



Board Agenda Item 51

DATE: May 17, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Robert W. Bash, Director of Internal Services/Chief Information Officer
David Luchini, RN, PHN, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Retroactive Facility Use Agreement with Fresno Humane Animal Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a retroactive Facility Use Agreement with Fresno Humane Animal Services for County-owned space located at 1510 Dan Ronquillo Drive, Fresno, CA 93706 (20,713 square feet) to be used to operate the County's Animal Control facility, effective March 7, 2022 through December 31, 2029, with an optional one-year extension (\$0).

Approval of the recommended action will allow Fresno Humane Animal Services (FHAS) to occupy and operate the County's new Animal Control facility. FHAS will provide mandated shelter and animal control services throughout the unincorporated areas of the County, pursuant to Agreement No. 19-562. This item pertains to a location in District 1.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Your Board may choose not to approve the recommended agreement; however, FHAS would be unable to provide mandated shelter and animal control services to the unincorporated areas of the County at the new facility.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The recommended agreement is retroactive to March 7, 2022, due to prolonged internal department review of the recommended agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. The facility is owned by the County and operating costs are included in Agreement No. 19-562.

DISCUSSION:

The County is mandated by the California Food and Agricultural Code, Penal Code, and Fresno County Ordinance Code to provide animal control services throughout the unincorporated areas of the County. Prior to 2014, these services were performed through a contracted provider at their facility; however, when the agreement was canceled by the provider, the County constructed a temporary shelter at 760 W. Nielsen Avenue in Fresno. The temporary shelter was operated by FHAS for animal control services. However, the facility was inadequate, costly to maintain, and was planned and designed as a temporary solution until a new facility could be constructed.

On July 9, 2019, the Board approved the purchase of vacant land located at 190 and 192 South West Avenue, Fresno, CA 93706, for construction of a new cost-effective animal control facility. The address of the new facility is 1510 Dan Ronquillo Drive.

On October 22, 2019, the Board approved Agreement No. 19-562 with FHAS to provide shelter and animal control services in the County's unincorporated areas. Pursuant to the Agreement, FHAS was required to provide services at the County's Animal Control facility, and all costs for maintenance and utilities are borne by the County.

On March 7, 2022, FHAS began its occupancy of the new Animal Control facility. Approval of the recommended action will formalize FHAS' occupancy of the new Animal Control facility, effective March 7, 2022 through December 31, 2029. The recommended agreement includes an optional one-year extension to allow for transitioning of services, should a new vendor be selected in the future to provide mandated shelter and animal control services.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #7, October 22, 2019

BAI #7, July 9, 2019

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with FHAS

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia M. De La Rosa