

Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 9:00 a.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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9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order. (Chair)
2. Roll Call. (Clerk)
3. Consider approval of the agenda. (Sandy)
4. **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).

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Renew authorization for remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 on the basis 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. (Attachment A)
6. Approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting (Attachment B).
7. Receive and file Correspondence received by the YASPA JPA between July 26, 2022, and July 28, 2022, that were previously forwarded to the JPA members via email (Attachment C).

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Receive brief presentation and conduct JPA discussion with the Chief Executive Officer of Sacramento SPCA, regarding topics including:
 - * Animal services governance
 - * Public/private partnerships in animal sheltering and welfare
 - * Renovating/expending current shelter facilities vs. new construction (Altine/Van Hoosear)
9. Receive staff updates (Van Hoosear):
 - Jurisdiction survey on service levels/expectations
 - On-site veterinary services hours analysis in progress
 - Status of Yolo County Spay/Neuter Group partnership opportunities

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: September 22, 2022

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

Meeting Date: 08/23/2022

SUBJECT

Renew authorization for remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 on the basis 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. (Attachment A)

Attachments

Att. A - AB 361 Memo

Form Review

Form Started By: Joanne Van Hoosear
Final Approval Date: 08/18/2022

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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: August 18, 2022

To: Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency JPA

Fr: Joanne Van Hoosear, Management Analyst

Re: Authorize Continued Remote Meetings

Subject

Renew authorization for remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 on the basis 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.

Meeting Date: 08/23/2022

SUBJECT

Approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting (Attachment B).

Attachments

Att. B Meeting Minutes

Form Review

Form Started By: Joanne Van Hoosear
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Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency
Yolo County, California

July 28, 2022

MINUTES

The Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency met on the 28th day of July, 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; County of Yolo* Gary Sandy

Absent: City of Davis Josh Chapman; City of Woodland* Mayra Vega; City of Woodland Rich Lansburgh; County of Yolo Jim Provenza

Staff Present: Joanne VanHoosear, Management Analyst
Stephanie Amato, Animal Services Director
Phil Pogledich, County Counsel
Julie Dachtler, Clerk

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

Minute Order No. 22-15: Approved agenda as submitted.

MOTION BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Cowan

AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vega.

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)

Minute Order No. 22-16: 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: Cowan

AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vega.

4. **Action Item:** Receive and file June 30, 2022, meeting minutes (Sandy) (Attachment B)

Minute Order No. 22-17: Received and filed the June 30, 2022 meeting minutes.

MOTION BY: Carson / SECONDED BY: Cowan

AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vega.

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 emails on 6/29/2022 and 6/30/2022; however, they were not included with the prior agenda packet since all correspondence was received subsequent to the public posting of the 6/30/2022 YASPA JPA meeting agenda.

1. Emails in support of funding a new animal shelter sent by the following individuals:

- Mike Smith
- Maura Metz
- Marcia Reemts
- Amy Hanna
- Juliana Wells and Charlotte Cardey
- Margo Surovik-Bohnert
- Allen Bohnert

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.

Minute Order No. 22-18: Received and filed Correspondence (Attachment C) received by the YASPA JPA between 6/28/2022 and 6/30/2022.

MOTION BY: Cowan SECONDED BY: Carson

AYES: Carson, Cowan, Sandy.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vega.

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).

Cindy Schneider, Ann Kokalis and Lea Rosenberg addressed the Board during public comment. Additionally, comments from Evelyn Dale, Julie Chang and Odette Christiansen were read into the record.

7. Welcome and introduce new County Administrator Gerardo Pinedo. (Van Hoosear)

It was noted that Gerardo Pinedo was not able to attend this meeting, so this item will be brought back at the August meeting.

8. Receive staff update on follow-up items from the June 30, 2022, JPA meeting; and provide staff direction as needed. (Van Hoosear)

Robert Schabert, Sally Ozonoff, Cindy Schneider and Eileen Samitz addressed the Board on this item.

Received staff update on follow-up items from the June 30, 2022, JPA meeting; and provided staff direction as needed. One action that was decided was to seek a site visit at the El Dorado County Animal Services and Sacramento SPCA jurisdictions.

9. Adjournment (Sandy)

Next Meeting: August 23, 2022

Meeting Date: 08/23/2022

SUBJECT

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Attachments

Att. C Correspondence

Form Review

Form Started By: Joanne Van Hoosear
Final Approval Date: 08/18/2022

Started On: 08/18/2022 12:39 PM

Joanne VanHoosear

From: Evelyn Dale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Joanne VanHoosear; Jim Provenza
Subject: Yolo County Needs a New Animal Shelter

Hello Joanne and Jim,

I am emailing you both because I am unable to attend the JPA for Animal Services meeting this Thursday July 28th.

Below are comments I wish to have included in the meeting.

Thank you,

Evelyn

Comments for JPA for Animal Services Meeting Thursday July 28th Meeting

It's time to build a new animal shelter for Yolo County Animal Services! The current shelter buildings are much too old, way too small, and clearly outmoded.

Yolo County's homeless animals await the changes needed to provide them with a safe and humane shelter. We can and should do better for Yolo County's homeless animals.

I believe Yolo County residents support building a new animal shelter that would serve our community better and am confident that the JPA for Animal Services can find a way to do so.

Evelyn Dale

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Joanne VanHoosear

From: Julie Chang <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Joanne VanHoosear
Subject: YASPA

Hi Joanne,

I am a board member of Unleashing The Possibilities Inc., a Davis non-profit created to fundraise and support the new animal services center. I am unable to join Zoom tomorrow and would like to add my supporting email to the list of supporters. I was a shelter volunteer for many years, a certificated dog trainer and am active in raising awareness about animal welfare in general and in Davis in particular. I believe in a facility that can provide resources and support our pet loving community. YCAS is doing a great job with a less than ideal facility. However, the displaced animals waiting and looking for their forever home would benefit greatly from a new structure that can provide them with better physical, and emotional health.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julielani

Julie Chang Ph.D., CTC, FFCP
[The Life of Kai](#)



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Joanne VanHoosear

From: Laura Reyes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 4:16 PM
To: Joanne VanHoosear
Subject: Public Comment to JPA for a new animal shelter

Dear Yolo County Representatives, Members and Staff,

Let's move forward with a new animal shelter!
I support a new animal shelter wholeheartedly!

I have been active with the feral cat community in Davis for a decade.

I help care for a couple colonies in Davis and assisted in getting 56 feral cats, at one of the local mobile home parks, spayed and neutered. The spay and neuter procedures were done at Sacramento SPCA, NOT Yolo County Animal Services. This endeavor took about a year and there were many hours spent. The residents needed lots of help with the process, financially and logistically.

It was beyond frustrating to not have support from Yolo County Animal Services when assistance was requested for spay and neuter services for the cats of the mobile home park.

Let's do right by the animals in Yolo County and proceed with a new animal shelter!

Thank you for your time and attention in this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Reyes
Davis, CA

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Joanne VanHoosear

From: Carolyn Flanigan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 5:42 PM
To: Joanne VanHoosear
Subject: New Yolo County Animal Shelter

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email to advocate for a new Yolo County animal shelter. The current one is too small to address the needs of our pet population. I am in favor in supporting this project.

Thank You,

Carolyn Flanigan

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Joanne VanHoosear

From: allen bohnert <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 7:30 PM
To: Joanne VanHoosear
Subject: Upcoming JPA Meeting email comments

Importance: High

Hello,

My family and I understand that the Yolo County has talked about a new animal shelter for more than a decade, yet the County has not moved forward with this desperately needed new animal shelter. The County needs to stop ignoring and neglecting the many animals in need of this shelter and the services needed for Yolo County residents for these animals.

- 1) Our current Yolo County Animal Shelter is far too small, too outdated, and needs more staffing as well. Our County Shelter has been seriously neglected for years and needs far more funding to move forward with a desperately needed new animal shelter to become a reality.
- 2) This neglected department needs to be addressed now by the JPA and plans to build a new shelter with the needed services for Yolo County needs to move forward now. This has been delayed too long already and the need is now more urgent, than ever.
- 3) While the County Shelter staff are doing a good job despite being seriously short-staffed, are underfunded and have inadequate facilities, we need the JPA to take action to provide the approval to help implement the plans that were made in 2014 for a new Yolo County Animal Shelter.

Again, my Davis family and friends ask that you take our above comments seriously and thank you for ALL that you are doing.

allen bohnert
1854 Renoir Ave., Davis, CA 95618

please confirm receipt

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From: [Odette Christensen](#)
To: [Joanne VanHoosear](#)
Subject: JPA meeting today
Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022 7:35:51 AM

I am unable to attend the meeting today due to a prior commitment but I hope you can relay my comments. I have been volunteering at the Yolo County Animal Shelter for more than three years. I am very impressed by the people who work and volunteer there. The YCAS is full of people who care about animals and are very knowledgeable and experienced. Unfortunately the facilities are outdated and embarrassing. We need to stop talking and start doing something about providing our animals and our people serving them with a decent facility.

Thank you

Odette Christensen

530 665 6446

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