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**Ventura County Animal Services Commission
Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017**

1. Call to Order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Supervisor Steve Bennett – County of Ventura, Board of Supervisors; Commissioner Kevin Kildee – City of Camarillo; Commissioner Tom Figg – City of Port Hueneme; Commissioner James Monahan – City of San Buenaventura; Commissioner Ken Simons – City of Moorpark Alternate; Commissioner Carmen Ramirez – City of Oxnard; Commissioner Glenn Becerra – City of Simi Valley (9:35 a.m.); Commissioner Diane McCall – City of Fillmore; and Commissioner Suza Francina – City of Ojai.

Absent: NONE

Staff present: Dave Dickey – Ventura Police Department; Tim Kelley – City of Oxnard; Randy Latimer – City of Oxnard; Robert Bravo – County of Ventura CEO's office; Roger Pichardo – City of Camarillo; Anna Medina – City of Simi Valley; Jennifer Santos – City of Simi Valley ; Sommer Barwick – City of Simi Valley; Yvonne Gonzales – City of Port Hueneme; Jessica Sandifer – City of Moorpark; Tara Diller - Monica Rodriguez – Animal Services; Ryan Roman – Animal Services; Randy Freidman – Animal Services; Sandra Ropes – Animal Services.

3. Flag Salute

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Meeting of the Ventura County Animal Services' Commission held September 8, 2016.

Motion: Approve Minutes – Moved minutes by Kevin Kildee, seconded by Carmen Ramirez.

5. Public Comments: (None)

6. Continued Business:

- a. Animal Services Contracts – Updates on Service Level Requests, City staff meetings, and contract deadlines were discussed. Staff was instructed to

research and place language that allow cities to modify their Service Level Requests.

- b. 16/17 Animal Services Budget Updates – Budget deadlines were discussed and preliminary numbers were given. Staff will set a “Special Commission” meeting to review the DRAFT Budget in late April.
- c. Updates from Cities – Commissioner Suza Francina requested that Staff investigate housing discrimination and report back to the Commission on their findings. The Cities shared their efforts to educate their residents and how they are supporting Animal Services work in keeping costs down. Staff was instructed to place the Spay/Neuter ordinance on the next commission agenda for discussion. Staff was instructed to research the legalities of modifying the county ordinance regarding rescues to restrict them bringing in animals from outside the County of Ventura and place report on agenda. A list of rescues that are rescuing out of county was requested by the City of Ventura.

Supervisor Bennett suggested placing the “No-kill” discussion on the commission agenda after the City Manager working group researches costs and other options.

Commissioner Carmen Ramirez requested an evaluation of the shelter to show how changes made at shelter have affected costs and adoptions.

Staff was directed to make future commission meetings limited to 90 minutes.

7. New Business

- a. New Commission Members – New commissioners from the Cities of Port Hueneme, Ojai and Moorpark were introduced.

8. Director’s report

Director Tara Diller gave report on the happenings at VCAS.

9. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners shared announcements of items of interest to the Commission.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 8, 2017.