



# Board Agenda Item 52

DATE: August 7, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Steven White, Director  
Department of Public Works and Planning

SUBJECT: Petition for Waiver of Absences for Zoo Authority Board Member

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve petition for waiver of absences for Kent Stratford to allow him to retain his position on the Fresno County Zoo Authority Board.**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Mr. Stratford to remain as a regular member of the Fresno County Zoo Authority Board. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, Mr. Stratford will be deemed to have resigned if he misses a third meeting in 2018, and your Board would need to appoint a new regular member.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Fresno County Ordinance Code, Section 2.68.010.A, regarding member attendance at meetings, except as otherwise specifically provided by the Ordinance Code, a nonelected member of any board, commission, committee or council appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be deemed to have resigned his or her membership for absences in excess of two regular meetings in a calendar year if the board, commission, committee or council has six or fewer regular meetings per calendar year.

Per the Zoo Authority bylaws Section B.1., the Board is required to meet a minimum of four times per year.

Further, Section 2.68.035 states that, "Where a member has been absent from meetings such that one additional absence will result in an automatic resignation, that member may petition the board of supervisors for a waiver of one or more of the prior absences. Such petition may only be made once per calendar year. The granting of such petition shall be based on good cause as determined in the sole discretion of the board of supervisors."

Mr. Stratford was absent from meetings held on February 13, 2018 and May 30, 2018, for the reasons mentioned in his petition, included as Attachment A. Mr. Stratford is asking for a waiver of the two absences so that he may continue to serve on the Zoo Authority Board.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Attachment A

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia M. De La Rosa