



COUNTY OF YOLO

YOLO ANIMAL SERVICES PLANNING AGENCY JPA

Bill Biasi, Mayor, City of Winters
Chair

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To: Yolo Animal Services Planning Agency JPA (YASPA JPA)

From: Alexander Tengolics, Director of Strategic Operations

Subject: Receive update on Yolo County Animal Services from the Sheriff's Office/CAO to the Department of Community Services and next steps.

Background

At the January 23 Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, the BOS approved the transition of Animal Services from the Sheriff's Office/County Administrator's Office to the Department of Community Services (DCS). This will occur over the next several months. Both departments are supportive of this recommendation and the Department of Community Services has experience administering similar programs such as Code and Cannabis Code Enforcement. Staff does not intend nor anticipate any operational changes or costs associated with this transition. Separately, DCS has staff reviewed the existing Animal Services facilities and space needs and will provide a brief presentation on forthcoming anticipated facility improvements to support Animal Services' mission (Att. A and B).

The BOS also requested the Animal Services Planning JPA (JPA) to formally consider its collective interest in a shared governance model of Animal Services. Such a model could allow for the JPA to directly contract with the County for Animal Services while the JPA could collectively make decisions related to desired service levels, the allocation of costs across jurisdictions, and funding strategies for a new shelter. The below chart captures some broad potential benefits and considerations of this approach to help inform the JPA's initial discussion.

Benefits of Shared Governance	Considerations of Shared Governance
Collaborative approach for considering and implementing policy and budgetary decisions (levels of service, allocation of resources and costs, long-term shelter improvements, etc.)	Consultation and consideration of alternative ideas is time-consuming may policy implementation.
Closer proximity to service delivery may better allow for community specific needs or issues to be considered and addressed.	Potential for divergences in priorities.
Recognition of the shared responsibility of providing animal services.	Short-term opportunity and soft costs (staff time, etc.) to establish shared governance model and define structure (administrative staffing, etc.)