

Attachments

Att. A AB 361 Memo

Form Review

Form Started By: Joanne Van Hoosear
Final Approval Date: 07/25/2022

Started On: 07/25/2022 10:48 AM



COUNTY OF YOLO

Office of the County Administrator

Gerardo Pinedo
County Administrator

625 Court Street, Room 202 • Woodland, CA 95695
Phone: (530) 666-8150
www.yolocounty.org

Date: July 25, 2022

To: Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency JPA

Fr: Joanne Van Hoosear, Management Analyst

Re: Authorize Continued Remote Meetings

Subject

Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that (a) the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency is ongoing, and (b) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Reason for Recommended Action/Background

The Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency JPA (“JPA”) has been meeting remotely since the first meeting of the JPA on October 1, 2020. AB 361 amended the Brown Act to add simplified procedures that make it easier to hold remote meetings during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor (a local emergency is insufficient). To meet remotely during a proclaimed emergency, the legislative body must find either of the following circumstances is present: (a) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; or (b) as a result of the declared emergency, the legislative body finds by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Through March 2022, the JPA relied on the social distancing recommendations of the County Health Officer in adopting AB 361 findings. Like many other county health officers, however, Dr. Sisson is no longer recommending social distancing and JPA Members must therefore consider the "imminent risks" finding to continue meeting remotely. The “imminent risk” finding is substantiated based on:

- Public meeting spaces in County buildings were not designed to ensure attendees can remain the necessary six feet apart to reduce the possibility of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19.

- Holding in-person meetings requires community members to come to County facilities to participate in local government. Some public members and members of the JPA are likely to be at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19 and/or live with someone who is at high risk.

On these grounds, staff believe JPA Members can appropriately make the findings necessary to allow continued implementation of AB 361.

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Att. B Meeting Minutes

Form Review

Form Started By: Joanne Van Hoosear
Final Approval Date: 07/25/2022

Started On: 07/25/2022 10:50 AM

Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency
Yolo County, California

June 30, 2022

MINUTES

The Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency met on the 30th day of June, 2022, via [teleconference](#) at 2:00 p.m. pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1) (as amended by Assembly Bill 361), available at the following [link](#).

Present: City of Davis* Dan Carson; City of Winters* Wade Cowan; City of Woodland* (arrived late) Mayra Vega; City of Woodland Rich Lansburgh; County of Yolo Jim Provenza

Absent: City of Davis Josh Chapman; County of Yolo Gary Sandy

Staff Present: Joanne VanHoosear, Management Analyst
Stephanie Amato, Animal Services Director
Eric May, Senior Deputy County Counsel
Julie Dachtler, Senior Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order (Sandy)
2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of the agenda. (Sandy)

Minute Order No. 22-12: Approved agenda as submitted.

MOTION BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Vega
AYES: Carson, Cowan, Provenza, Vega.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Chapman, Sandy.

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Minute Order No. 22-13: Authorized remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that (a) the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency is ongoing, and (b) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

MOTION BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Provenza
AYES: Carson, Cowan, Provenza, Vega.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Chapman, Sandy.

4. Receive and file May 26, 2022, meeting minutes (Sandy) (Attachment B)

Minute Order No. 22-14: Received and filed May 26, 2022, meeting minutes.

MOTION BY: Provenza / SECONDED BY: Vega
AYES: Carson, Cowan, Provenza, Vega.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Chapman, Sandy.

5. **Public Comment:** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency on subjects relating to YASPA business and not otherwise on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to 2 minutes (subject to change).

Lisa Gaynes addressed the Board during public comment and Julie Sontag provided written comments through Chat, since she was unable to verbally present her comments. She said she strongly supports improving YCAS and doing so through a JPA seems promising and thanked everyone for their efforts.

6. Receive panelist presentation and conduct discussion session with Yolo County animal sheltering/welfare partners; and, as needed, direct staff regarding future JPA Board agenda items. (Van Hoosear)

Eileen Samitz, Sally Ozonoff, Lori Lubin and Lisa Gaynes addressed the Board on this item.

Received panelist presentation and conducted discussion session with Yolo County animal sheltering/welfare partners; and, as needed, directed staff regarding future JPA Board agenda items.

7. Adjournment (Sandy)

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Att. C Correspondence

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Form Started By: Joanne Van Hoosear
Final Approval Date: 07/25/2022

Started On: 07/25/2022 11:22 AM

From: [Mike Smith](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Animal shelter
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:10:49 PM

All of the registered voters in this household strongly favor funding the new animal shelter.

Thanks,
Mike Smith
1314 B St

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From: [Rod Macdonald](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Funding for new animal shelter
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 3:39:04 PM

To the JPA,

Please fund a new animal shelter for our county. It is long overdue. Plans for a new facility were made in 2014. That was 8 years ago! I recall that there was a great ground swell of support from the animal loving public at that time.

What is the hang up with moving forward?

Thank you for your time,

Maura Metz, rural Yolo County resident

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Marcia Reemts](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: New animal shelter needed
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 5:02:33 AM

Hello,

I'm writing this email to strongly urge the Joint Powers Agency to consider the need for a new animal shelter in Yolo County. For years we have tried to get by with an outdated and inadequate shelter which is really a disgrace to our community. The needs of homeless animals are barely being met presently and so it is time to make important changes. I am personally tired of seeing money poured into street construction, library updates, homeless shelter construction while our poor animals are treated as though they are just throw away commodities. We live in a county that has one of the most celebrated veterinary schools in the nation and yet our animal facilities are embarrassingly inadequate. We should all feel ashamed.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this critical matter.

Marcia Reemts

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From: [Amy Hanna](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Needed animal shelter
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 6:59:15 AM

Hello Ms. VanHoosear,

As a small business owner and longtime resident of Davis, California, I have been affiliated with many aspects of the Yolo County Animal Services shelter, from fostering, volunteering at spay neuter clinics, transporting to other shelters, donating both money and supplies, and forming many long-term friendships with both people who work there and people who rescue animals to help facilitate adoptions of those animals.

Our Animal Services shelter is outdated and not having a modern shelter means we are unable to care for and help the number of animals in Yolo County who need help.

It is time to make build a new shelter. The animals deserve it. The people who give their lives to saving these animals deserve it. The public deserves it. Please do all in your power to make this new shelter happen. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
Amy Hanna
Above & Beyond Home & Animal Services
(530) 219-7536

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From: [Charlotte Cardey](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Support for Shelter
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:27:04 AM

We have Yolo Crisis Nursery moving into a new place. We have the homeless getting a new building at Paul's Place. People needing help have limited, but choices for help. The animals at the shelter need a new facility . They do not have a choice. Let us take care of them as humane, caring people. Please vote for helping them.

Thank you.

Juliana Wells
Charlotte Cardey
carwells@thegrid.net
1102 Eureka Ave

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Margo Surovik](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: New yolo county animal shelter
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:14:45 PM

Dear JPA Meetings Coordinator,

Our current Yolo County Animal Shelter is far too small, too outdated, and needs more staffing. Our County Shelter has been seriously neglected for years and needs far more funding to move forward with a desperately needed new animal shelter.

While the County Shelter staff do a really good job despite being seriously short-staffed and having inadequate facilities, we need to take action by advocating for the JPA to support providing the funding to help implement the plans that were made in 2014 for a new Yolo County Animal Shelter.

This neglected department needs to be addressed *now* by the JPA and plans to build a new shelter *need to move forward*.

Thank you,

Margo Surovik-Bohnert
1854 Renoir Ave
Davis, CA 95618

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From: [allen.bohnert](#)
To: [Joanne.VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Yolo County Animal Shelter Support
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 1:55:39 PM
Importance: High

Hello,

I am submitting email Yolo County Animal Shelter comments for today's upcoming Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Meeting.

I understand that the JPA was formed to address the decades long issue of the need for a new Yolo County Animal Shelter, which is a department that has been neglected for too long. While the County Shelter staff do a really good job despite being seriously short-staffed and having inadequate facilities. Therefore, I am advocating that the JPA supports providing the funding to help implement the plans that were made in 2014 for a new Yolo County Animal Shelter.

The County has already spent a significant amount of money designing a terrific new animal shelter via a collaborative effort between UCD's Shelter Animal Medicine Department and a local architect group here in Davis. While we have the number one veterinary school at UCD in the nation, in contrast, have one of the most outdated and struggling animal shelters which is unable to offer low-cost neutering anymore because of the lack of funding staffing and resources. This, in turn, has contributed to the over-population of dogs and cats resulting in the shelter exploding with animals for adoption.

Thank you for seriously considering this topic and its related issues; and, for moving forward with a new shelter.

/S/ Allen Bohnert /S/
1854 Renoir Ave.
Davis, CA 95618
530-564-4585 9home phone #)

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From: [Laura Reyes](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Joint Powers Agency (JPA)
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 6:29:51 PM

My name is Laura Reyes and I have lived in Davis for 27 years. I have relied on Yolo County Animal Services many times to assist with injured cats. I help feed two colonies in Davis. The lack of support for Community Cats is disheartening. We so need more services and support. Please allow for more homed and homeless animal to be given the care they so deserve. I am 100% behind the a new shelter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Laura Reyes

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From: [Stephanie Amato](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: Animal Services Update 6-22
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:28:36 AM
Attachments: [Animal Services Update 6 22 to cities.pdf](#)
[Facilities Condition Assessment - Detail Animal Shelter.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

I wanted to provide you an update on some of the projects and current staffing at Animal Services. Many of these projects have been previously presented to your jurisdiction's contract contacts for approval, which is greatly appreciated by our team!!

I have also included the 2013 Facilities Assessment Report as requested by a few. Also as an update to a few of the deficiencies pictured in the report, we have replaced the Evaporative Coolers on the Dog Building (20/21) and repainted the interior of the Dog Adoption area (19/20). I can provide additional updates to the proposed deficiencies if necessary, but at least this gives an idea of the necessary repairs, upgrades, etc. identified in 2013.

We are also very full of adoptable dogs and cats, especially KITTENS!! To view our available animals please visit:

www.friendsofycas.org.

Please pass this information on, and I would love to be connected to your social media teams to provide them with these types of announcements in the future.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for off-site adoption opportunities or social media avenues we can explore to help spread the word we have so many pets available.

Thank you all for your support as we work together to continue the positive direction of Animal Services, and improve the lives of the animals in the communities we serve.

Stephanie

Stephanie Amato
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